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About This Book

Subject This book provides reference information for the DataWindow® object. It lists the DataWindow functions and properties and includes the syntax for accessing properties and data.

Audience This book is for anyone defining DataWindow objects and writing scripts that deal with DataWindow objects. It assumes that:

- You are familiar with the DataWindow painter. If not, see the PowerBuilder *Users Guide*.
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Formatting example	Indicates
Retrieve and Update	When used in descriptive text, this font indicates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Command, function, and method names• Keywords such as true and false

Formatting example	Indicates
<i>variable</i> or <i>file name</i>	When used in descriptive text and syntax descriptions, oblique font indicates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variables, such as <i>myCounter</i> • Parts of input text that must be substituted, such as <i>pblname.pbd</i> • File and path names
File>Save	Menu names and menu items are displayed in plain text. The greater than symbol (>) shows you how to navigate menu selections. For example, File>Save indicates “select Save from the File menu.”
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DataWindow Operators and Expressions

About this chapter

You use an expression to request that a DataWindow object perform a computational operation. This chapter explains how expressions work and how to write them.

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Where you use DataWindow expressions

A DataWindow expression is a combination of data, operators, and functions that, when evaluated, results in a value. An expression can include column names, operators, DataWindow expression functions, and constants such as numbers and text strings.

In painters

DataWindow expressions are associated with DataWindow objects and reports. You specify them in the DataWindow painter. You can also specify expressions in the Database painter, although these expressions have a slightly different format and are used only in validation rules.

For information about DataWindow expression functions that you can use in expressions, see [Using DataWindow expression functions on page 17](#), or look up the function you want in online help.

In painters, you use expressions in these ways:

Table 1-1: Using DataWindow expressions in painters

In this painter	Expressions are used in
DataWindow painter	Computed fields Conditional expressions for property values Validation rules Filters Sorting Series and values in graphs Columns, rows, and values in crosstabs
Database painter	Validation rules

Other types of expressions you use

You also use expressions in Quick Select, SQL Select, and the Query painter to specify selection criteria, and in SQL Select and the Query painter to create computed columns. In these painters you are using SQL operators and DBMS-specific functions, not DataWindow expression operators and functions, to create expressions.

You can access and change the value of DataWindow data and properties in code. The format for expressions you specify in code is different from the same expression specified in the painter. These differences are described in Chapter 4, Accessing Data in Code and Chapter 5, Accessing DataWindow Object Properties in Code.

Some of the specific places where you use expressions are described here.

In computed fields

Expressions for computed fields can evaluate to any value. The datatype of the expression becomes the datatype of the computed field:

Table 1-2: Using expressions in computed fields

Expression	Description
Today ()	Displays the date using the Today function
Salary/12	Computes the monthly salary
Sum (Salary for group 1)	Computes the salary for the first group using the Sum aggregate function
Price*Quantity	Computes the total cost

Expressions for graphs and crosstabs

You can use similar expressions for series and values in graphs and for columns, rows, and values in crosstabs.

In filters

Filter expressions are boolean expressions that must evaluate to **true** or **false**:

Table 1-3: Using expressions with filters

Expression	Description
Academics = "*****" AND Cost = "\$\$\$"	Displays data only for colleges with both a 5-star academic rating and a \$\$\$ cost rating
Emp_sal < 50000	Displays data for employees with salaries less than \$50,000
Salary > 50000 AND Dept_id BETWEEN 400 AND 700	Displays data for employees in departments 400, 500, 600, and 700 with salaries greater than \$50,000
Month(Bdate) = 9 OR Month(Bdate) = 2	Displays data for people with birth dates in September or February
Match (Lname, "[^ABC]")	Displays data for people whose last name begins with A, B, or C

In validation rules for table columns

Validation rules are boolean expressions that compare column data with values and that use relational and logical operators. When the validation rule evaluates to **false**, the data in the column is rejected.

In the DataWindow painter When you specify a validation rule in the DataWindow painter, you should validate the newly entered value. To refer to the newly entered value, use the **GetText** function. Because **GetText** returns a string, you also need a data conversion function (such as **Integer** or **Real**) if you compare the value to other types of data.

If you include the column name in the expression, you get the value that already exists for the column instead of the newly entered value that needs validating.

In the Database painter When you specify the validation rule in the Database painter, you are defining a general rule that can be applied to any column. Use **@placeholder** to stand for the newly entered value. The name you use for **@placeholder** is irrelevant. You can assign the rule to any column that has a datatype appropriate for the comparison.

When you define a DataWindow object, a validation rule assigned to a column is brought into the DataWindow object and converted to DataWindow object syntax. **@placeholder** is converted to **GetText** and the appropriate datatype conversion function.

Other columns in the rule You can refer to values in other columns for the current row by specifying their names in the validation rule:

Table 1-4: Using expressions with values from other columns

Expression in Database painter	Expression in DataWindow painter	Description
@column >= 10000	Integer(GetText())>= 10000	If a user enters a salary below \$10,000, an error message displays.
@column IN (100, 200, 300)	Integer(GetText()) IN (100, 200, 300)	If a user does not enter a department ID of 100, 200, or 300, an error message displays.
@salary > 0	Long(GetText()) > 0	If a user does not enter a positive number, an error message displays.
Match(@disc_price, "[0-9]+\$") and @disc_price < Full_Price	Match(GetText(), "[0-9]+\$") and Real(GetText()) < Full_Price	If a user enters any characters other than digits, or the resulting number is greater than or equal to the value in the Full_Price column, an error message displays.

Operators used in DataWindow expressions

An operator is a symbol or word in an expression that performs an arithmetic calculation or logical operation; compares numbers, text, or values; or manipulates text strings.

Four types of operators are available:

- **Arithmetic** for numeric datatypes. See [Arithmetic operators in DataWindow expressions on page 5](#).
- **Relational** for all datatypes. See [Relational operators in DataWindow expressions on page 5](#).
- **Logical** for all datatypes. See [Logical operators in DataWindow expressions on page 9](#).
- **Concatenation** for string datatypes. See [Concatenation operator in DataWindow expressions on page 10](#).

Arithmetic operators in DataWindow expressions

When you write an expression, you can use the following arithmetic operators:

Table 1-5: Using expressions with arithmetic operators

Operator	Meaning	Example
+	Addition	SubTotal + Tax
-	Subtraction	Price - Discount
*	Multiplication	Quantity * Price
/	Division	Discount / Price
^	Exponentiation	Rating ^ 2.5

Multiplication and division

Multiplication and division are carried out to full precision (16–18 digits). Values are rounded:

Table 1-6: Value rounding in DataWindow expressions

Expression	Value
20.0/3	6.666666666666667
3*(20.0/3)	20
Truncate(20.0/3,4)	6.6666

Calculations with null

When you form an arithmetic expression that contains a null value, the expression becomes **null**. Thinking of **null** as *undefined* makes this easier to understand. For example, when a **null** column is multiplied by 5, the entire expression also evaluates to **null**. Use the **IsNull** function to explicitly check for the null value.

Boolean expressions that contain a null value evaluate to **false** rather than to **null**. For more information, see [Relational operators in DataWindow expressions next](#).

Relational operators in DataWindow expressions

You use relational operators to compare a value with other values. The result is a boolean expression whose value is always **true** or **false**.

Since the result of a boolean expression is always **true** or **false**, a relational operator that compares a value to **null** evaluates to **false**. For example, the expression “column > 5” evaluates to **false** (and “NOT column > 5” evaluates to **true**) when the column value is **null**.

When you write an expression, you can use the following relational operators (more information about **LIKE**, **IN**, and **BETWEEN** follows the table):

Table 1-7: Using expressions with relational operators

Operator	Meaning	Example
=	Is equal to	Price = 100
>	Is greater than	Price > 100
<	Is less than	Price < 100
<>	Is not equal to	Price <> 100
>=	Greater than or equal to	Price >= 100
<=	Less than or equal to	Price <= 100
NOT =	Is not equal to	Price NOT= 100
LIKE	Matches this specified pattern.	Emp_name LIKE 'C%' OR Emp_name LIKE 'G%'
IN	Is in this set of values.	Dept_id IN (100, 200, 500)
BETWEEN	Is within this range of values. The range includes the first and last values.	Price BETWEEN 1000 AND 3000
NOT LIKE	Does not match this specified pattern.	Emp_name NOT LIKE 'C%' AND Emp_name NOT LIKE 'G%'
NOT IN	Is not in this set of values.	Dept_id NOT IN (100, 200, 500)
NOT BETWEEN	Is outside this range of values. The range includes the first and last values.	Price NOT BETWEEN 1000 AND 2000

Special characters for operations with strings

You can use the following special characters with relational operators that take string values:

Table 1-8: Special characters for use in expressions with relational operators

Special character	Meaning	Example
% (percent)	Matches any group of characters.	Good% matches all names that begin with Good.
_ (underscore)	Matches any single character.	Good___ matches all 7-letter names that begin with Good.

LIKE and NOT LIKE operators

Use LIKE to search for strings that match a predetermined pattern. Use NOT LIKE to search for strings that do not match a predetermined pattern. When you use LIKE or NOT LIKE, you can use the % or _ characters to match unknown characters in a pattern.

For example, the following expression for the Background.Color property of the Salary column displays salaries in red for employees with last names beginning with F and displays all other salaries in white:


```
If(emp_lname LIKE 'F%', RGB(255,0,0), RGB(255,255,255))
```

Escape keyword

If you need to use the % or _ characters as part of the string, you can use the **escape** keyword to indicate that the character is part of the string. For example, the _ character in the following filter string is part of the string to be searched for, but is treated as a wildcard:

```
comment LIKE ~'%_a15progress%~'
```

The **escape** keyword designates any character as an escape character (do not use a character that is part of the string you want to match). In the following example, the asterisk (*) character is inserted before the _ character and designated as an escape character, so that the _ character is treated as part of the string to be matched:

```
comment like ~'%*_a15progress%~' escape ~'*~'
```

BETWEEN and NOT BETWEEN operators

Use BETWEEN to check if a value is within a range of values. Use NOT BETWEEN to check if a value is *not* in a range of values. The range of values includes the boundary values that specify the range.

For example, the following expression for the Background.Color property of the Salary column displays salaries in red when an employee's salary is between \$50,000 and \$100,000 and displays all other salaries in white:

```
If(salary BETWEEN 50000 AND 100000, RGB(255,0,0),
   RGB(255,255,255))
```

You can use the BETWEEN and NOT BETWEEN operators with string values. For example, if the following expression is used for the Visual property of a column, column values display only for departments listed alphabetically between Finance and Sales:

```
If(dept_name BETWEEN 'Finance' AND 'Sales',1,0)
```

The % or _ characters can be used when you are using string values with the BETWEEN and NOT BETWEEN operators. This example might include more department listings than the previous example:

```
If(dept_name BETWEEN 'F%' AND 'S%',1,0)
```

You can also use the BETWEEN and NOT BETWEEN operators with methods. For example:

```
GetRow( ) BETWEEN 5 AND 8
```

IN and NOT IN operators

Use IN to check if a value is in a set of values. Use NOT IN to check if a value is *not* in a set of values.

For example, the following expression for the Background.Color property of the Salary column displays salaries in red for employees in department 300 or 400 having a salary between \$50,000 and \$100,000, and displays all other salaries in white:

```
If(dept_id IN (300,400) and salary BETWEEN 50000 AND 100000, RGB(255,0,0), RGB(255,255,255))
```

Comparing strings in DataWindow expressions

When you compare strings, the comparison is case-sensitive. Leading blanks are significant, but trailing blanks are not.

Case-sensitivity examples

Assume City1 is "Austin" and City2 is "AUSTIN". Then:

```
City1=City2
```

returns **false**.

To compare strings regardless of case, use the **Upper** or **Lower** function. For example:

```
Upper(City1)=Upper(City2)
```

returns **true**.

For information about these functions, see [Using DataWindow expression functions on page 17](#).

Blanks examples

Assume City1 is "Austin" and City2 is " Austin ". Then the expression:

```
City1=City2
```

returns **false**. PowerBuilder removes the trailing blank before making the comparison, but it does not remove the leading blank.

To prevent leading blanks from affecting a comparison, remove them with one of the trim functions: **Trim** or **LeftTrim**.

For example:

```
Trim(City1)=Trim(City2)
```

returns **true**.

To compare strings when trailing blanks are significant, use an expression such as the following to ensure that any trailing blanks are included in the comparison:

```
City1 + ">" = City2 + ">"
```

For information about these functions, see [Using DataWindow expression functions on page 17](#).

Logical operators in DataWindow expressions

You use logical operators to combine boolean expressions into a larger boolean expression. The result is always **true** or **false**:

Table 1-9: Using expressions with logical operators

Operator	Meaning	Example
NOT	Logical negation. If A is true , NOT A is false . If A is false , NOT A is true .	NOT Price = 100
AND	Logical <i>and</i> . A AND B is true if both are true . A AND B is false if either is false .	Tax > 3 AND Ship < 5
OR	Logical <i>or</i> . A OR B is true if either is true or both are true . A OR B is false only if both are false .	Tax > 3 OR Ship < 5

When you combine two or more boolean expressions to form a new expression, the new expression is either **true** or **false**. The following truth table shows how **true** and **false** expressions are evaluated to form an expression that is either **true** or **false**.

For example, if “My dog has fleas” is **true** and “My hair is brown” is **false**, then “My dog has fleas OR my hair is brown” is **true**, and “My dog has fleas AND my hair is brown” is **false**:

Table 1-10: Combining expressions with logical operators

If one expression has this value	And the logical operator is	And if another expression has this value	The resulting expression has this value
TRUE	AND	TRUE	TRUE
TRUE	AND	FALSE	FALSE
FALSE	AND	TRUE	FALSE
FALSE	AND	FALSE	FALSE
TRUE	OR	TRUE	TRUE
TRUE	OR	FALSE	TRUE
FALSE	OR	TRUE	TRUE
FALSE	OR	FALSE	FALSE
NOT TRUE	AND	TRUE	FALSE
NOT TRUE	AND	FALSE	FALSE
NOT FALSE	AND	TRUE	TRUE
NOT FALSE	AND	FALSE	FALSE
NOT TRUE	OR	TRUE	TRUE
NOT TRUE	OR	FALSE	FALSE
NOT FALSE	OR	TRUE	TRUE
NOT FALSE	OR	FALSE	TRUE

If you use a logical operator with a boolean function that returns `null`, the term with the null return value is evaluated as `false`. If you use the NOT logical operator with a boolean function that returns `null`, the complete term evaluates to `true`. For example, `NOT gf_boolean ()` evaluates to `true` when `gf_boolean` returns `null`.

Concatenation operator in DataWindow expressions

The concatenation operator joins the contents of two variables of the same type to form a longer value. You can concatenate strings and blobs.

To concatenate values, you use the plus sign (+) operator.

Table 1-11: Using expressions with concatenation operator

String expression	Value
"over" + "stock"	overstock
Lname + ', ' + Fname	If Lname is Hill and Fname is Craig, then "Hill, Craig"

Using quotes

You can use either single or double quotes in string expressions. For example, the expression "over" + "stock" is equivalent to the expression 'over' + 'stock'.

Operator precedence in DataWindow expressions

To ensure predictable results, operators in DataWindow expressions are evaluated in a specific order of precedence. When operators have the same precedence, they are evaluated from left to right.

The following table lists the operators in descending order of precedence:

Table 1-12: Operator precedence in DataWindow expressions

Operator	Purpose
()	Grouping
^	Exponentiation
*, /	Multiplication and division
+, -	Addition and subtraction; string concatenation
IN, LIKE, BETWEEN	SQL SELECT statement conditions
=, >, <, <=, >=, <>	Relational operators
AND, OR	Logical <i>and</i> and logical <i>or</i>
NOT	Logical negation

Overriding the precedence order

Since expressions in parentheses are evaluated first, to override the precedence order, enclose expressions in parentheses. You can also use parentheses to clarify the order of evaluation. Within each set of parentheses, precedence order applies.

In the expression $x+y*a+b$, y is first multiplied by a (because multiplication has a higher precedence than addition). The result of the multiplication is then added to x and this result is then added to b (because the $+$ operators are evaluated left to right).

To force evaluation in a different order, group expressions with parentheses. For example, in the expression $x + (y * (a + b))$, $a + b$ is evaluated first. The sum $a + b$ is then multiplied by y , and this product is added to x .

Evaluating DataWindow expressions in scripts

In a script, you use methods, properties, and data expressions for the DataWindow control to get information about the state of the DataWindow: the current row, the highlighted row, values of particular items. You can get other information by accessing properties of the DataWindow object, either with the [Describe](#) function or with property expressions.

For example, if you need to find the current row in a DataWindow, use the DataWindow control function, [GetRow](#):

```
ll_rownum = dw1.GetRow()
```

If you need to find the first row on the current page in a DataWindow, there is no DataWindow control function to return this information, but you can find it in the appropriate DataWindow object property:

```
ls_first = dw1.Object.DataWindow.FirstRowOnPage  
ls_last = dw1.Object.DataWindow.LastRowOnPage  
dw1.Title = "Rows " + ls_first + " to " + ls_last
```

In some cases, however, information you need might not be available either by using DataWindow control functions or by accessing DataWindow object properties.

DataWindow expression functions sometimes provide information that is available in no other way. These functions, which are available within a DataWindow expression, are documented in [Using DataWindow expression functions on page 17](#).

Evaluating DataWindow expressions in the Describe function

The `Describe` function provides a way to evaluate DataWindow expressions outside their usual context. The `Evaluate` function, which is used only within `Describe`, allows you to evaluate DataWindow expressions within a script using data in the DataWindow.

Evaluate has the following syntax:

```
dwcontrol.Describe ("Evaluate ( 'expression' , rownumber ) ")
```

Expression is the expression you want to evaluate and rownumber is the number of the row for which you want to evaluate the expression. The expression can include DataWindow expression functions that cannot be called in a script.

This example displays in the title of the DataWindow control the current page for the current row in the DataWindow:

```
string ls_modstring, ls_rownum
ls_rownum = String(dw1.GetRow())

ls_modstring = "Evaluate('Page()', " + ls_rownum + ")"
// The resulting string, for row 99, would be:
// Evaluate('Page()', 99)

Parent.Title = &
"Current page: " + dw1.Describe(ls_modstring)
```

This example returns the display value for the dept_id column for row 5:

```
dw1.Describe ("Evaluate('LookUpDisplay(dept_id)', 5)")
```

Expressions that
apply to all rows

To evaluate an expression that applies to all rows, specify 0 for the *rownumber* argument. This example calculates the sum of the salary column in the current DataWindow. It will return the expression's result or "!" if the expression is not valid:

```
dw1.Describe ("Evaluate('Sum(Salary)', 0)")
```

Evaluating user-
specified expressions

In some types of applications, you might use Evaluate to get the result of an expression the user specifies. For example, users might specify the type of aggregation they want to see. This example evaluates an expression specified in a SingleLineEdit. It applies to all rows:

```
dw1.Describe ("Evaluate('" + sle_expr.Text + "', 0)")
```

Evaluating conditional DataWindow expressions with current data

Querying a property for a column

Values for column properties normally apply to all the rows in the column. For example, if you set the Protect property to “1” for the Emp_Id column, the user will be unable to modify Emp_Id for any of the rows. If you query the property value for this column at runtime, it will return “1”.

When the column has a conditional expression

Instead of a constant, you can assign a conditional expression to some column properties. Such properties are set on a row-by-row basis at runtime.

For example, you might wish to allow users to enter an employee id for new rows but protect this value for existing rows. The conditional expression for this column’s Protect property would be:

```
If(IsRowNew(), 0, 1)
```

When you query the Protect property at runtime, the result in this case would be the actual expression (preceded by a default value and a tab character and enclosed in quotes) instead of the property value. The value for the Protect property would be:

```
"0 <tab> If(IsRowNew(), 0, 1)"
```

Getting a property value for a particular row

To obtain the actual value of the Protect property for a particular row, you need to strip off the default value and the tab and evaluate the returned expression for the desired row. After stripping off the extra information, you can construct an expression for `Describe` that uses the `Evaluate` function.

This example checks whether the value of the Protect property for emp_id is a constant or a conditional expression. If it is a conditional expression, the script builds a string for the `Describe` function that uses `Evaluate` to get the value for of Protect for the current row:

```
string ls_protect, ls_eval
long ll_row

ll_row = dw1.GetRow()
ls_protect = dw1.Object.id.Protect

IF NOT IsNumber(ls_protect) THEN

    // Get the expression following the tab (~t)
    ls_protect = Right(ls_protect, &
        Len(ls_protect) - Pos(ls_protect, "~t"))
```



```
// Build string for Describe. Include a leading
// quote to match the trailing quote that remains
ls_eval = "Evaluate(~" + ls_protect + ", " &
+ String(ll_row) + ")"

ls_protect = dw1.Describe(ls_eval)

END IF

// Display result
st_result.Text = ls_protect
```


DataWindow Expression Functions

About this chapter

This chapter provides syntax, descriptions, and examples of the functions you can use in expressions in the DataWindow painter.

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Using DataWindow expression functions

In the DataWindow painter, you can use DataWindow expression functions in expressions for computed fields, filters, validation rules, and graphed data, with some exceptions.

The dialog boxes in which you define expressions include a list box that lists the available functions and their arguments. The dialog boxes make it easy to insert a function into the expression.

For information about expressions, see [Chapter 1, DataWindow Operators and Expressions](#).

Return values for functions and expressions

DataWindow expression functions can return the following datatypes:

- Double
- Decimal
- String
- DateTime
- Time

Within an expression, a function can return other datatypes (such as boolean, date, or integer), but the final value of an expression is converted to one of these datatypes.

Restrictions for aggregate functions

An aggregate function is a function (such as [Avg](#), [Max](#), [StDev](#), and [Sum](#)) that operates on a range of values in a column. When you use an aggregate function, some restrictions apply. You cannot use an aggregate function:

- In a filter
- In a validation rule
- As an argument for another aggregate function

When you use aggregate functions, they cancel the effect of setting Retrieve Rows As Needed. To do the aggregation, the DataWindow object always retrieves all rows.

User-defined functions in PowerBuilder

You can include user-defined functions in DataWindow expressions. The datatype of the function's return value can be any of the following: double, decimal, string, boolean, date, DateTime, or time. The function must be defined as a global function so that it is available to the DataWindow object. However, a global function argument of datatype boolean cannot be provided by a DataWindow expression because it does not map to any of the datatypes listed in [Return values for functions and expressions on page 17](#).

Built-in DataWindow expression functions cannot be overridden. For example, if you create a global function called [Today](#), it is used instead of the PowerScript system function [Today](#), but it is *not* used instead of the DataWindow expression function [Today](#).

Formatting for the locally correct display of numbers

No matter what country you are creating objects and developing an application in, you must use U.S. number notation in numbers or number masks in display formats, edit masks, and DataWindow expressions. This means that when you specify a number or number mask, use a comma as the thousands delimiter and period for the decimal place.

Numbers display appropriately in whatever countries you deploy applications in. At runtime, the locally correct symbols for numbers display (because the international Control Panel settings are used) when numbers are interpreted. For example, in countries where comma represents the decimal place and period represents thousands, users see numbers in those formats at runtime.

For information about the locally correct display of dates and day names, see [String on page 142](#) and [DayName on page 63](#).

Decimal support in DataWindow expressions

Description

PowerBuilder provides a variety of ways to work with decimal values in DataWindow expressions.

Usage

The following arithmetic operators now return a decimal value if both operands have a datatype of decimal:

Table 2-1: Columns in the Fin_code table

Operator	Meaning	Example
+	Addition	Subtotal + Tax
-	Subtraction	Price - Discount
*	Multiplication	Quantity*Price
/	Quantity*Price	Quantity*Price

If either operand is not a decimal, the returned value is converted to a double datatype. The exponentiation operator (^) returns a double

Relational operators that operate on numeric values, including =, >, <, <>, >=, and <=, can take decimal operands. The precision of the decimal operand is maintained in comparisons.

The following functions return a decimal datatype if their arguments are decimals: [Sum](#), [CumulativeSum](#), [Avg](#), [Median](#), [Count](#), [First](#), [Last](#), [Max](#), [Min](#), [Large](#), [Small](#), [Var](#), [VarP](#), [Mod](#), [Mode](#), [Abs](#), [Case](#), [If](#).

The following functions return a decimal result instead of a double: [CrosstabAvgDec](#), [CrosstabMaxDec](#), [CrosstabMinDec](#), and [CrosstabSumDec](#).

The [Dec](#) function converts a constant string to a decimal.

The Specify Retrieval Arguments dialog box includes the Decimal and Decimal array types.

See also

[Dec](#)

Four examples

The following topics provide examples that illustrate using DataWindow expression functions.

Example 1: counting null values in a column

A null value is a marker used to fill a place in a column where data is missing for any reason. The value might not be applicable, or it might be missing or unknown. When a database table is created, each column in the table either allows null values or does not allow them. The column or set of columns that define the primary key cannot allow null values. Sometimes it is useful to know how many null values there are in a particular column.

What you want to do

Suppose you are working with the Fin_code table in the Enterprise Application Sample Database. The Fin_code table has three columns:

Table 2-2: Columns in the Fin_code table

Column	What the column is	Allows null values?
Code	Unique financial identifier (primary key)	No
Type	Code type: expense or revenue	No
Description	Code description: the department incurring the expense or getting the revenue	Yes

You create a DataWindow object using the Code and Description columns. You want to know the number of null values in the Description column.

How to do it

In the DataWindow object, you create a computed field that uses functions to display the number of null values in the Description column.

For the sake of demonstrating the use of functions, the following computed fields are created in the Summary band of the DataWindow object (with text objects that tell you what information each computed field is providing):

```
Count(description for all)
```

counts the number of descriptions (that are not null);

```
Sum(If(IsNull(description), 1, 0))
```

returns a 1 if the description column is null, a 0 if the description column is not null, and then adds the total;

```
Count(id for all)
```

counts the number of IDs (which is also the number of rows);

```
Sum(If(IsNull(description), 1, 1))
```

adds the number of nulls and not nulls in the description column (which is the total number of rows) and should match the result of the

`Count(id for all)` function; and

```
IsNull(description)
```

evaluates whether the last row in the table has a description that is null. The return value of the `IsNull` function is `true` or `false`.

What you get

Here is the design for the DataWindow object.

Id	Description	
Header ↑		
id	description	
Detail ↑		
Number of descriptions	+ Number of NULLs	= Number of rows
count(description for all)	+ Sum(If(IsNull (description) , 1, 0))	= count(id for all)
		Sum(If(IsNull (description) , 1, 1))
Last value NULL?	IsNull (description)	
Summary ↑		

Here is the DataWindow object showing eight descriptions, three of which are null and five of which are not null. The last description for Id=8 is null.

Id	Description	
1	aaaaaa	
2		
3	cccccc	
4		
5	eeeeee	
6	ffff	
7	gggggg	
8		
Number of descriptions	+ Number of NULLs	= Number of rows
5	+ 3	= 8
		8
Last value NULL?	true	

Example 2: counting male and female employees

Example 1 demonstrates the use of the `Sum` and `Count` functions. `Sum` and `Count` are two examples of a class of functions called aggregate functions.

An aggregate function is a function that operates on a range of values in a column. The aggregate functions are:

Avg	Large	Mode	Sum
Count	Last	Percent	Var
CumulativePercent	Max	Small	VarP
CumulativeSum	Median	StDev	
First	Min	StDevP	

About crosstab functions

Although the crosstab functions ([CrosstabAvg](#), [CrosstabAvgDec](#), [CrosstabCount](#), [CrosstabMax](#), [CrosstabMaxDec](#), [CrosstabMin](#), [CrosstabMinDec](#), [CrosstabSum](#), and [CrosstabSumDec](#)) behave like aggregate functions, they are not included on the list because they are for crosstabs only and are designed to work in the crosstab matrix.

A few restrictions apply to the use of aggregate functions. You cannot use an aggregate function:

- In a filter
- In a validation rule
- As an argument for another aggregate function

This example demonstrates the use of the [Sum](#) aggregate function.

What you want to do

Using the [employee](#) table in the PB Demo DB as the data source, you create a DataWindow object using at least the [Emp_id](#) and the [Sex](#) columns. You want the DataWindow object to display the number of male employees and female employees in the company.

How to do it

In the summary band in the workspace, add two computed fields to the DataWindow object that use the [Sum](#) and [If](#) functions:

```
Sum(If(sex = "M", 1, 0))
```

counts the number of males in your company;

```
Sum(If(sex = "F", 1, 0))
```

counts the number of females in your company.

By clicking the Page computed field button, you can also add a Page computed field in the footer band to display the page number and total pages at the bottom of each page of the DataWindow object.

What you get

Here is what the design of the DataWindow object looks like.

Employee ID	Sex
Header ↑	
emp_id	<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female
Detail ↑	
Number of males	Number of females
Sum (If (sex = "M", 1, 0))	Sum (If (sex = "F", 1, 0))
Summary ↑	
'Page ' + page() + ' of ' + pageCount()	
Footer ↑	

Here is the last page of the DataWindow object, with the total number of males and females in the company displayed.

1684	<input type="radio"/> Male <input checked="" type="radio"/> Female
1740	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female
1751	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female
Number of males	Number of females
41	34
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If you want more information

What if you decide that you also want to know the number of males and females in each department in the company?

❖ To display the males and females in each department:

- 1 Select Design>Data Source from the menu bar so that you can edit the data source.
- 2 Select Design>Select tables from the menu bar and open the Department table in the Select painter workspace, which currently displays the Employee table with the Emp_id and Sex columns selected.
- 3 Select the department_dept_name column to add it to your data source.
- 4 Select Rows>Create Group from the menu bar to create a group and group by department name.
- 5 In the trailer group band, add two additional computed fields:

```
Sum(If(sex = "M", 1, 0) for group 1)
```

counts the number of males in each department;

```
Sum(If (sex = "F", 1, 0) for group 1)
```

counts the number of females in each department.

Here is what the design of the grouped DataWindow object looks like.

Employee ID Sex	
Header ↑	
department_dept_name	
1: Header group department_dept_name ↑	
emp_id	<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female
Detail ↑	
Number of males	Number of females
Sum (If (sex = "M", 1, 0) for group 1)	Sum (If (sex = "F", 1, 0) for group 1)
1: Trailer group department_dept_name ↑	
Total number of males	Total number of females
Sum (If (sex = "M", 1, 0))	Sum (If (sex = "F", 1, 0))
Summary ↑	
'Page ' + page() + ' of ' + pageCount()	
Footer ↑	

Here is the last page of the DataWindow object with the number of males and females in the shipping department displayed, followed by the total number of males and females in the company.

Shipping	
191	<input type="radio"/> Male <input checked="" type="radio"/> Female
703	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female
750	<input type="radio"/> Male <input checked="" type="radio"/> Female
868	<input type="radio"/> Male <input checked="" type="radio"/> Female
921	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female
1013	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female
1570	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female
1615	<input type="radio"/> Male <input checked="" type="radio"/> Female
1658	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female
Number of males	Number of females
5	4
Total number of males	Total number of females
41	34

Example 3: creating a row indicator

This example demonstrates the use of several functions: `Bitmap`, `Case`, `CurrentRow`, `GetRow`, and `RGB`.

What you want to do

Using the Employee table in the Enterprise Application Sample Database, you create a DataWindow object using the `Emp_id`, `Emp_fname`, `Emp_lname`, and `Salary` columns.

In the painter, you want to display a number of items such as the number of the current row, an arrow that is an indicator of the current row, and the salary for an employee with a background color that depends on what the salary is.

How to do it

In the workspace, add the following:

- A computed field `CurrentRow()`, which displays the number of the current row.
- A picture object, which is a right-arrow, for which you define an expression for the arrow's visible property:

```
If(CurrentRow() = GetRow(), 1, 0)
```

The expression causes an arrow to display in the current row and no arrow to display in other rows.

- A computed field using the `If`, `CurrentRow`, and `GetRow` functions:

```
If(CurrentRow() = GetRow(), "Current", "Not current")
```

displays the word "Current" when the row is the current row and "Not current" for all other rows.

- A computed field (typed on one line) using the `Bitmap`, `CurrentRow`, and `GetRow` functions:

```
Bitmap(If(CurrentRow() = GetRow(),  
"c:\sampl\ex\code\indicatr.bmp", " "))
```

displays an arrow bitmap for the current row and no bitmap for all other rows.


- An expression for the `Background.Color` property of the salary column:

```
Case(salary WHEN IS >60000 THEN RGB(192,192,192)  
WHEN IS >40000 THEN RGB(0,255,0) ELSE  
RGB(255,255,255))
```



The expression causes a salary above \$40,000 to display in green, a salary above \$60,000 to display in gray, and all other salaries to display in white.

What you get

Here is what the design of the DataWindow object looks like:

Current Row	Employee ID	First Name	Last Name	Salary
CurrentRow()				
Header ↑				
	emp_id	emp_fname	emp_lname	salary
If(currentRow() = getrow(), "Current", "Not current")				
Bitmap(If(CurrentRow() = GetRow(), "c:\sample\lexicodindicatr.bmp", ""))				
Detail ↑				

Here is what the data looks like with the second row current.

Current Row	Employee ID	First Name	Last Name	Salary
2	102	Fran	Whitney	\$45,700.00
Not current				
	105	Matthew	Cobb	\$62,000.00
Current				
	129	Philip	Chin	\$38,500.00
Not current				

Notice that the number of the current row is 2; the first row and the third row are "Not current" (and therefore display no bitmap); and the second row, which is the current row, displays the arrow row indicator.

On your screen, the salary in the first row has a green background because it is more than \$40,000; the salary in the second row has a gray background because it is more than \$60,000; and the salary in the third row has a white background, which matches the background of the DataWindow object.

Example 4: displaying all data when a column allows nulls

When you create an arithmetic expression that has a null value, the value of the expression is **null**. This makes sense, since null means essentially undefined and the expression is undefined, but sometimes this fact can interfere with what you want to display.

What you want to do

A table in your database has four columns: Id, Corporation, Address1, and Address2. The Corporation, Address1, and Address2 columns allow null values. Using this table as the data source, you create a DataWindow object using the four columns. You now want the DataWindow object to display both parts of the address, separated by a comma.

You create a computed field to concatenate Address1 and Address2 with a comma separator. Here is the expression that defines the computed field:

```
address1 + ", " + address2
```

When you preview the DataWindow object, if either Address1 or Address2 is null, no part of the address displays because the value of the expression is null. To display a part of the address, you need to create a computed field that forces evaluation even if Address2 is null. Note that Address2 is assumed to have data only if Address1 has data for a particular row.

How to do it

In the detail band, create a computed field that uses the If and IsNull functions:

```
If(IsNull(address1 + address2), address1, address1  
+ ", " + address2)
```

The computed field says this: if the concatenation of the addresses is null (because address2 is null), then display address1, and if it is not null, display both parts of the address separated by a comma.

What you get

Here is what the design of the DataWindow object looks like. It includes both the computed field that does not work and the one that does.

Id	Corporation	Address1	Address2
Header ↑			
id	corporation	address1	address2
		address1 + " " + address2	
		If(IsNull(address1 + address2), address1, address1 + " " + address2)	
Detail ↑			

When you preview the DataWindow object, notice that the first computed field displays null for ABC Corporation and XYZ Corporation. The second computed field displays the first part of the address, which is not null.

Id	Corporation	Address1	Address2
1	Sybase, Inc.	561 Virginia Rd.	Concord, MA 01742
		561 Virginia Rd.	Concord, MA 01742
		561 Virginia Rd.	Concord, MA 01742
2	ABC Corporation	234 Elaine Rd.	
		234 Elaine Rd.	
3	XYZ Corporation	567 Barbara Rd.	
		567 Barbara Rd.	

Alphabetical list of DataWindow expression functions

The list of DataWindow expression functions follows in alphabetical order.

Abs

Description

Calculates the absolute value of a number.

Syntax

Abs (*n*)

Argument	Description
<i>n</i>	The number for which you want the absolute value

Return value

The datatype of *n*. Returns the absolute value of *n*.

Examples

This expression counts all the product numbers where the absolute value of the product number is distinct:

```
Count (product_number for All DISTINCT Abs
      (product_number))
```

Only data with an absolute value greater than 5 passes this validation rule:

```
Abs (value_set) > 5
```

See also

[Count](#)
Abs in the *PowerScript Reference*

ACos

Description

Calculates the arc cosine of an angle.

Syntax

ACos (*n*)

Argument	Description
<i>n</i>	The ratio of the lengths of two sides of a triangle for which you want a corresponding angle (in radians). The ratio must be a value between -1 and 1.

Return value

Double. Returns the arc cosine of *n* if it succeeds.

Examples

This expression returns 0:

`ACos (1)`

This expression returns 3.141593 (rounded to six places):

`ACos (-1)`

This expression returns 1.000000 (rounded to six places):

`ACos (.540302)`

See also

[Cos](#)

[ASin](#)

[ATan](#)

ACos in the *PowerScript Reference*

Asc

Description

Converts the first character of a string to its Unicode code point. A Unicode code point is the numerical integer value given to a Unicode character.

Syntax

Asc (*string*)

Argument	Description
<i>string</i>	The string for which you want the code point value of the first character

Return value

Unsigned integer. Returns the code point value of the first character in *string*.

Usage

Use [Asc](#) to test the case of a character or manipulate text and letters.

To find out the case of a character, you can check whether its code point value is within the appropriate range.

Examples

This expression for a computed field returns the string in `code_id` if the code point value of the first character in `code_id` is A (65):

```
If (Asc(code_id) = 65, code_id, "Not a valid code")
```

This expression for a computed field checks the case of the first character of `lname` and if it is lowercase, makes it uppercase:

```
IF (Asc(lname) > 64 AND Asc(lname) < 91, lname, WordCap(lname))
```

See also

[Char](#)

[WordCap](#)

Asc in the *PowerScript Reference*

AscA

Description Converts the first character of a string to its ASCII integer value.

Syntax `AscA (string)`

Argument	Description
<i>string</i>	The string for which you want the ASCII value of the first character

Return value Integer. Returns the ASCII value of the first character in *string*.

Usage Use `AscA` to test the case of a character or manipulate text and letters.

To find out the case of a character, you can check whether its ASCII value is within the appropriate range.

Examples This expression for a computed field returns the string in `code_id` if the ASCII value of the first character in `code_id` is A (65):

```
If (AscA(code_id) = 65, code_id, "Not a valid code")
```

This expression for a computed field checks the case of the first character of `lname` and if it is lowercase, makes it uppercase:

```
IF (AscA(lname) > 64 AND AscA(lname) < 91, lname,
WordCap(lname))
```

See also

`CharA`

`WordCap`

`AscA` in the *PowerScript Reference*

ASin

Description Calculates the arc sine of an angle.

Syntax `ASin (n)`

Argument	Description
<i>n</i>	The ratio of the lengths of two sides of a triangle for which you want a corresponding angle (in radians). The ratio must be a value between -1 and 1.

Return value Double. Returns the arc sine of *n* if it succeeds.

Examples This expression returns .999998 (rounded to six places):

```
ASin (.84147)
```

This expression returns .520311 (rounded to six places):

`ASin(LogTen (Pi (1)))`

This expression returns 0:

`ASin(0)`

See also

[Sin](#)

[ACos](#)

[ATan](#)

[Pi](#)

ASin in the *PowerScript Reference*

ATan

Description

Calculates the arc tangent of an angle.

Syntax

`ATan (n)`

Argument	Description
<i>n</i>	The ratio of the lengths of two sides of a triangle for which you want a corresponding angle (in radians)

Return value

Double. Returns the arc tangent of *n* if it succeeds.

Examples

This expression returns 0:

`ATan(0)`

This expression returns 1.000 (rounded to three places):

`ATan(1.55741)`

This expression returns 1.267267 (rounded to six places):

`ATan(Pi(1))`

See also

[Tan](#)

[ASin](#)

[ACos](#)

ATan in the *PowerScript Reference*

Avg

Description

Calculates the average of the values of the column.

Syntax

Avg (*column* { FOR *range* { DISTINCT { *expres1* {, *expres2* {, ... } } } } })

Argument	Description
<i>column</i>	The column for which you want the average of the data values. <i>Column</i> can be the column name or the column number preceded by a pound sign (#). <i>Column</i> can also be an expression that includes a reference to the column. The datatype of <i>column</i> must be numeric.
FOR <i>range</i> (optional)	The data that will be included in the average. For most presentation styles, values for <i>range</i> are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL – (Default) The average of all values in <i>column</i>. • GROUP <i>n</i> – The average of values in <i>column</i> in the specified group. Specify the keyword GROUP followed by the group number: for example, GROUP 1. • PAGE – The average of the values in <i>column</i> on a page. For Crosstabs, specify CROSSTAB for <i>range</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CROSSTAB – (Crosstabs only) The average of all values in <i>column</i> in the crosstab. For Graph and OLE objects, specify one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GRAPH – (Graphs only) The average of values in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option. • OBJECT – (OLE objects only) The average of values in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option.
DISTINCT (optional)	Causes Avg to consider only the distinct values in <i>column</i> when calculating the average. For a value of <i>column</i> , the first row found with the value is used and other rows that have the same value are ignored.
<i>expresn</i> (optional)	One or more expressions that you want to evaluate to determine distinct rows. <i>Expresn</i> can be the name of a column, a function, or an expression.

Return value

The numeric datatype of the column. Returns the average of the values of the rows in *range*.

Usage

If you specify *range*, Avg returns the average value of *column* in *range*. If you specify DISTINCT, Avg returns the average value of the distinct values in *column*, or if you specify *expresn*, the average of *column* for each distinct value of *expresn*.

For graphs and OLE objects, you do not select the range when you call the function. The range has already been determined by the Rows setting on the Data property page (the Range property), and the aggregation function uses that range. Settings for Rows include the following:

- For the Graph or OLE presentation style, Rows is always All.
- For Graph controls, Rows can be All, Page, or Group.
- For OLE controls, Rows can be All, Current Row, Page, or Group. The available choices depend on the layer the control occupies.

In calculating the average, null values are ignored.

Not in validation rules or filter expressions

You cannot use this or other aggregate functions in validation rules or filter expressions.

Using an aggregate function cancels the effect of setting Retrieve Rows As Needed in the painter. To do the aggregation, a DataWindow object always retrieves all rows.

Examples

This expression returns the average of the values in the column named salary:

```
Avg(salary)
```

This expression returns the average of the values in group 1 in the column named salary:

```
Avg(salary for group 1)
```

This expression returns the average of the values in column 5 on the current page:

```
Avg(#5 for page)
```

This computed field returns Above Average if the average salary for the page is greater than the average salary:

```
If(Avg(salary for page) > Avg(salary), "Above Average",  
" ")
```

This expression for a graph value sets the data to the average value of the sale_price column:

```
Avg(sale_price)
```

This expression for a graph value sets the data value to the average value of the sale_price column for the entire graph:

```
Avg(sale_price for graph)
```

Assuming a DataWindow object displays the order number, amount, and line items for each order, this computed field returns the average of the order amount for the distinct order numbers:

```
Avg(order_amt for all DISTINCT order_nbr)
```

See also

Median

Mode

Bitmap

Description

Displays the specified bitmap.

For computed fields only

You can use the **Bitmap** function *only* in a computed field.

Syntax

Bitmap (*string*)

Argument	Description
<i>string</i>	A column containing bitmap files, a string containing the name of an image file (a BMP, GIF, JPEG, RLE, or WMF file), or an expression that evaluates to a string containing the name of an image file

Return value

The special datatype bitmap, which *cannot* be used in any other function.

Usage

Use **Bitmap** to dynamically display a bitmap in a computed field. When *string* is a column containing bitmap files, a different bitmap can display for each row.

Examples

These examples are all expressions for a computed field.

This expression dynamically displays the bitmap file contained in the column named employees:

```
Bitmap(employees)
```

If the employees column is column 3, this next expression gives the same result as the expression above:

```
Bitmap (#3)
```

This expression displays the bitmap *tools.bmp*:

```
Bitmap ("TOOLS.BMP")
```

This expression tests the value in the column named password and then uses the value to determine which bitmap to display:

```
Bitmap(If(password = "y", "yes.bmp", "no.bmp"))
```

See also

Example 3: creating a row indicator on page 25

Case

Description

Tests the values of a column or expression and returns values based on the results of the test.

Syntax

```
Case ( column WHEN value1 THEN result1 { WHEN value2 THEN result2  
{ ... } } { ELSE resultelse } )
```

Argument	Description
<i>column</i>	The column or expression whose values you want to test. <i>Column</i> can be the column name or the column number preceded by a pound sign (#). <i>Column</i> can also be an expression that includes a reference to the column. <i>Column</i> is compared to each <i>valuen</i> .
WHEN (optional)	Introduces a value-result pair. At least one WHEN is required.
<i>valuen</i>	One or more values that you want to compare to values of <i>column</i> . A value can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single value • A list of values separated by commas (for example, 2, 4, 6, 8) • A TO clause (for example, 1 TO 20) • IS followed by a relational operator and comparison value (for example, IS>5) • Any combination of the above with an implied OR between expressions (for example, 1,3,5,7,9,27 TO 33, IS>42)
THEN	Introduces the result to be returned when <i>column</i> matches the corresponding <i>valuen</i> .
<i>resultn</i>	An expression whose value is returned by Case for the corresponding <i>valuen</i> . All <i>resultn</i> values must have the same datatype.
ELSE (optional)	Specifies that for any values of <i>column</i> that do not match the values of <i>valuen</i> already specified, Case returns <i>resultelse</i> .
<i>resultelse</i>	An expression whose value is returned by Case when the value of <i>column</i> does not match any WHEN <i>valuen</i> expression.

Return value The datatype of *resultn*. Returns the result you specify in *resultn*.

Usage If more than one WHEN clause matches *column*, Case returns the result of the first matching one.

Examples This expression for the Background.Color property of a Salary column returns values that represent red when an employee's salary is greater than \$70,000, green when an employee's salary is greater than \$50,000, and blue otherwise:

```
Case(salary WHEN IS >70000 THEN RGB(255,0,0) WHEN IS
>50000 THEN RGB(0,255,0) ELSE RGB(0,0,255))
```

This expression for the Background.Color property of an employee Id column returns red for Id 101, gray for Id 102, and black for all other Id numbers:

```
Case(emp_id WHEN 101 THEN 255 WHEN 102 THEN
RGB(100,100,100) ELSE 0)
```

This expression for the Format property of the Marital_status column returns Single, Married, and Unknown based on the data value of the Marital_status column for an employee:

```
Case(marital_status WHEN 'S' THEN 'Single' WHEN 'M' THEN
'Married' ELSE 'Unknown')
```

See also [Example 3: creating a row indicator on page 25](#)
If

Ceiling

Description Retrieves the smallest whole number that is greater than or equal to a specified limit.

Syntax **Ceiling** (*n*)

Argument	Description
<i>n</i>	The number for which you want the smallest whole number that is greater than or equal to it

Return value The datatype of *n*. Returns the smallest whole number that is greater than or equal to *n*.

Examples These expressions both return -4:

```
Ceiling(-4.2)
```

```
Ceiling(-4.8)
```

This expression for a computed field returns ERROR if the value in discount_amt is greater than the smallest whole number that is greater than or equal to discount_factor times price. Otherwise, it returns discount_amt:

```
If(discount_amt <= Ceiling(discount_factor * price),
String(discount_amt), "ERROR")
```

To pass this validation rule, the value in discount_amt must be less than or equal to the smallest whole number that is greater than or equal to discount_factor times price:

```
discount_amt <= Ceiling(discount_factor * price)
```

See also

Int

Round

Truncate

Ceiling in the *PowerScript Reference*

Char

Description

Converts an integer to a Unicode character.

Syntax

Char (*n*)

Argument	Description
<i>n</i>	The integer you want to convert to a character

Return value

String. Returns the character whose code point value is *n*.

Examples

This expression returns the escape character:

```
Char (27)
```

See also

Asc

Char in the *PowerScript Reference*

CharA

Description

Converts an integer to an ASCII character.

Syntax

CharA (*n*)

Argument	Description
<i>n</i>	The integer you want to convert to a character

Return value String. Returns the character whose ASCII value is *n*.

Examples This expression returns the escape character:

`CharA (27)`

See also [AscA](#)
CharA in the *PowerScript Reference*

Cos

Description Calculates the cosine of an angle.

Syntax `Cos (n)`

Argument	Description
<i>n</i>	The angle (in radians) for which you want the cosine

Return value Double. Returns the cosine of *n*.

Examples This expression returns 1:

`Cos (0)`

This expression returns .540302:

`Cos (1)`

This expression returns -1:

`Cos (Pi (1))`

See also [Pi](#)
[Sin](#)
[Tan](#)
Cos in the *PowerScript Reference*

Count

Description

Calculates the total number of rows in the specified column.

Syntax

Count (*column* { FOR *range* { DISTINCT { *expres1* {, *expres2* {, ... } } } } })

Argument	Description
<i>column</i>	The column for which you want the number of rows. <i>Column</i> can be the column name or the column number preceded by a pound sign (#). <i>Column</i> can also be an expression that includes a reference to the column.
FOR <i>range</i> (optional)	The data that will be included in the count. For most presentation styles, values for <i>range</i> are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL – (Default) The count of all rows in <i>column</i>. • GROUP <i>n</i> – The count of rows in <i>column</i> in the specified group. Specify the keyword GROUP followed by the group number: for example, GROUP 1. • PAGE – The count of the rows in <i>column</i> on a page. For Crosstabs, specify CROSSTAB for <i>range</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CROSSTAB – (Crosstabs only) The count of all rows in <i>column</i> in the crosstab. For Graph and OLE objects, specify one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GRAPH – (Graphs only) The count of values in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option. • OBJECT – (OLE objects only) The count of values in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option.
DISTINCT (optional)	Causes Count to consider only the distinct values in <i>column</i> when counting the rows. For a value of <i>column</i> , the first row found with the value is used and other rows that have the same value are ignored.
<i>expresn</i> (optional)	One or more expressions that you want to evaluate to determine distinct rows. <i>Expresn</i> can be the name of a column, a function, or an expression.

Usage

If you specify *range*, **Count** determines the number of rows in *column* in *range*. If you specify DISTINCT, **Count** returns the number of the distinct rows displayed in *column*, or if you specify *expresn*, the number of rows displayed in *column* where the value of *expresn* is distinct.

For graphs and OLE objects, you do not select the range when you call the function. The range has already been determined by the Rows setting on the Data property page (the Range property), and the aggregation function uses that range.

Settings for Rows include the following:

- For the Graph or OLE presentation style, Rows is always All.
- For Graph controls, Rows can be All, Page, or Group.
- For OLE controls, Rows can be All, Current Row, Page, or Group. The available choices depend on the layer the control occupies.

Null values in the column are ignored and are not included in the count.

Not in validation rules or filter expressions

You cannot use this or other aggregate functions in validation rules or filter expressions.

Using an aggregate function cancels the effect of setting Retrieve Rows As Needed in the painter. To do the aggregation, a DataWindow object always retrieves all rows.

Examples

This expression returns the number of rows in the column named emp_id that are not null:

```
Count(emp_id)
```

This expression returns the number of rows in the column named emp_id of group 1 that are not null:

```
Count(emp_id for group 1)
```

This expression returns the number of dept_ids that are distinct:

```
Count(dept_id for all DISTINCT)
```

This expression returns the number of regions with distinct products:

```
Count(region_id for all DISTINCT Lower(product_id))
```

This expression returns the number of rows in column 3 on the page that are not null:

```
Count(#3 for page)
```

See also

[Example 1: counting null values in a column on page 20](#)

CrosstabAvg

Description

Calculates the average of the values returned by an expression in the values list of the crosstab. When the crosstab definition has more than one column, **CrosstabAvg** can also calculate averages of the expression's values for groups of column values.

For crosstabs only

You can use this function *only* in a crosstab DataWindow object.

Syntax

CrosstabAvg (*n* {, *column*, *groupvalue* })

Argument	Description
<i>n</i>	The number of the crosstab-values expression for which you want the average of the returned values. The crosstab expression must be numeric.
<i>column</i> (optional)	The number of the crosstab column as it is listed in the Columns box of the Crosstab Definition dialog box for which you want intermediate calculations.
<i>groupvalue</i> (optional)	A string whose value controls the grouping for the calculation. <i>Groupvalue</i> is usually a value from another column in the crosstab. To specify the current column value in a dynamic crosstab, rather than a specific value, specify @ plus the column name as a quoted string.

Return value

Double. Returns the average of the crosstab values returned by expression *n* for all the column values or, optionally, for a subset of column values. To return a decimal datatype, use **CrosstabAvgDec**.

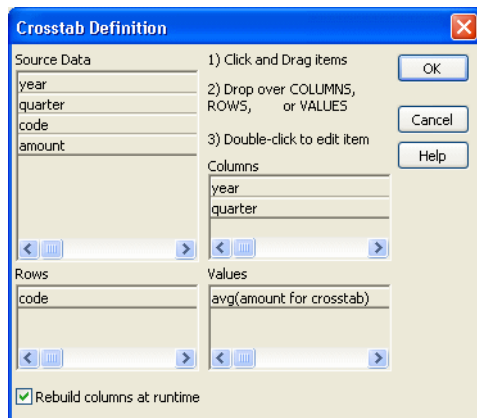
Usage

This function is meaningful *only* for the average of the values of the expression in a *row* in the crosstab. This means you can use it only in the detail band, not in a header, trailer, or summary band.

Null values are ignored and are not included in the average.

How functions in a crosstab are used When a crosstab is generated from your definition, the appropriate computed fields are automatically created using the Crosstab functions. To understand the functions, consider a crosstab with two columns (year and quarter), a row (product), and the values expression Avg(amount for crosstab).

The Crosstab Definition dialog box looks like this.



When you define the crosstab described above, the painter automatically creates the appropriate computed fields. A computed field named avg_amount returns the average of the quarterly figures for each year. Its expression is:

`CrosstabAvg(1, 2, "@year")`

A second computed field named grand_avg_amount computes the average of all the amounts in the row. Its expression is:

`CrosstabAvg(1)`

Other computed fields in the summary band use the Avg function to display the average of the values in the amount column, the yearly averages, and the final average.

The crosstab in the Design view looks like this.

	Year	Quarter	
Header[1] ↑	@year	@year Avg	
Header[2] ↑	@quarter		Grand Avg
Header[3] ↑	code	crosstabavg(1, 2, "@year")	crosstabavg(1)
Detail ↑			
"Grand Avg" ↑	avg(amount for all)	avg(avg_amount for all)	avg(grand_avg_amount for all)
Summary ↑			
Footer ↑			

Each row in the crosstab (after adjusting the column widths) has cells for the amounts in the quarters, a repeating cell for the yearly average, and a grand average. The crosstab also displays averages of the amounts for all the financial codes in the quarters in the summary band at the bottom.

Code	Year 1997				1997 Avg	1998				1998 Avg
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
e1	101	93	129	145	117	153	149	157	163	156
e2	403	459	609	632	526	643	687	898	923	788
e3	1,437	2,033	2,184	2,145	1,950	2,478	2,998	3,702	3,600	3,195
e4	623	784	856	1,043	827	1,051	1,158	1,459	1,439	1,277
e5	381	402	412	467	416	523	749	723	748	686
r1	1,023	2,033	2,998	3,014	2,267	3,114	3,998	6,523	7,267	5,226
r2	234	459	601	944	560	992	1,195	1,704	1,823	1,429
Grand Avg	600	895	1,113	1,199	952	1,279	1,562	2,167	2,280	1,822

1999					1999 Avg	Grand Avg
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
198	204	214	231	212	161	
921	975	984	982	966	760	
4,139	4,500	4,532	5,298	4,617	3,254	
1,462	1,472	1,439	1,498	1,468	1,190	
798	983	956	963	925	675	
9,144	10,988	13,567	15,199	12,225	6,572	
1,839	2,011	2,897	4,129	2,719	1,569	
2,643	3,019	3,513	4,043	3,304	2,026	

What the function arguments mean When the crosstab definition has more than one column, you can specify column qualifiers for any of the **Crosstab** functions, so that the crosstab displays calculations for groups of column values. As illustrated previously, when year and quarter are the columns in the crosstab, the expression for the computed field is:

CrosstabAvg(1, 2, "@year")

The value 2 refers to the quarter column (the second column in the Crosstab Definition dialog) and "@year" specifies grouping values from the year column (meaning the function will average values for the quarters within each year). The value 1 refers to the crosstab-values expression that will be averaged. In the resulting crosstab, the computed field repeats in each row after the cells for the quarters within each year.

Tips for defining crosstabs When you define a crosstab with more than one column, the order of the columns in the Columns box of the Crosstab Definition dialog box governs the way the columns are grouped. To end up with the most effective expressions, make the column that contains the grouping values (for example, year or department) the first column in the Columns box and the column that contains the values to be grouped (for example, quarter or employee) second.

To display calculations for groups of rows, define groups as you would for other DataWindow presentation styles and define computed fields in the group header or footer using noncrosstab aggregation functions, such as `Avg`, `Sum`, or `Max`.

Reviewing the expressions

To review the expressions defined for the crosstab values, open the Crosstab Definition dialog box (select Design>Crosstab from the menubar).

Examples

The first two examples use the crosstab expressions shown below:

```
Count(emp_id for crosstab),Sum(salary for crosstab)
```

This expression for a computed field in the crosstab returns the average of the employee counts (the first expression):

```
CrosstabAvg (1)
```

This expression for a computed field in the crosstab returns the average of the salary totals (the second expression):

```
CrosstabAvg (2)
```

Consider a crosstab that has two columns (region and city) and the values expression `Avg(sales for crosstab)`. This expression for a computed field in the detail band computes the average sales over all the cities in a region:

```
CrosstabAvg (1, 2, "@region")
```

This expression for another computed field in the same crosstab computes the grand average over all the cities:

```
CrosstabAvg (1)
```

See also

`CrosstabAvgDec`
`CrosstabCount`
`CrosstabMax`
`CrosstabMin`
`CrosstabSum`

CrosstabAvgDec

Description

Calculates the average of the values returned by an expression in the values list of the crosstab and returns a result with the decimal datatype. When the crosstab definition has more than one column, [CrosstabAvgDec](#) can also calculate averages of the expression's values for groups of column values.

For crosstabs only

You can use this function *only* in a crosstab DataWindow object.

Syntax

CrosstabAvgDec (*n* { *column*, *groupvalue* })

Argument	Description
<i>n</i>	The number of the crosstab-values expression for which you want the average of the returned values. The crosstab expression must be numeric.
<i>column</i> (optional)	The number of the crosstab column as it is listed in the Columns box of the Crosstab Definition dialog box for which you want intermediate calculations.
<i>groupvalue</i> (optional)	A string whose value controls the grouping for the calculation. <i>Groupvalue</i> is usually a value from another column in the crosstab. To specify the current column value in a dynamic crosstab, rather than a specific value, specify @ plus the column name as a quoted string.

Return value

Decimal. Returns the average of the crosstab values returned by expression *n* for all the column values or, optionally, for a subset of column values.

Usage

Use this function instead of [CrosstabAvg](#) when you want to return a decimal datatype instead of a double datatype. For more information, see [CrosstabAvg](#).

See also

[CrosstabMaxDec](#)
[CrosstabMinDec](#)
[CrosstabSumDec](#)
 Decimal support in DataWindow expressions

CrosstabCount

Description Counts the number of values returned by an expression in the values list of the crosstab. When the crosstab definition has more than one column, **CrosstabCount** can also count the number of the expression's values for groups of column values.

For crosstabs only

You can use this function *only* in a crosstab DataWindow object.

Syntax

CrosstabCount (*n* {, *column*, *groupvalue* })

Argument	Description
<i>n</i>	The number of the crosstab-values expression for which you want the total number of returned values.
<i>column</i> (optional)	The number of the crosstab column as it is listed in the Columns box of the Crosstab Definition dialog for which you want intermediate calculations.
<i>groupvalue</i> (optional)	A string whose value controls the grouping for the calculation. <i>Groupvalue</i> is usually a value from another column in the crosstab. To specify the current column value in a dynamic crosstab, rather than a specific value, specify @ plus the column name as a quoted string.

Return value Long. Returns the number of values returned by expression *n* for all the column values or, optionally, for a subset of column values.

Usage This function is meaningful *only* for the count of the values of the expression in a *row* in the crosstab. This means you can use it only in the detail band, not in a header, trailer, or summary band.

Null values are ignored and are not included in the count.

For more information about restricting the calculation to groups of values when the crosstab definition has more than one column, see Usage for CrosstabAvg.

Reviewing the expressions

To review the expressions defined for the crosstab values, open the Crosstab Definition dialog box (select Design>Crosstab from the menubar).

Examples

These examples all use the crosstab-values expressions shown below:

```
Count(emp_id for crosstab),Sum(salary for crosstab)
```

This expression for a computed field in the crosstab returns the count of the employee counts (the first expression):

```
CrosstabCount (1)
```

This expression for a computed field in the crosstab returns the count of the salary totals (the second expression):

```
CrosstabCount (2)
```

The next two examples use a crosstab with two columns (year and quarter), a row (product), and the values expression Avg(sales for crosstab).

This expression for a computed field returns the count of the sales for each year:

```
CrosstabCount (1, 2, "@year")
```

This expression for a computed field returns the count of all the sales in the row:

```
CrosstabCount (1)
```

For an example illustrating how the painter automatically defines a crosstab by creating computed fields using the Crosstab functions, see [CrosstabAvg](#).

See also

[CrosstabAvg](#)

[CrosstabMax](#)

[CrosstabMin](#)

[CrosstabSum](#)

CrosstabMax

Description

Calculates the maximum value returned by an expression in the values list of the crosstab. When the crosstab definition has more than one column, [CrosstabMax](#) can also calculate the maximum of the expression's values for groups of column values.

For crosstabs only

You can use this function *only* in a crosstab DataWindow object.

Syntax

CrosstabMax (*n* {, *column*, *groupvalue* })

Argument	Description
<i>n</i>	The number of the crosstab-values expression for which you want the maximum returned value. The expression's datatype must be numeric.
<i>column</i> (optional)	The number of the crosstab column as it is listed in the Columns box of the Crosstab Definition dialog box for which you want intermediate calculations.
<i>groupvalue</i> (optional)	A string whose value controls the grouping for the calculation. <i>Groupvalue</i> is usually a value from another column in the crosstab. To specify the current column value in a dynamic crosstab, rather than a specific value, specify @ plus the column name as a quoted string.

Return value

Double. Returns the maximum value returned by expression *n* for all the column values or, optionally, for a subset of column values. To return a decimal datatype, use [CrosstabMaxDec](#).

Usage

This function is meaningful *only* for the maximum of the values of the expression in a *row* in the crosstab. This means you can use it only in the detail band, not in a header, trailer, or summary band.

Null values are ignored and are not included in the comparison.

For more information about restricting the calculation to groups of values when the crosstab definition has more than one column, see Usage for [CrosstabAvg](#).

Reviewing the expressions

To review the expressions defined for the crosstab values, open the Crosstab Definition dialog box (select Design>Crosstab from the menubar).

Examples

These examples all use the crosstab-values expressions shown below:

```
Count(emp_id for crosstab),Sum(salary for crosstab)
```

This expression for a computed field in the crosstab returns the maximum of the employee counts (the first expression):

```
CrosstabMax (1)
```

This expression for a computed field in the crosstab returns the maximum of the salary totals (the second expression):

```
CrosstabMax (2)
```

The next two examples use a crosstab with two columns (year and quarter), a row (product), and a values expression Avg(sales for crosstab).

This expression for a computed field returns the largest of the quarterly average sales for each year:

```
CrosstabMax(1, 2, "@year")
```

This expression for a computed field returns the maximum of all the average sales in the row:

```
CrosstabMax(1)
```

For an example illustrating how the painter automatically defines a crosstab by creating computed fields using the [Crosstab](#) functions, see [CrosstabAvg](#).

See also

- [CrosstabAvg](#)
- [CrosstabCount](#)
- [CrosstabMaxDec](#)
- [CrosstabMin](#)
- [CrosstabSum](#)

CrosstabMaxDec

Description

Calculates the maximum value returned by an expression in the values list of the crosstab and returns a result with the decimal datatype. When the crosstab definition has more than one column, [CrosstabMaxDec](#) can also calculate the maximum of the expression's values for groups of column values.

For crosstabs only

You can use this function *only* in a crosstab DataWindow object.

Syntax

CrosstabMaxDec (*n* { *column*, *groupvalue* })

Argument	Description
<i>n</i>	The number of the crosstab-values expression for which you want the maximum returned value. The expression's datatype must be numeric.
<i>column</i> (optional)	The number of the crosstab column as it is listed in the Columns box of the Crosstab Definition dialog box for which you want intermediate calculations.
<i>groupvalue</i> (optional)	A string whose value controls the grouping for the calculation. <i>Groupvalue</i> is usually a value from another column in the crosstab. To specify the current column value in a dynamic crosstab, rather than a specific value, specify @ plus the column name as a quoted string.

Return value	Decimal. Returns the maximum value returned by expression <i>n</i> for all the column values or, optionally, for a subset of column values.
Usage	Use this function instead of CrosstabMax when you want to return a decimal datatype instead of a double datatype. For more information, see CrosstabMax .
See also	CrosstabAvgDec CrosstabMinDec CrosstabSumDec Decimal support in DataWindow expressions

CrosstabMin

Description Calculates the minimum value returned by an expression in the values list of the crosstab. When the crosstab definition has more than one column, [CrosstabMin](#) can also calculate the minimum of the expression's values for groups of column values.

For crosstabs only

You can use this function *only* in a crosstab DataWindow object.

Syntax [CrosstabMin](#) (*n* {, *column*, *groupvalue* })

Argument	Description
<i>n</i>	The number of the crosstab-values expression for which you want the minimum return value. The expression's datatype must be numeric.
<i>column</i> (optional)	The number of the crosstab column as it is listed in the Columns box of the Crosstab Definition dialog box for which you want intermediate calculations.
<i>groupvalue</i> (optional)	A string whose value controls the grouping for the calculation. <i>Groupvalue</i> is usually a value from another column in the crosstab. To specify the current column value in a dynamic crosstab, rather than a specific value, specify @ plus the column name as a quoted string.

Return value Double. Returns the minimum value returned by expression *n* for all the column values or, optionally, for a subset of column values. To return a decimal datatype, use [CrosstabMinDec](#).

Usage

This function is meaningful *only* for the minimum of the values of the expression in a *row* in the crosstab. This means you can use it only in the detail band, not in a header, trailer, or summary band.

Null values are ignored and are not included in the comparison.

For more information about restricting the calculation to groups of values when the crosstab definition has more than one column, see Usage for [CrosstabAvg](#).

Reviewing the expressions

To review the expressions defined for the crosstab values, open the Crosstab Definition dialog box (select Design>Crosstab from the menubar).

Examples

These examples all use the crosstab-values expressions shown below:

```
Count(emp_id for crosstab),Sum(salary for crosstab)
```

This expression for a computed field in the crosstab returns the minimum of the employee counts (the first expression):

```
CrosstabMin (1)
```

This expression for a computed field in the crosstab returns the minimum of the salary totals (the second expression):

```
CrosstabMin (2)
```

The next two examples use a crosstab with two columns (year and quarter), a row (product), and the values expression Avg(sales for crosstab).

This expression for a computed field returns the smallest of the quarterly average sales for each year:

```
CrosstabMin (1, 2, "@year")
```

This expression for a computed field returns the minimum of all the average sales in the row:

```
CrosstabMin (1)
```

For an example illustrating how the painter automatically defines a crosstab by creating computed fields using the crosstab functions, see [CrosstabAvg](#).

See also

[CrosstabAvg](#)
[CrosstabCount](#)
[CrosstabMax](#)
[CrosstabMinDec](#)
[CrosstabSum](#)

CrosstabMinDec

Description

Calculates the minimum value returned by an expression in the values list of the crosstab and returns a result with the decimal datatype. When the crosstab definition has more than one column, [CrosstabMinDec](#) can also calculate the minimum of the expression's values for groups of column values.

For crosstabs only

You can use this function *only* in a crosstab DataWindow object.

Syntax

CrosstabMinDec (*n* {, *column*, *groupvalue* })

Argument	Description
<i>n</i>	The number of the crosstab-values expression for which you want the minimum return value. The expression's datatype must be numeric.
<i>column</i> (optional)	The number of the crosstab column as it is listed in the Columns box of the Crosstab Definition dialog box for which you want intermediate calculations.
<i>groupvalue</i> (optional)	A string whose value controls the grouping for the calculation. <i>Groupvalue</i> is usually a value from another column in the crosstab. To specify the current column value in a dynamic crosstab, rather than a specific value, specify @ plus the column name as a quoted string.

Return value

Decimal. Returns the minimum value returned by expression *n* for all the column values or, optionally, for a subset of column values.

Usage

Use this function instead of [CrosstabMin](#) when you want to return a decimal datatype instead of a double datatype. For more information, see [CrosstabMin](#).

See also

[CrosstabAvgDec](#)
[CrosstabMaxDec](#)
[CrosstabSumDec](#)
[Decimal support in DataWindow expressions](#)

CrosstabSum

Description

Calculates the sum of the values returned by an expression in the values list of the crosstab. When the crosstab definition has more than one column, CrosstabSum can also calculate the sum of the expression's values for groups of column values.

For crosstabs only

You can use this function *only* in a crosstab DataWindow object.

Syntax

CrosstabSum (*n* {, *column*, *groupvalue* })

Argument	Description
<i>n</i>	The number of the crosstab-values expression for which you want the sum of the returned values. The expression's datatype must be numeric.
<i>column</i> (optional)	The number of the crosstab column as it is listed in the Columns box of the Crosstab Definition dialog box for which you want intermediate calculations.
<i>groupvalue</i> (optional)	A string whose value controls the grouping for the calculation. <i>Groupvalue</i> is usually a value from another column in the crosstab. To specify the current column value in a dynamic crosstab, rather than a specific value, specify @ plus the column name as a quoted string.

Return value

Double. Returns the total of the values returned by expression *n* for all the column values or, optionally, for a subset of column values. To return a decimal datatype, use [CrosstabSumDec](#).

Usage

This function is meaningful *only* for the sum of the values of the expression in a *row* in the crosstab. This means you can use it only in the detail band, not in a header, trailer, or summary band.

Null values are ignored and are not included in the sum.

For more information about restricting the calculation to groups of values when the crosstab definition has more than one column, see Usage for [CrosstabAvg](#).

Reviewing the expressions

To review the expressions defined for the crosstab values, open the Crosstab Definition dialog box (select Design>Crosstab from the menubar).

Examples

These examples all use the crosstab-values expressions shown below:

```
Count(emp_id for crosstab),Sum(salary for crosstab)
```


This expression for a computed field in the crosstab returns the sum of the employee counts (the first expression):

```
CrosstabSum (1)
```

This expression for a computed field in the crosstab returns the sum of the salary totals (the second expression):

```
CrosstabSum (2)
```

The next two examples use a crosstab with two columns (year and quarter), a row (product), and the values expression Avg(sales for crosstab).

This expression for a computed field returns the sum of the quarterly average sales for each year:

```
CrosstabSum (1, 2, "@year")
```

This expression for a computed field returns the sum of all the average sales in the row:

```
CrosstabSum (1)
```

For an example illustrating how the painter automatically defines a crosstab by creating computed fields using the Crosstab functions, see [CrosstabAvg](#).

See also

[CrosstabAvg](#)
[CrosstabCount](#)
[CrosstabMax](#)
[CrosstabMin](#)
[CrosstabSumDec](#)

CrosstabSumDec

Description

Calculates the sum of the values returned by an expression in the values list of the crosstab and returns a result with the decimal datatype. When the crosstab definition has more than one column, [CrosstabSumDec](#) can also calculate the sum of the expression's values for groups of column values.

For crosstabs only

You can use this function *only* in a crosstab DataWindow object.

Syntax

```
CrosstabSumDec ( n {, column, groupvalue } )
```

Argument	Description
<i>n</i>	The number of the crosstab-values expression for which you want the sum of the returned values. The expression's datatype must be numeric.
<i>column</i> (optional)	The number of the crosstab column as it is listed in the Columns box of the Crosstab Definition dialog box for which you want intermediate calculations.
<i>groupvalue</i> (optional)	A string whose value controls the grouping for the calculation. <i>Groupvalue</i> is usually a value from another column in the crosstab. To specify the current column value in a dynamic crosstab, rather than a specific value, specify @ plus the column name as a quoted string.

Return value

Decimal. Returns the total of the values returned by expression *n* for all the column values or, optionally, for a subset of column values.

Usage

Use this function instead of [CrosstabSum](#) when you want to return a decimal datatype instead of a double datatype. For more information, see [CrosstabSum](#).

See also

- [CrosstabAvgDec](#)
- [CrosstabMaxDec](#)
- [CrosstabMinDec](#)
- [Decimal support in DataWindow expressions](#)

CumulativePercent

Description

Calculates the total value of the rows up to and including the current row in the specified column as a percentage of the total value of the column (a running percentage).

Syntax

CumulativePercent (*column* { FOR *range* })

Argument	Description
<i>column</i>	The column for which you want the cumulative value of the rows up to and including the current row as a percentage of the total value of the column for <i>range</i> . <i>Column</i> can be the column name or the column number preceded by a pound sign (#). <i>Column</i> can also be an expression that includes a reference to the column. The datatype of <i>column</i> must be numeric.

Argument	Description
FOR <i>range</i> (optional)	<p>The data that will be included in the cumulative percentage. For most presentation styles, values for <i>range</i> are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL – (Default) The cumulative percentage of all rows in <i>column</i>. • GROUP <i>n</i> – The cumulative percentage of rows in <i>column</i> in the specified group. Specify the keyword GROUP followed by the group number: for example, GROUP 1. • PAGE – The cumulative percentage of the rows in <i>column</i> on a page. <p>For Crosstabs, specify CROSSTAB for <i>range</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CROSSTAB – (Crosstabs only) The cumulative percentage of all rows in <i>column</i> in the crosstab. <p>For Graph and OLE objects, specify one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GRAPH – (Graphs only) The cumulative percentage of values in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option. • OBJECT – (OLE objects only) The cumulative percentage of values in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option.

Return value

Long. Returns the cumulative percentage value.

Usage

If you specify *range*, `CumulativePercent` restarts the accumulation at the start of the range.

For graphs and OLE objects, you do not select the range when you call the function. The range has already been determined by the Rows setting on the Data property page (the Range property), and the aggregation function uses that range.

Settings for Rows include the following:

- For the Graph or OLE presentation style, Rows is always All.
- For Graph controls, Rows can be All, Page, or Group.
- For OLE controls, Rows can be All, Current Row, Page, or Group. The available choices depend on the layer the control occupies.

In calculating the percentage, null values are ignored.

Not in validation rules or filter expressions

You cannot use this or other aggregate functions in validation rules or filter expressions.

Using an aggregate function cancels the effect of setting Retrieve Rows As Needed in the painter. To do the aggregation, a DataWindow object always retrieves all rows.

Examples

This expression returns the running percentage for the values that are not null in the column named salary:

```
CumulativePercent(salary)
```

This expression returns the running percentage for the column named salary for the values in group 1 that are not null:

```
CumulativePercent(salary for group 1)
```

This expression entered in the Value box on the Data property page for a graph returns the running percentage for the salary column for the values in the graph that are not null:

```
CumulativePercent(salary for graph)
```

This expression in a crosstab computed field returns the running percentage for the salary column for the values in the crosstab that are not null:

```
CumulativePercent(salary for crosstab)
```

See also

[Percent](#)
[CumulativeSum](#)

CumulativeSum

Description

Calculates the total value of the rows up to and including the current row in the specified column (a running total).

Syntax

```
CumulativeSum ( column { FOR range } )
```

Argument	Description
<i>column</i>	The column for which you want the cumulative total value of the rows up to and including the current row for group. <i>Column</i> can be the column name or the column number preceded by a pound sign (#). <i>Column</i> can also be an expression that includes a reference to the column. The datatype of <i>column</i> must be numeric.

Argument	Description
FOR <i>range</i> (optional)	<p>The data that will be included in the cumulative sum. For most presentation styles, values for <i>range</i> are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL – (Default) The cumulative sum of all values in <i>column</i>. • GROUP <i>n</i> – The cumulative sum of values in <i>column</i> in the specified group. Specify the keyword GROUP followed by the group number: for example, GROUP 1. • PAGE – The cumulative sum of the values in <i>column</i> on a page. <p>For Crosstabs, specify CROSSTAB for <i>range</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CROSSTAB – (Crosstabs only) The cumulative sum of all values in <i>column</i> in the crosstab. <p>For Graph and OLE objects, specify one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GRAPH – (Graphs only) The cumulative sum of values in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option. • OBJECT – (OLE objects only) The cumulative sum of values in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option.

Return value

The appropriate numeric datatype. Returns the cumulative total value of the rows.

Usage

If you specify *range*, `CumulativeSum` restarts the accumulation at the start of the range.

For graphs and OLE objects, you do not select the range when you call the function. The range has already been determined by the Rows setting on the Data property page (the Range property), and the aggregation function uses that range. Settings for Rows include the following:

- For the Graph or OLE presentation style, Rows is always All.
- For Graph controls, Rows can be All, Page, or Group.
- For OLE controls, Rows can be All, Current Row, Page, or Group. The available choices depend on the layer the control occupies.

In calculating the sum, null values are ignored.

Examples

This expression returns the running total for the values that are not null in the column named salary:

```
CumulativeSum(salary)
```

This expression returns the running total for the values that are not null in the column named salary in group 1:

```
CumulativeSum(salary for group 1)
```

This expression entered in the Value box on the Data property page for a graph returns the running total for the salary column for the values in the graph that are not null:

```
CumulativeSum(salary for graph)
```

This expression in a crosstab computed field returns the running total for the salary column for the values in the crosstab that are not null:

```
CumulativeSum(salary for crosstab)
```

See also

[CumulativePercent](#)

CurrentRow

Description

Reports the number of the current row (the row with focus).

Syntax

```
CurrentRow ( )
```

Return value

Long. Returns the number of the row if it succeeds and 0 if no row is current.

What row is current

The current row is not always a row displayed on the screen. For example, if the cursor is on row 7 column 2 and the user uses the scroll bar to scroll to row 50, the current row remains row 7 unless the user clicks row 50.

Examples

This expression in a computed field returns the number of the current row:

```
CurrentRow ( )
```

This expression for a computed control displays an arrow bitmap as an indicator for the row with focus and displays no bitmap for rows not having focus. As the user moves from row to row, an arrow marks where the user is:

```
Bitmap(If(CurrentRow() = GetRow(), "arrow.bmp", ""))
```

Alternatively, this expression for the Visible property of an arrow picture control makes the arrow bitmap visible for the row with focus and invisible for rows not having focus. As the user moves from row to row, an arrow marks where the user is:

```
If(CurrentRow() = GetRow(), 1, 0)
```

See also

[Example 3: creating a row indicator on page 25](#)
[GetRow](#)

Date

Description Converts a string whose value is a valid date to a value of datatype date.

Syntax **Date** (*string*)

Argument	Description
<i>string</i>	A string containing a valid date (such as Jan 1, 2004, or 12-31-99) that you want returned as a date

Return value Date. Returns the date in *string* as a date. If *string* does not contain a valid date, **Date** returns null.

Regional Settings

To make sure you get correct return values for the year, you must verify that yyyy is the Short Date Style for year in the Regional Settings of the user's Control Panel. Your program can check this with the RegistryGet function.

If the setting is not correct, you can ask the user to change it manually or to have the application change it (by calling the RegistrySet function). The user might need to reboot after the setting is changed.

Usage The value of the string must be a valid date.

Valid dates Valid dates can include any combination of day (1–31), month (1–12 or the name or abbreviation of a month), and year (two or four digits). Leading zeros are optional for month and day. If the month is a name or an abbreviation, it can come before or after the day; if it is a number, it must be in the month location specified in the Windows control panel. A 4-digit number is assumed to be a year.

If the year is two digits, the assumption of century follows this rule: for years between 00 and 49, the first two digits are assumed to be 20; for years between 50 and 99, the first two digits are assumed to be 19. If your data includes dates before 1950, such as birth dates, always specify a four-digit year to ensure the correct interpretation.

The function handles years from 1000 to 3000 inclusive.

An expression has a more limited set of datatypes than the functions that can be part of the expression. Although the **Date** function returns a date value, the whole expression is promoted to a DateTime value. Therefore, if your expression consists of a single **Date** function, it will appear that **Date** returns the wrong datatype. To display the date without the time, choose an appropriate display format. (See [Using DataWindow expression functions on page 17.](#))

Examples

These expressions all return the date datatype for July 4, 2004 when the default location of the month in Regional Settings is center:

```
Date ("2004/07/04")
Date ("2004 July 4")
Date ("July 4, 2004")
```

See also

IsDate
Date in the *PowerScript Reference*

DateTime

Description

Combines a date and a time value into a DateTime value.

Syntax

```
DateTime ( date {, time } )
```

Argument	Description
<i>date</i>	A valid date (such as Jan 1, 2005, or 12-31-99) or a blob variable whose first value is a date that you want included in the value returned by DateTime .
<i>time</i> (optional)	A valid time (such as 8am or 10:25:23:456799) or a blob variable whose first value is a time that you want included in the value returned by DateTime . If you include a time, only the hour portion is required. If you omit the minutes, seconds, or microseconds, they are assumed to be zeros. If you omit am or pm, the hour is determined according to the 24-hour clock.

Return value

DateTime. Returns a DateTime value based on the values in *date* and optionally *time*. If time is omitted, **DateTime** uses 00:00:00.000000 (midnight).

Usage

To display microseconds in a time, the display format for the field must include microseconds.

For information on valid dates, see **Date**.

Examples

This expression returns the values in the order_date and order_time columns as a DateTime value that can be used to update the database:

```
DateTime (Order_Date, Order_Time)
```

Using this expression for a computed field displays 11/11/01 11:11:00:

```
DateTime (11/11/01, 11:11)
```

See also

Date
Time

DateTime in the *PowerScript Reference*

Day

Description

Obtains the day of the month in a date value.

Syntax

Day (*date*)

Argument	Description
<i>date</i>	The date for which you want the day

Return value

Integer. Returns an integer (1–31) representing the day of the month in *date*.

Examples

This expression returns 31:

```
Day(2005-01-31)
```

This expression returns the day of the month in the start_date column:

```
Day(start_date)
```

See also

Date
IsDate
Month
Year

Day in the *PowerScript Reference*

DayName

Description

Gets the day of the week in a date value and returns the weekday's name.

Syntax

DayName (*date*)

Argument	Description
<i>date</i>	The date for which you want the name of the day

Return value

String. Returns a string whose value is the name of the weekday (Sunday, Monday, and so on) for *date*.

Usage `DayName` returns a name in the language of the deployment files available on the machine where the application is run. If you have installed localized deployment files in the development environment or on a user's machine, then on that machine the name returned by `DayName` will be in the language of the localized files.

For information about localized deployment files, see the chapter on internationalizing an application in *Application Techniques*.

Examples This expression for a computed field returns Okay if the day in `date_signed` is not Sunday:

```
If (DayName (date_signed) <> "Sunday", "Okay", "Invalid Date")
```

To pass this validation rule, the day in `date_signed` must not be Sunday:

```
DayName (date_signed) <> "Sunday"
```

See also

`Date`

`Day`

`DayNumber`

`IsDate`

`DayName` in the *PowerScript Reference*

DayNumber

Description Gets the day of the week of a date value and returns the number of the weekday.

Syntax `DayNumber (date)`

Argument	Description
<code>date</code>	The date from which you want the number of the day of the week

Return value Integer. Returns an integer (1–7) representing the day of the week of `date`. Sunday is day 1, Monday is day 2, and so on.

Examples This expression for a computed field returns Wrong Day if the date in `start_date` is not a Sunday or a Monday:

```
If (DayNumber (start_date) > 2, "Okay", "Wrong Day")
```

This expression for a computed field returns Wrong Day if the date in `end_date` is not a Saturday or a Sunday:

```
If (DayNumber (end_date) > 1 and DayNumber (end_date)
```

```
< 7, "Okay", "Wrong Day")
```

This validation rule for the column `end_date` ensures that the day is not a Saturday or Sunday:

```
DayNumber(end_date) >1 and DayNumber(end_date) < 7
```

See also

Date

Day

DayName

IsDate

DayNumber in the *PowerScript Reference*

DaysAfter

Description

Gets the number of days one date occurs after another.

Syntax

```
DaysAfter ( date1, date2 )
```

Argument	Description
<i>date1</i>	A date value that is the start date of the interval being measured
<i>date2</i>	A date value that is the end date of the interval

Return value

Long. Returns a long containing the number of days *date2* occurs after *date1*. If *date2* occurs before *date1*, `DaysAfter` returns a negative number.

Examples

This expression returns 4:

```
DaysAfter(2005-12-20, 2005-12-24)
```

This expression returns -4:

```
DaysAfter(2005-12-24, 2005-12-20)
```

This expression returns 0:

```
DaysAfter(2005-12-24, 2005-12-24)
```

This expression returns 5:

```
DaysAfter(2004-12-29, 2005-01-03)
```

See also

Date

SecondsAfter

DaysAfter in the *PowerScript Reference*

Dec

Description

Converts the value of a string to a decimal.

Syntax

Dec (*string*)

Argument	Description
<i>string</i>	The string you want returned as a decimal

Return value

Decimal. Returns the contents of *string* as a decimal if it succeeds and 0 if *string* is not a number.

Usage

The decimal datatype supports up to 28 digits.

You can also append the letter D in upper or lowercase to identify a number as a decimal constant in DataWindow expressions. For example, `2.0d` and `123.456789012345678901D` are treated as decimals.

Examples

This expression returns the string 24.3 as a decimal datatype:

```
Dec ("24.3")
```

This expression for a computed field returns “Not a valid score” if the string in the score column does not contain a number. The expression checks whether the `Dec` function returns 0, which means it failed to convert the value:

```
If ( Dec(score) <> 0, score, "Not a valid score")
```

This expression returns 0:

```
Dec ("3ABC") // 3ABC is not a number
```

This validation rule checks that the value in the column the user entered is greater than 1999.99:

```
Dec(GetText()) > 1999.99
```

This validation rule for the column named score insures that score contains a string:

```
Dec(score) <> 0
```

See also

Dec in the *PowerScript Reference*
 Decimal support in DataWindow expressions

Describe

Description

Reports the values of properties of a DataWindow object and controls within the object. Each column and graphic control in the DataWindow object has a set of properties, which are listed in [Controls in a DataWindow and their properties on page 158](#). You specify one or more properties as a string and `Describe` returns the values of the properties.

Syntax

Describe (*propertylist*)

Argument	Description
<i>propertylist</i>	A string whose value is a blank-separated list of properties or Evaluate functions. For a list of valid properties, see Controls in a DataWindow and their properties on page 158 .

Return value

String. Returns a string that includes a value for each property or `Evaluate` function. A new line character (~n) separates the value of each item in *propertylist*.

If *propertylist* contains an invalid item, `Describe` returns an exclamation point (!) for that item and ignores the rest of *propertylist*. `Describe` returns a question mark (?) if there is no value for a property.

Usage

Specifying the values for *propertylist* can be complex. For information and examples, see the `Describe` method for the DataWindow control.

Examples

This expression for a computed field in the header band of a DataWindow object displays the DataWindow object's `SELECT` statement:

```
Describe("DataWindow.Table.Select")
```

See also

[Describe on page 584](#)

Exp

Description

Raises *e* to the specified power.

Syntax

Exp (*n*)

Argument	Description
<i>n</i>	The power to which you want to raise <i>e</i> (2.71828)

Return value

Double. Returns *e* raised to the power *n*.

Fact

Examples This expression returns 7.38905609893065:

`Exp (2)`

See also

Log

LogTen

Exp in the *PowerScript Reference*

Fact

Description Gets the factorial of a number.

Syntax

`Fact (n)`

Argument	Description
<i>n</i>	The number for which you want the factorial

Return value Double. Returns the factorial of *n*.

Examples

This expression returns 24:

`Fact (4)`

Both these expressions return 1:

`Fact (1)`

`Fact (0)`

See also

Fact in the *PowerScript Reference*

Fill

Description Builds a string of the specified length by repeating the specified characters until the result string is long enough.

Syntax

`Fill (chars, n)`

Argument	Description
<i>chars</i>	A string whose value will be repeated to fill the return string
<i>n</i>	A long whose value is the number of characters in the string you want returned

- Return value** String. Returns a string *n* characters long filled with repetitions of the characters in the argument *chars*. If the argument *chars* has more than *n* characters, the first *n* characters of *chars* are used to fill the return string. If the argument *chars* has fewer than *n* characters, the characters in *chars* are repeated until the return string has *n* characters.
- Usage** `Fill` is used to create a line or other special effect. For example, asterisks repeated in a printed report can fill an amount line, or hyphens can simulate a total line in a screen display.
- Examples** This expression returns a string containing 35 asterisks:
- ```
Fill ("*", 35)
```
- This expression returns the string `-+--+`:
- ```
Fill ("-+", 7)
```
- This expression returns 10 tildes (~):
- ```
Fill ("~", 10)
```
- See also** `FillA`  
`Space`  
 Fill in the *PowerScript Reference*

## FillA

**Description** Builds a string of the specified length in bytes by repeating the specified characters until the result string is long enough.

**Syntax** `FillA ( chars, n )`

| Argument     | Description                                                               |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>chars</i> | A string whose value will be repeated to fill the return string           |
| <i>n</i>     | A long whose value is the number of bytes in the string you want returned |

**Return value** String. Returns a string *n* bytes long filled with repetitions of the characters in the argument *chars*. If the argument *chars* has more than *n* bytes, the first *n* bytes of *chars* are used to fill the return string. If the argument *chars* has fewer than *n* bytes, the characters in *chars* are repeated until the return string has *n* bytes.

**Usage** `FillA` replaces the functionality that `Fill` had in DBCS environments in PowerBuilder 9. In SBCS environments, `Fill` and `FillA` return the same results.

See also

Fill  
 FILLA in the *PowerScript Reference*

## First

Description

Reports the value in the first row in the specified column.

Syntax

**First** ( *column* { FOR *range* { DISTINCT { *expressn* {, *expres2* {, ... } } } } } )

| Argument                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>column</i>                  | The column for which you want the value of the first row. <i>Column</i> can be a column name or a column number preceded by a pound sign (#). <i>Column</i> can also be an expression that includes a reference to the column.             |
| FOR <i>range</i><br>(optional) | The data that will be included when the value in the first row is found. Values for range depend on the presentation style. See the Usage section for more information.                                                                    |
| DISTINCT<br>(optional)         | Causes <b>First</b> to consider only the distinct values in <i>column</i> when determining the first value. For a value of <i>column</i> , the first row found with the value is used and other rows that have the same value are ignored. |
| <i>expressn</i><br>(optional)  | One or more expressions that you want to evaluate to determine distinct rows. <i>Expressn</i> can be the name of a column, a function, or an expression.                                                                                   |

Return value

The datatype of the column. Returns the value in the first row of *column*. If you specify *range*, **First** returns the value of the first row in *column* in *range*.

Usage

If you specify *range*, **First** determines the value of the first row in *column* in *range*. If you specify DISTINCT, **First** returns the first distinct value in *column*, or if you specify *expressn*, the first distinct value in *column* where the value of *expressn* is distinct.

For most presentation styles, values for *range* are:

- ALL – (Default) The value in the first of all rows in *column*.
- GROUP *n* – The value in the first of rows in *column* in the specified group. Specify the keyword GROUP followed by the group number: for example, GROUP 1.
- PAGE – The value in the first of the rows in *column* on a page.



For Crosstabs, specify CROSSTAB for *range* to indicate the first of all rows in *column* in the crosstab.

For Graphs specify GRAPH and for OLE objects specify OBJECT for *range*, to indicate the value in the first row in *column* in the range specified for the Rows option.

For graphs and OLE objects, you do not select the range when you call the function. The range has already been determined by the Rows setting on the Data property page (the Range property), and the aggregation function uses that range. Settings for Rows include the following:

- For the Graph or OLE presentation style, Rows is always All.
- For Graph controls, Rows can be All, Page, or Group.
- For OLE controls, Rows can be All, Current Row, Page, or Group. The available choices depend on the layer the control occupies.

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**Not in validation rules or filter expressions**

You cannot use this or other aggregate functions in validation rules or filter expressions.

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Using an aggregate function cancels the effect of setting Retrieve Rows As Needed in the painter. To do the aggregation, a DataWindow object always retrieves all rows.

**Examples**

This expression returns the first value in column 3 on the page:

```
First(#3 for page)
```

This expression returns the first distinct value in the column named dept\_id in group 2:

```
First(dept_id for group 2 DISTINCT)
```

This expression returns the first value in the column named dept\_id in group 2:

```
First(dept_id for group 2)
```

**See also**

Last

## GetPaintDC

**Description**

Returns the GDI context to which to draw.

|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Syntax</b>       | <b>GetPaintDC ( )</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Return value</b> | UnsignedLong.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Usage</b>        | <p>The clip region of the GDI context is guaranteed to be the same as the rectangle defined by <code>GetPaintRectHeight</code>, <code>GetPaintRectWidth</code>, <code>GetPaintRectX</code>, and <code>GetPaintRectY</code>.</p> <p>You can also use the <code>GetClipBox</code> GDI function. You can compute the bounds inside the global rendering function itself.</p> <p>The <code>GetPaintDC</code> expression is only valid in the context of the <code>Paint</code> expression function.</p> |
| <b>Examples</b>     | <p>This example draws a cube with the text of the column <code>emp_lname</code>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

```
Paint
(
 MyDrawWPFCCubeText
 (
 GetPaintDC(),
 GetPaintRectX(),
 GetPaintRectY(),
 GetPaintRectWidth(),
 GetPaintRectHeight(),
 emp_lname,
 GetRow()
)
)
```

|                 |                                                                                                                                                     |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>See also</b> | <code>GetPaintRectHeight</code><br><code>GetPaintRectWidth</code><br><code>GetPaintRectX</code><br><code>GetPaintRectY</code><br><code>Paint</code> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

## GetPaintRectHeight

|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description</b>  | Returns the bounds of the computed field and the device context is clipped within those bounds. This expression is only valid in the context of the <code>Paint</code> expression function. |
| <b>Syntax</b>       | <b>GetPaintRectHeight ( )</b>                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Return value</b> | Integer. Returns the height bounds for the computed field.                                                                                                                                  |

**See also** [GetPaintDC](#)  
[GetPaintRectWidth](#)  
[GetPaintRectX](#)  
[GetPaintRectY](#)  
[Paint](#)

## GetPaintRectWidth

**Description** Returns the bounds of the computed field and the device context is clipped within those bounds. This expression is only valid in the context of the [Paint](#) expression function.

**Syntax** [GetPaintRectWidth](#) ( )

**Return value** Integer. Returns the width bounds for the computed field.

**See also** [GetPaintDC](#)  
[GetPaintRectHeight](#)  
[GetPaintRectX](#)  
[GetPaintRectY](#)  
[Paint](#)

## GetPaintRectX

**Description** Returns the bounds of the computed field and the device context is clipped within those bounds. This expression is only valid in the context of the [Paint](#) expression function.

**Syntax** [GetPaintRectX](#) ( )

**Return value** Integer. Returns the X bound for the computed field.

**See also** [GetPaintDC](#)  
[GetPaintRectHeight](#)  
[GetPaintRectWidth](#)  
[GetPaintRectY](#)  
[Paint](#)

## GetPaintRectY

|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description</b>  | Returns the bounds of the computed field and the device context is clipped within those bounds. This expression is only valid in the context of the <a href="#">Paint</a> expression function. |
| <b>Syntax</b>       | <b>GetPaintRectY ( )</b>                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Return value</b> | Integer. Returns the Y bound for the computed field.                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>See also</b>     | <a href="#">GetPaintDC</a><br><a href="#">GetPaintRectHeight</a><br><a href="#">GetPaintRectWidth</a><br><a href="#">GetPaintRectX</a>                                                         |

## GetRow

|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description</b>  | Reports the number of a row associated with a band in a DataWindow object.                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Syntax</b>       | <b>GetRow ( )</b>                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Return value</b> | Long. Returns the number of a row if it succeeds, 0 if no data has been retrieved or added, and -1 if an error occurs. Where you call <a href="#">GetRow</a> determines what row it returns, as follows: |

| <b>If the control in the DataWindow object is in this band</b> | <b>GetRow returns</b>                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Header                                                         | First row on the page                  |
| Group header                                                   | First row in the group                 |
| Detail                                                         | The row in which the expression occurs |
| Group trailer                                                  | Last row in the group                  |
| Summary                                                        | Last row in the DataWindow object      |
| Footer                                                         | Last row on the page                   |

|                 |                                                                                          |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Examples</b> | This expression for a computed field in the detail band displays the number of each row: |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

```
GetRow ()
```

This expression for a computed field in the header band checks to see if there is data. It returns the number of the first row on the page if there is data, and otherwise returns No Data:

```
If(GetRow() = 0, "No Data", String(GetRow()))
```

See also

Example 3: creating a row indicator on page 25

CurrentRow

GetRow on page 668

## GetText

Description

Obtains the text that a user has entered in a column.

Syntax

**GetText** ( )

Return value

String. Returns the text the user has entered in the current column.

Usage

Use **GetText** in validation rules to compare what the user has entered to application-defined criteria before it is accepted into the data buffer.

Examples

This validation rule checks that the value the user entered in the column is less than 100:

```
Integer(GetText()) < 100
```

See also

GetText on page 677

## Hour

Description

Obtains the hour in a time value. The hour is based on a 24-hour clock.

Syntax

**Hour** ( *time* )

| Argument    | Description                                 |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <i>time</i> | The time value from which you want the hour |

Return value

Integer. Returns an integer (00–23) containing the hour portion of *time*.

Examples

This expression returns the current hour:

```
Hour(Now())
```

This expression returns 19:

```
Hour (19:01:31)
```

See also

Minute

Now

Second

Hour in the *PowerScript Reference*

## If

Description

Evaluates a condition and returns a value based on that condition.

Syntax

```
If (boolean, truevalue, falsevalue)
```

| Argument          | Description                                                                                                         |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>boolean</i>    | A boolean expression that evaluates to <b>true</b> or <b>false</b> .                                                |
| <i>truevalue</i>  | The value you want returned if the boolean expression is <b>true</b> . The value can be a string or numeric value.  |
| <i>falsevalue</i> | The value you want returned if the boolean expression is <b>false</b> . The value can be a string or numeric value. |

Return value

The datatype of *truevalue* or *falsevalue*. Returns *truevalue* if *boolean* is **true** and *falsevalue* if it is **false**. Returns null if an error occurs.

Examples

This expression returns Boss if salary is over \$100,000 and Employee if salary is less than or equal to \$100,000:

```
If(salary > 100000, "Boss", "Employee")
```

This expression returns Boss if salary is over \$100,000, Supervisor if salary is between \$12,000 and \$100,000, and Clerk if salary is less than or equal to \$12,000:

```
If(salary > 100000, "Boss", If(salary > 12000,
"Supervisor", "Clerk"))
```

In this example of a validation rule, the value the user should enter in the commission column depends on the price. If price is greater than or equal to 1000, then the commission is between .10 and .20. If price is less than 1000, then the commission must be between .04 and .09. The validation rule is:

```
(Number(GetText()) >= If(price >=1000, .10, .04)) AND
(Number(GetText()) <= If(price >= 1000, .20, .09))
```

The accompanying error message expression might be:

```
"Price is " + If(price >= 1000, "greater than or
equal to", "less than") + " 1000. Commission must be
between " + If(price >= 1000, ".10", ".04") + " and "
+ If(price >= 1000, ".20.", ".09.")
```

See also

Example 1: counting null values in a column on page 20

Example 2: counting male and female employees on page 21

Example 3: creating a row indicator on page 25

Example 4: displaying all data when a column allows nulls on page 26

Case

## Int

Description

Gets the largest whole number less than or equal to a number.

Syntax

**Int** ( *n* )

| Argument | Description                                                                             |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>n</i> | The number for which you want the largest whole number that is less than or equal to it |

Return value

The datatype of *n*. Returns the largest whole number less than or equal to *n*.

Examples

These expressions return 3.0:

```
Int (3.2)
```

```
Int (3.8)
```

These expressions return -4.0:

```
Int (-3.2)
```

```
Int (-3.8)
```

See also

Ceiling

Integer

Round

Truncate

Int in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Integer

### Description

Converts the value of a string to an integer.

### Syntax

**Integer** ( *string* )

| Argument      | Description                                |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <i>string</i> | The string you want returned as an integer |

### Return value

Integer. Returns the contents of *string* as an integer if it succeeds and 0 if *string* is not a number.

### Examples

This expression converts the string 24 to an integer:

```
Integer("24")
```

This expression for a computed field returns “Not a valid age” if age does not contain a number. The expression checks whether the Integer function returns 0, which means it failed to convert the value:

```
If (Integer(age) <> 0, age, "Not a valid age")
```

This expression returns 0:

```
Integer("3ABC") // 3ABC is not a number
```

This validation rule checks that the value in the column the user entered is less than 100:

```
Integer(GetText()) < 100
```

This validation rule for the column named age insures that age contains a string:

```
Integer(age) <> 0
```

### See also

[IsNumber](#)

Integer in the *PowerScript Reference*

## IsDate

### Description

Tests whether a string value is a valid date.

### Syntax

**IsDate** ( *datevalue* )

| Argument         | Description                                                                   |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>datevalue</i> | A string whose value you want to test to determine whether it is a valid date |



**Return value** Boolean. Returns **true** if *datevalue* is a valid date and **false** if it is not.

**Examples** This expression returns **true**:

```
IsDate("Jan 1, 99")
```

This expression returns **false**:

```
IsDate("Jan 32, 2005")
```

This expression for a computed field returns a day number or 0. If the `date_received` column contains a valid date, the expression returns the number of the day in `date_received` in the computed field, and otherwise returns 0:

```
If(IsDate(String(date_received)),
DayNumber(date_received), 0)
```

**See also** `IsDate` in the *PowerScript Reference*

## IsExpanded

**Description** Tests whether a node in a TreeView DataWindow with the specified TreeView level and that includes the specified row is expanded.

**Syntax** **IsExpanded**(long *row*, long *level*)

| Argument     | Description                                    |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <i>row</i>   | The number of the row that belongs to the node |
| <i>level</i> | The TreeView level of the node                 |

**Return value** Returns **true** if the group is expanded and **false** otherwise.

**Usage** A TreeView DataWindow has several TreeView level bands that can be expanded and collapsed. You can use the `IsExpanded` function to test whether or not a node in a TreeView DataWindow is expanded.

**Examples** This expression returns true if the node that contains row 3 at TreeView level 2 is expanded:

```
IsExpanded(3, 2)
```

## IsNull

**Description**

Reports whether the value of a column or expression is null.

**Syntax**

**IsNull** ( *any* )

| Argument   | Description                                                                         |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>any</i> | A column or expression that you want to test to determine whether its value is null |

**Return value**

Boolean. Returns **true** if *any* is **null** and **false** if it is not.

**Usage**

Use **IsNull** to test whether a user-entered value or a value retrieved from the database is null.

**Examples**

This expression returns **true** if either a or b is **null**:

```
IsNull (a + b)
```

This expression returns **true** if the value in the salary column is **null**:

```
IsNull (salary)
```

This expression returns **true** if the value the user has entered is **null**:

```
IsNull (GetText ())
```

**See also**

[Example 1: counting null values in a column on page 20](#)

[Example 4: displaying all data when a column allows nulls on page 26](#)

IsNull in the *PowerScript Reference*

## IsNumber

**Description**

Reports whether the value of a string is a number.

**Syntax**

**IsNumber** ( *string* )

| Argument      | Description                                                                     |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>string</i> | A string whose value you want to test to determine whether it is a valid number |

**Return value**

Boolean. Returns **true** if *string* is a valid number and **false** if it is not.

**Examples**

This expression returns **true**:

```
IsNumber ("32.65")
```

This expression returns **false**:

```
IsNumber("A16")
```

This expression for a computed field returns “Not a valid age” if age does not contain a number:

```
If(IsNumber(age), age, "Not a valid age")
```

To pass this validation rule, Age\_nbr must be a number:

```
IsNumber(Age_nbr) = true
```

See also

Integer

IsNumber in the *PowerScript Reference*

## IsRowModified

**Description** Reports whether the row has been modified.

**Syntax** `IsRowModified ( )`

**Return value** Boolean. Returns `true` if the row has been modified and `false` if it has not.

**Usage** In a DataWindow object, when you use `IsRowModified` in bands other than the detail band, it reports on a row in the detail band. See `GetRow` for a table specifying which row is associated with each band for reporting purposes.

**Examples** This expression in a computed field in the detail area displays `true` or `false` to indicate whether each row has been modified:

```
IsRowModified()
```

This expression defined in the Properties view for the Color property of the computed field displays the text (`true`) in red if the user has modified any value in the row:

```
If(IsRowModified(), 255, 0)
```

See also

`GetRow`

## IsRowNew

**Description** Reports whether the row has been newly inserted.

**Syntax** `IsRowNew ( )`

|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Return value</b> | Boolean. Returns <b>true</b> if the row is new and <b>false</b> if it was retrieved from the database.                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Usage</b>        | In a DataWindow object, when you call <b>IsRowNew</b> in bands other than the detail band, it reports on a row in the detail band. See <b>GetRow</b> for a table specifying which row is associated with each band for reporting purposes. |
| <b>Examples</b>     | This expression defined in the Properties view for the Protect property of a column prevents the user from modifying the column unless the row has been newly inserted:<br><pre>    If (IsRowNew (), 0, 1)</pre>                           |
| <b>See also</b>     | <b>GetRow</b><br><b>GetItemStatus</b> on page 649                                                                                                                                                                                          |

## IsSelected

|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description</b>  | Determines whether the row is selected. A selected row is highlighted using reverse video.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Syntax</b>       | <b>IsSelected ( )</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Return value</b> | Boolean. Returns <b>true</b> if the row is selected and <b>false</b> if it is not selected.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Usage</b>        | When you use <b>IsSelected</b> in bands other than the detail band, it reports on a row in the detail band. See <b>GetRow</b> for a table specifying which row is associated with each band for reporting purposes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Examples</b>     | This expression for a computed field in the detail area displays a bitmap if the row is selected:<br><pre>    Bitmap(If (IsSelected (), "beach.bmp", ""))</pre> <p>This example allows the DataWindow object to display a salary total for all the selected rows. The expression for a computed field in the detail band returns the salary only when the row is selected so that another computed field in the summary band can add up all the selected salaries.</p> <p>The expression for cf_selected_salary (the computed field in the detail band) is:</p> <pre>    If (IsSelected (), salary, 0)</pre> <p>The expression for the computed field in the summary band is:</p> <pre>    Sum(cf_selected_salary for all)</pre> |

See also [GetRow](#)  
[IsSelected](#) on page 702

## IsTime

**Description** Reports whether the value of a string is a valid time value.

**Syntax** `IsTime ( timevalue )`

| Argument         | Description                                                                   |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>timevalue</i> | A string whose value you want to test to determine whether it is a valid time |

**Return value** Boolean. Returns `true` if *timevalue* is a valid time and `false` if it is not.

**Examples** This expression returns `true`:

```
IsTime("8:00:00 am")
```

This expression returns `false`:

```
IsTime("25:00")
```

To pass this validation rule, the value in `start_time` must be a time:

```
IsTime(start_time)
```

See also `IsTime` in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Large

**Description** Finds a large value at a specified ranking in a column (for example, third-largest, fifth-largest) and returns the value of another column or expression based on the result.

**Syntax** `Large ( returnexp, column, ntop { FOR range { DISTINCT { expres1 {, expres2 {, ... } } } } } )`

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>returnexp</i> | The value you want returned when the large value is found. <i>Returnexp</i> includes a reference to a column, but not necessarily the column that is being evaluated for the largest value, so that a value is returned from the same row that contains the large value. |

| Argument                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>column</i>                  | The column that contains the large value you are searching for. <i>Column</i> can be a column name or a column number preceded by a pound sign (#). <i>Column</i> can also be an expression that includes a reference to the column. The datatype of <i>column</i> must be numeric.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>ntop</i>                    | The ranking of the large value in relation to the column's largest value. For example, when <i>ntop</i> is 2, <b>Large</b> finds the second-largest value.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| FOR <i>range</i><br>(optional) | The data that will be included when the largest value is found. For most presentation styles, values for <i>range</i> are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALL – (Default) The largest of all values in <i>column</i>.</li> <li>• GROUP <i>n</i> – The largest of values in <i>column</i> in the specified group. Specify the keyword GROUP followed by the group number: for example, GROUP 1.</li> <li>• PAGE – The largest of the values in <i>column</i> on a page.</li> </ul> For Crosstabs, specify CROSSTAB for <i>range</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CROSSTAB – (Crosstabs only) The largest of all values in <i>column</i> in the crosstab.</li> </ul> For Graph and OLE objects, specify one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GRAPH – (Graphs only) The largest of values in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option.</li> <li>• OBJECT – (OLE objects only) The largest of values in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option.</li> </ul> |
| DISTINCT<br>(optional)         | Causes <b>Large</b> to consider only the distinct values in <i>column</i> when determining the large value. For a value of <i>column</i> , the first row found with the value is used and other rows that have the same value are ignored.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <i>expressn</i><br>(optional)  | One or more expressions that you need to evaluate to determine distinct rows. <i>Expressn</i> can be the name of a column, a function, or an expression.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

**Return value**

The datatype of *returnexp*. Returns the *ntop*-largest value if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

**Usage**

If you specify *range*, **Large** returns the value in *returnexp* when the value in *column* is the *ntop*-largest value in *range*. If you specify DISTINCT, **Large** returns *returnexp* when the value in *column* is the *ntop*-largest value of the distinct values in *column*, or if you specify *expressn*, the *ntop*-largest for each distinct value of *expressn*.

For graphs and OLE objects, you do not select the range when you call the function. The range has already been determined by the Rows setting on the Data property page (the Range property), and the aggregation function uses that range. Settings for Rows are as follows:

- For the Graph or OLE presentation style, Rows is always All
- For Graph controls, Rows can be All, Page, or Group
- For OLE controls, Rows can be All, Current Row, Page, or Group. The available choices depend on the layer the control occupies

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### Max might be faster

If you do not need a return value from another column and you want to find the largest value (*ntop* = 1), use **Max**; it is faster.

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You cannot use this or other aggregate functions in validation rules or filter expressions.

Using an aggregate function cancels the effect of setting Retrieve Rows As Needed in the painter. To do the aggregation, a DataWindow object always retrieves all rows.

### Examples

These expressions return the names of the salespersons with the three largest sales (*sum\_sales* is the sum of the sales for each salesperson) in group 2, which might be the salesregion group. Note that *sum\_sales* contains the values being compared, but **Large** returns a value in the name column:

```
Large (name, sum_sales, 1 for group 2)
Large (name, sum_sales, 2 for group 2)
Large (name, sum_sales, 3 for group 2)
```

This example reports the salesperson with the third-largest sales, considering only the first entry for each person:

```
Large (name, sum_sales, 3 for all DISTINCT sum_sales)
```

### See also

**Small**

## Last

### Description

Gets the value in the last row in the specified column.

### Syntax

```
Last (column { FOR range { DISTINCT { expres1 { expres2 { ... } } } } } }
```

| Argument                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <i>column</i>                  | The column for which you want the value of the last row. <i>Column</i> can be a column name or a column number preceded by a pound sign (#). <i>Column</i> can also be an expression that includes a reference to the column.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| FOR <i>range</i><br>(optional) | The data that will be included when the value in the last row is found. For most presentation styles, values for <i>range</i> are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALL – (Default) The value in the last of all rows in <i>column</i>.</li> <li>• GROUP <i>n</i> – The value in the last row in <i>column</i> in the specified group. Specify the keyword GROUP followed by the group number: for example, GROUP 1.</li> <li>• PAGE – The value in the last row in <i>column</i> on a page.</li> </ul> For Crosstabs, specify CROSSTAB for <i>range</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CROSSTAB – (Crosstabs only) The value in the last row in <i>column</i> in the crosstab.</li> </ul> For Graph and OLE objects, specify one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GRAPH – (Graphs only) The value in the last row in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option.</li> <li>• OBJECT – (OLE objects only) The value in the last row in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option.</li> </ul> |
| DISTINCT<br>(optional)         | Causes <b>Last</b> to consider only the distinct values in <i>column</i> when determining the last value. For a value of <i>column</i> , the first row found with the value is used and other rows that have the same value are ignored.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>expressn</i><br>(optional)  | One or more expressions that you want to evaluate to determine distinct rows. <i>Expressn</i> can be the name of a column, a function, or an expression.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

**Return value**

The datatype of the column. Returns the value in the last row of *column*. If you specify *range*, **Last** returns the value of the last row in *column* in *range*.

**Usage**

If you specify *range*, **Last** determines the value of the last row in *column* in *range*. If you specify DISTINCT, **Last** returns the last distinct value in *column*, or if you specify *expressn*, the last distinct value in *column* where the value of *expressn* is distinct.

For graphs and OLE objects, you do not select the range when you call the function. The range has already been determined by the Rows setting on the Data property page (the Range property), and the aggregation function uses that range. Settings for Rows include the following:

- For the Graph or OLE presentation style, Rows is always All.



- For Graph controls, Rows can be All, Page, or Group.
- For OLE controls, Rows can be All, Current Row, Page, or Group. The available choices depend on the layer the control occupies.

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### Not in validation rules or filter expressions

You cannot use this or other aggregate functions in validation rules or filter expressions.

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Using an aggregate function cancels the effect of setting Retrieve Rows As Needed in the painter. To do the aggregation, a DataWindow object always retrieves all rows.

#### Examples

This expression returns the last distinct value in the column named dept\_id in group 2:

```
Last(dept_id for group 2 DISTINCT)
```

This expression returns the last value in the column named emp\_id in group 2:

```
Last(emp_id for group 2)
```

#### See also

First

## LastPos

#### Description

Finds the last position of a target string in a source string.

#### Syntax

**LastPos** ( *string1*, *string2*, *searchlength* )

| Argument                          | Description                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>string1</i>                    | The string in which you want to find <i>string2</i> .                                                                                         |
| <i>string2</i>                    | The string you want to find in <i>string1</i> .                                                                                               |
| <i>searchlength</i><br>(optional) | A long that limits the search to the leftmost searchlength characters of the source string <i>string1</i> . The default is the entire string. |

#### Return value

Long. Returns a long whose value is the starting position of the last occurrence of *string2* in *string1* within the characters specified in *searchlength*. If *string2* is not found in *string1* or if *searchlength* is 0, LastPos returns 0. If any argument's value is null, LastPos returns null.

#### Usage

The LastPos function is case-sensitive. The entire target string must be found in the source string.

## Examples

This statement returns 6, because the position of the last occurrence of RU is position 6:

```
LastPos("BABE RUTH", "RU")
```

This statement returns 3:

```
LastPos("BABE RUTH", "B")
```

This statement returns 0, because the case does not match:

```
LastPos("BABE RUTH", "be")
```

This statement searches the leftmost 4 characters and returns 0, because the only occurrence of RU is after position 4:

```
LastPos("BABE RUTH", "RU", 2)
```

## See also

Pos

## Left

## Description

Obtains a specified number of characters from the beginning of a string.

## Syntax

```
Left (string, n)
```

| Argument      | Description                                         |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <i>string</i> | The string containing the characters you want       |
| <i>n</i>      | A long specifying the number of characters you want |

## Return value

String. Returns the leftmost *n* characters in *string* if it succeeds and the empty string ("") if an error occurs.

If *n* is greater than or equal to the length of the string, **Left** returns the entire string. It does not add spaces to make the return value's length equal to *n*.

## Examples

This expression returns BABE:

```
Left("BABE RUTH", 4)
```

This expression returns BABE RUTH:

```
Left("BABE RUTH", 40)
```

This expression for a computed field returns the first 40 characters of the text in the column `home_address`:

```
Left(home_address, 40)
```

See also LeftA  
Mid  
Pos  
Right  
Left in the *PowerScript Reference*

## LeftA

**Description** Obtains a specified number of bytes from the beginning of a string.

**Syntax** `LeftA ( string, n )`

| Argument      | Description                                    |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <i>string</i> | The string containing the characters you want  |
| <i>n</i>      | A long specifying the number of bytes you want |

**Return value** String. Returns the characters in the leftmost *n* bytes in *string* if it succeeds and the empty string (“”) if an error occurs.

If *n* is greater than or equal to the length of the string, `LeftA` returns the entire string. It does not add spaces to make the return value’s length equal to *n*.

**Usage** `LeftA` replaces the functionality that `Left` had in DBCS environments in PowerBuilder 9. In SBCS environments, `Left` and `LeftA` return the same results.

See also MidA  
PosA  
RightA  
LeftA in the *PowerScript Reference*

## LeftTrim

**Description** Removes spaces from the beginning of a string.

**Syntax** `LeftTrim ( string )`

| Argument      | Description                                              |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>string</i> | The string you want returned with leading spaces deleted |

**Return value** String. Returns a copy of *string* with leading spaces deleted if it succeeds and the empty string (“”) if an error occurs.

**Examples**

This expression returns RUTH:

```
LeftTrim(" RUTH")
```

This expression for a computed field deletes any leading blanks from the value in the column lname and returns the value preceded by the salutation specified in salut\_emp:

```
salut_emp + " " + LeftTrim(lname)
```

**See also**

RightTrim

Trim

LeftTrim in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Len

**Description**

Reports the length of a string in characters.

**Syntax**

**Len** ( *string* )

| Argument      | Description                              |
|---------------|------------------------------------------|
| <i>string</i> | The string for which you want the length |

**Return value**

Long. Returns a long containing the length of *string* in characters if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

**Examples**

This expression returns 0:

```
Len ("")
```

This validation rule tests that the value the user entered is fewer than 20 characters:

```
Len(GetText()) < 20
```

**See also**

LenA

Len in the *PowerScript Reference*

## LenA

**Description**

Reports the length of a string in bytes.

**Syntax**

**LenA** ( *string* )

| Argument      | Description                              |
|---------------|------------------------------------------|
| <i>string</i> | The string for which you want the length |

**Return value** Long. Returns a long containing the length of *string* in bytes if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

**Usage** **LenA** replaces the functionality that **Len** had in DBCS environments in PowerBuilder 9. In SBCS environments, **Len** and **LenA** return the same results.

**See also** **Len**  
**LenA** in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Log

**Description** Gets the natural logarithm of a number.

**Syntax** **Log** ( *n* )

| Argument | Description                                                                                                 |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>n</i> | The number for which you want the natural logarithm (base e). The value of <i>n</i> must be greater than 0. |

**Return value** Double. Returns the natural logarithm of *n*. An execution error occurs if *n* is negative or zero.

### Inverse

The inverse of the **Log** function is the **Exp** function.

**Examples** This expression returns 2.302585092:

```
Log (10)
```

This expression returns -.693147 ... :

```
Log (0.5)
```

Both these expressions result in an error at runtime:

```
Log (0)
```

```
Log (-2)
```

**See also** **Exp**  
**LogTen**  
**Log** in the *PowerScript Reference*

## LogTen

**Description**

Gets the base 10 logarithm of a number.

**Syntax**

**LogTen** ( *n* )

| Argument | Description                                                                                      |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>n</i> | The number for which you want the base 10 logarithm. The value of <i>n</i> must not be negative. |

**Return value**

Double. Returns the base 10 logarithm.

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### Obtaining a number

The expression  $10^n$  is the inverse for `LogTen (n)`. To obtain *n* given number ( $nbr = \text{LogTen}(n)$ ), use  $n = 10^{nbr}$ .

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**Examples**

This expression returns 1:

```
LogTen(10)
```

The following expressions both return 0:

```
LogTen(1)
```

```
LogTen(0)
```

This expression results in an execution error:

```
LogTen(-2)
```

**See also**

[Log](#)

LogTen in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Long

**Description**

Converts the value of a string to a long.

**Syntax**

**Long** ( *string* )

| Argument      | Description                            |
|---------------|----------------------------------------|
| <i>string</i> | The string you want returned as a long |

**Return value**

Long. Returns the contents of *string* as a long if it succeeds and 0 if *string* is not a valid number.

**Examples**

This expression returns 2167899876 as a long:

`Long ("2167899876")`

See also Long in the *PowerScript Reference*

## LookUpDisplay

**Description** Obtains the display value in the code table associated with the data value in the specified column.

**Syntax** `LookUpDisplay ( column )`

| Argument      | Description                                                |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>column</i> | The column for which you want the code table display value |

**Return value** String. Returns the display value when it succeeds and the empty string (“”) if an error occurs.

**Usage** If a column has a code table, a buffer stores a value from the data column of the code table, but the user sees a value from the display column. Use `LookUpDisplay` to get the value the user sees.

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### Code tables and data values and graphs

When a column that is displayed in a graph has a code table, the graph displays the data values of the code table by default. To display the display values, call this function when you define the graph data.

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**Examples** This expression returns the display value for the column `unit_measure`:

`LookUpDisplay (unit_measure)`

Assume the column `product_type` has a code table and you want to use it as a category for a graph. To display the product type descriptions instead of the data values in the categories, enter this expression in the Category option on the Data page in the graph’s property sheet:

`LookUpDisplay (product_type)`

## Lower

**Description** Converts all the characters in a string to lowercase.

Syntax

**Lower** ( *string* )

| Argument      | Description                                         |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <i>string</i> | The string you want to convert to lowercase letters |

Return value

String. Returns *string* with uppercase letters changed to lowercase if it succeeds and the empty string (“”) if an error occurs.

Examples

This expression returns castle hill:

```
Lower("Castle Hill")
```

See also

Upper  
Lower in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Match

Description

Determines whether a string’s value contains a particular pattern of characters.

Syntax

**Match** ( *string*, *textpattern* )

| Argument           | Description                                                      |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>string</i>      | The string in which you want to look for a pattern of characters |
| <i>textpattern</i> | A string whose value is the text pattern                         |

Return value

Boolean. Returns **true** if *string* matches *textpattern* and **false** if it does not. **Match** also returns **false** if either argument has not been assigned a value or the pattern is invalid.

Usage

**Match** enables you to evaluate whether a string contains a general pattern of characters. To find out whether a string contains a specific substring, use the Pos function.

*Textpattern* is similar to a regular expression. It consists of metacharacters, which have special meaning, and ordinary characters, which match themselves. You can specify that the string begin or end with one or more characters from a set, or that it contain any characters except those in a set.

A text pattern consists of metacharacters, which have special meaning in the match string, and nonmetacharacters, which match the characters themselves.

The following tables explain the meaning and use of these metacharacters:



| Metacharacter                                                                        | Meaning                                                                                 | Example                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Caret (^)                                                                            | Matches the beginning of a string                                                       | ^C matches C at the beginning of a string.                                                                                                                      |
| Dollar sign (\$)                                                                     | Matches the end of a string                                                             | s\$ matches s at the end of a string.                                                                                                                           |
| Period (.)                                                                           | Matches any character                                                                   | . . . matches three consecutive characters.                                                                                                                     |
| Backslash (\)                                                                        | Removes the following metacharacter's special characteristics so that it matches itself | \\$ matches \$.                                                                                                                                                 |
| Character class (a group of characters enclosed in square brackets [ ])              | Matches any of the enclosed characters                                                  | [AEIOU] matches A, E, I, O, or U.<br><br>You can use hyphens to abbreviate ranges of characters in a character class. For example, [A-Za-z] matches any letter. |
| Complemented character class (first character inside the square brackets is a caret) | Matches any character <i>not</i> in the group following the caret                       | [^0-9] matches any character except a digit, and [^A-Za-z] matches any character except a letter.                                                               |

The metacharacters asterisk (\*), plus (+), and question mark (?) are unary operators that are used to specify repetitions in a regular expression:

| Metacharacter     | Meaning                            | Example                                                   |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| * (asterisk)      | Indicates zero or more occurrences | A* matches zero or more As (no As, A, AA, AAA, and so on) |
| + (plus)          | Indicates one or more occurrences  | A+ matches one A or more than one A (A, AAA, and so on)   |
| ? (question mark) | Indicates zero or one occurrence   | A? matches an empty string ("") or A                      |

**Sample patterns** The following table shows various text patterns and sample text that matches each pattern:

| This pattern         | Matches                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AB                   | Any string that contains AB, such as ABA, DEABC, graphAB_one.                                                                                                                                           |
| B*                   | Any string that contains 0 or more Bs, such as AC, B, BB, BBB, ABBBC, and so on. Since B* used alone matches any string, you would not use it alone, but notice its use in some the following examples. |
| AB*C                 | Any string containing the pattern AC or ABC or ABBC, and so on (0 or more Bs).                                                                                                                          |
| AB+C                 | Any string containing the pattern ABC or ABBC or ABBBC, and so on (1 or more Bs).                                                                                                                       |
| ABB*C                | Any string containing the pattern ABC or ABBC or ABBBC, and so on (1 B plus 0 or more Bs).                                                                                                              |
| ^AB                  | Any string starting with AB.                                                                                                                                                                            |
| AB?C                 | Any string containing the pattern AC or ABC (0 or 1 B).                                                                                                                                                 |
| ^[ABC]               | Any string starting with A, B, or C.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| [^ABC]               | A string containing any characters other than A, B, or C.                                                                                                                                               |
| ^[^abc]              | A string that begins with any character except a, b, or c.                                                                                                                                              |
| ^[^a-z]\$            | Any single-character string that is not a lowercase letter (^ and \$ indicate the beginning and end of the string).                                                                                     |
| [A-Z]+               | Any string with one or more uppercase letters.                                                                                                                                                          |
| ^[0-9]+\$            | Any string consisting only of digits.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| ^[0-9][0-9][0-9]\$   | Any string consisting of exactly three digits.                                                                                                                                                          |
| ^([0-9][0-9][0-9])\$ | Any string consisting of exactly three digits enclosed in parentheses.                                                                                                                                  |

### Examples

This validation rule checks that the value the user entered begins with an uppercase letter. If the value of the expression is false, the data fails validation:

```
Match(GetText(), "[A-Z]")
```

### See also

Pos

Match in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Max

### Description

Gets the maximum value in the specified column.

### Syntax

```
Max (column { FOR range { DISTINCT { expres1 {, expres2 {, ... } } } } }
```

| Argument                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>column</i>                  | The column for which you want the maximum value. <i>Column</i> can be the column name or the column number preceded by a pound sign (#). <i>Column</i> can also be an expression that includes a reference to the column. The datatype of <i>column</i> must be numeric.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| FOR <i>range</i><br>(optional) | The data that will be included when the maximum value is found. For most presentation styles, values for <i>range</i> are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ALL – (Default) The maximum value of all rows in <i>column</i>.</li> <li>GROUP <i>n</i> – The maximum value of rows in <i>column</i> in the specified group. Specify the keyword GROUP followed by the group number: for example, GROUP 1.</li> <li>PAGE – The maximum value of the rows in <i>column</i> on a page. For Crosstabs, specify CROSSTAB for <i>range</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CROSSTAB – (Crosstabs only) The maximum value of all rows in <i>column</i> in the crosstab.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> For Graph and OLE objects, specify one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GRAPH – (Graphs only) The maximum value in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option.</li> <li>OBJECT – (OLE objects only) The maximum value in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option.</li> </ul> |
| DISTINCT<br>(optional)         | Causes <b>Max</b> to consider only the distinct values in <i>column</i> when determining the largest value. For a value of <i>column</i> , the first row found with the value is used and other rows that have the same value are ignored.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <i>expresn</i><br>(optional)   | One or more expressions that you want to evaluate to determine distinct rows. <i>Expresn</i> can be the name of a column, a function, or an expression.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

**Return value**

The datatype of the column. Returns the maximum value in the rows of *column*. If you specify *range*, **Max** returns the maximum value in *column* in *range*.

**Usage**

If you specify *range*, **Max** determines the maximum value in *column* in *range*. If you specify **DISTINCT**, **Max** returns the maximum distinct value in *column*, or if you specify *expresn*, the maximum distinct value in *column* where the value of *expresn* is distinct.

For graphs and OLE objects, you do not select the range when you call the function. The range has already been determined by the Rows setting on the Data property page (the Range property), and the aggregation function uses that range. Settings for Rows include the following:

- For the Graph or OLE presentation style, Rows is always All.

- For Graph controls, Rows can be All, Page, or Group.
- For OLE controls, Rows can be All, Current Row, Page, or Group. The available choices depend on the layer the control occupies.

Null values are ignored and are not considered in determining the maximum.

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### Not in validation rules or filter expressions

You cannot use this or other aggregate functions in validation rules or filter expressions.

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Using an aggregate function cancels the effect of setting Retrieve Rows As Needed in the painter. To do the aggregation, a DataWindow object always retrieves all rows.

### Examples

This expression returns the maximum of the values in the age column on the page:

```
Max(age for page)
```

This expression returns the maximum of the values in column 3 on the page:

```
Max(#3 for page)
```

This expression returns the maximum of the values in the column named age in group 1:

```
Max(age for group 1)
```

Assuming a DataWindow object displays the order number, amount, and line items for each order, this computed field returns the maximum of the order amount for the distinct order numbers:

```
Max(order_amt for all DISTINCT order_nbr)
```

### See also

[Min](#)

Max in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Median

### Description

Calculates the median of the values of the column. The median is the middle value in the set of values, for which there is an equal number of values greater and smaller than it.

### Syntax

```
Median (column { FOR range { DISTINCT { expres1 {, expres2 {, ... } } } } })
```

| Argument                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>column</i>                  | The column for which you want the median of the data values. <i>Column</i> can be the column name or the column number preceded by a pound sign (#). <i>Column</i> can also be an expression that includes a reference to the column. The datatype of <i>column</i> must be numeric.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| FOR <i>range</i><br>(optional) | The data that will be included in the median. For most presentation styles, values for <i>range</i> are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ALL – (Default) The median of all values in <i>column</i>.</li> <li>GROUP <i>n</i> – The median of values in <i>column</i> in the specified group. Specify the keyword GROUP followed by the group number: for example, GROUP 1.</li> <li>PAGE – The median of the values in <i>column</i> on a page.</li> </ul> For Crosstabs, specify CROSSTAB for <i>range</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CROSSTAB – (Crosstabs only) The median of all values in <i>column</i> in the crosstab.</li> </ul> For Graph and OLE objects, specify one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GRAPH – (Graphs only) The median of values in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows.</li> <li>OBJECT – (OLE objects only) The median of values in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option.</li> </ul> |
| DISTINCT<br>(optional)         | Causes <b>Median</b> to consider only the distinct values in <i>column</i> when determining the median. For a value of <i>column</i> , the first row found with the value is used and other rows that have the same value are ignored.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>expressn</i><br>(optional)  | One or more expressions that you want to evaluate to determine distinct rows. <i>Expressn</i> can be the name of a column, a function, or an expression.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

**Return value**

The numeric datatype of the column. Returns the median of the values of the rows in *range* if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

**Usage**

If you specify *range*, **Median** returns the median value of *column* in *range*. If you specify DISTINCT, **Median** returns the median value of the distinct values in *column*, or if you specify *expressn*, the median of *column* for each distinct value of *expressn*.

For graphs and OLE objects, you do not select the range when you call the function. The range has already been determined by the Rows setting on the Data property page (the Range property), and the aggregation function uses that range.

Settings for Rows include the following:

- For the Graph or OLE presentation style, Rows is always All.
- For Graph controls, Rows can be All, Page, or Group.
- For OLE controls, Rows can be All, Current Row, Page, or Group. The available choices depend on the layer the control occupies.

In calculating the median, null values are ignored.

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### **Not in validation rules or filter expressions**

You cannot use this or other aggregate functions in validation rules or filter expressions.

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Using an aggregate function cancels the effect of setting Retrieve Rows As Needed in the painter. To do the aggregation, a DataWindow object always retrieves all rows.

### Examples

This expression returns the median of the values in the column named salary:

```
Median(salary)
```

This expression returns the median of the values in the column named salary of group 1:

```
Median(salary for group 1)
```

This expression returns the median of the values in column 5 on the current page:

```
Median(#5 for page)
```

This computed field returns Above Median if the median salary for the page is greater than the median for the report:

```
If(Median(salary for page) > Median(salary), "Above
Median", " ")
```

This expression for a graph value sets the data value to the median value of the sale\_price column:

```
Median(sale_price)
```

This expression for a graph value entered on the Data page in the graph's property sheet sets the data value to the median value of the sale\_price column for the entire graph:

```
Median(sale_price for graph)
```

Assuming a DataWindow object displays the order number, amount, and line items for each order, this computed field returns the median of the order amount for the distinct order numbers:

```
Median(order_amt for all DISTINCT order_nbr)
```

See also

Avg  
Mode

## Mid

Description

Obtains a specified number of characters from a specified position in a string.

Syntax

```
Mid (string, start {, length })
```

| Argument                    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>string</i>               | The string from which you want characters returned.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <i>start</i>                | A long specifying the position of the first character you want returned (the position of the first character of the string is 1).                                                                                                                   |
| <i>length</i><br>(optional) | A long whose value is the number of characters you want returned. If you do not enter <i>length</i> or if <i>length</i> is greater than the number of characters to the right of <i>start</i> , Mid returns the remaining characters in the string. |

Return value

String. Returns characters specified in *length* of *string* starting at character *start*. If *start* is greater than the number of characters in *string*, the Mid function returns the empty string (“”). If *length* is greater than the number of characters remaining after the *start* character, Mid returns the remaining characters. The return string is not filled with spaces to make it the specified length.

Examples

This expression returns “”:

```
Mid ("BABE RUTH", 40, 5)
```

This expression returns BE RUTH:

```
Mid ("BABE RUTH", 3)
```

This expression in a computed field returns ACCESS DENIED if the fourth character in the column password is not R:

```
If (Mid(password, 4, 1) = "R", "ENTER", "ACCESS DENIED")
```

To pass this validation rule, the fourth character in the column password must be 6:

```
Mid(password, 4, 1) = "6"
```

See also

Mid in the *PowerScript Reference*

## MidA

### Description

Obtains a specified number of bytes from a specified position in a string.

### Syntax

**MidA** ( *string*, *start* {, *length* } )

| Argument                    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>string</i>               | The string from which you want characters returned.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>start</i>                | A long specifying the position of the first byte you want returned (the position of the first byte of the string is 1).                                                                                                               |
| <i>length</i><br>(optional) | A long whose value is the number of bytes you want returned. If you do not enter <i>length</i> or if <i>length</i> is greater than the number of bytes to the right of <i>start</i> , MidA returns the remaining bytes in the string. |

### Return value

String. Returns characters specified by the number of bytes in *length* of *string* starting at the byte specified by *start*. If *start* is greater than the number of bytes in *string*, the MidA function returns the empty string (“”). If *length* is greater than the number of bytes remaining after the *start* byte, MidA returns the remaining bytes. The return string is not filled with spaces to make it the specified length.

### Usage

MidA replaces the functionality that Mid had in DBCS environments in PowerBuilder 9. In SBCS environments, Mid and MidA return the same results.

### See also

Mid  
MidA in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Min

### Description

Gets the minimum value in the specified column.

### Syntax

**Min** ( *column* { FOR *range* { DISTINCT { *expres1* {, *expres2* {, ... } } } } } )

| Argument      | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>column</i> | The column for which you want the minimum value. <i>Column</i> can be the column name or the column number preceded by a pound sign (#). <i>Column</i> can also be an expression that includes a reference to the column. The datatype of <i>column</i> must be numeric. |



| Argument                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| FOR <i>range</i><br>(optional) | <p>The data that will be included in the minimum. For most presentation styles, values for <i>range</i> are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALL – (Default) The minimum of all values in <i>column</i>.</li> <li>• GROUP <i>n</i> – The minimum of values in <i>column</i> in the specified group. Specify the keyword GROUP followed by the group number: for example, GROUP 1.</li> <li>• PAGE – The minimum of the values in <i>column</i> on a page.</li> </ul> <p>For Crosstabs, specify CROSSTAB for <i>range</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CROSSTAB – (Crosstabs only) The minimum of all values in <i>column</i> in the crosstab.</li> </ul> <p>For Graph and OLE objects, specify one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GRAPH – (Graphs only) The minimum of values in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option.</li> <li>• OBJECT – (OLE objects only) The minimum of values in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option.</li> </ul> |
| DISTINCT<br>(optional)         | <p>Causes Min to consider only the distinct values in <i>column</i> when determining the minimum value. For a value of <i>column</i>, the first row found with the value is used and other rows that have the same value are ignored.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>expressn</i><br>(optional)  | <p>One or more expressions that you want to evaluate to determine distinct rows. <i>Expressn</i> can be the name of a column, a function, or an expression.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

**Return value**

The datatype of the column. Returns the minimum value in the rows of *column*. If you specify *range*, Min returns the minimum value in the rows of *column* in *range*.

**Usage**

If you specify *range*, Min determines the minimum value in *column* in *range*. If you specify DISTINCT, Min returns the minimum distinct value in *column*, or if you specify *expressn*, the minimum distinct value in *column* where the value of *expressn* is distinct.

For graphs and OLE objects, you do not select the range when you call the function. The range has already been determined by the Rows setting on the Data property page (the Range property), and the aggregation function uses that range. Settings for Rows include:

- For the Graph or OLE presentation style, Rows is always All.
- For Graph controls, Rows can be All, Page, or Group.
- For OLE controls, Rows can be All, Current Row, Page, or Group. The available choices depend on the layer the control occupies.

Null values are ignored and are not considered in determining the minimum.

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**Not in validation rules or filter expressions**

You cannot use this or other aggregate functions in validation rules or filter expressions.

---

Using an aggregate function cancels the effect of setting Retrieve Rows As Needed in the painter. To do the aggregation, a DataWindow object always retrieves all rows.

**Examples**

This expression returns the minimum value in the column named age in group 2:

```
Min(age for group 2)
```

This expression returns the minimum of the values in column 3 on the page:

```
Min(#3 for page)
```

Assuming a DataWindow object displays the order number, amount, and line items for each order, this computed field returns the minimum of the order amount for the distinct order numbers:

```
Min(order_amt for all DISTINCT order_nbr)
```

**See also**

Max

Min in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Minute

**Description**

Obtains the number of minutes in the minutes portion of a time value.

**Syntax**

```
Minute (time)
```

| Argument    | Description                                    |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <i>time</i> | The time value from which you want the minutes |

**Return value**

Integer. Returns the minutes portion of *time* (00 to 59).

**Examples**

This expression returns 1:

```
Minute(19:01:31)
```

**See also**

Hour

Second

Minute in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Mod

### Description

Obtains the remainder (modulus) of a division operation.

### Syntax

**Mod** ( *x*, *y* )

| Argument | Description                                 |
|----------|---------------------------------------------|
| <i>x</i> | The number you want to divide by <i>y</i>   |
| <i>y</i> | The number you want to divide into <i>x</i> |

### Return value

The datatype of *x* or *y*, whichever datatype is more precise.

### Examples

This expression returns 2:

```
Mod (20, 6)
```

This expression returns 1.5:

```
Mod (25.5, 4)
```

This expression returns 2.5:

```
Mod (25, 4.5)
```

### See also

Mod in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Mode

### Description

Calculates the mode of the values of the column. The mode is the most frequently occurring value.

### Syntax

**Mode** ( *column* { FOR *range* { DISTINCT { *expres1* {, *expres2* {, ... } } } } } )

| Argument      | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>column</i> | The column for which you want the mode of the data values.<br><i>Column</i> can be the column name or the column number preceded by a pound sign (#). <i>Column</i> can also be an expression that includes a reference to the column. The datatype of <i>column</i> must be numeric. |

| Argument                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| FOR <i>range</i><br>(optional) | <p>The data that will be included in the mode. For most presentation styles, values for <i>range</i> are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALL – (Default) The mode of all values in <i>column</i>.</li> <li>• GROUP <i>n</i> – The mode of values in <i>column</i> in the specified group. Specify the keyword GROUP followed by the group number: for example, GROUP 1.</li> <li>• PAGE – The mode of the values in <i>column</i> on a page.</li> </ul> <p>For Crosstabs, specify CROSSTAB for <i>range</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CROSSTAB – (Crosstabs only) The mode of all values in <i>column</i> in the crosstab.</li> </ul> <p>For Graph and OLE objects, specify one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GRAPH – (Graphs only) The mode of values in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option.</li> <li>• OBJECT – (OLE objects only) The mode of values in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option.</li> </ul> |
| DISTINCT<br>(optional)         | <p>Causes <b>Mode</b> to consider only the distinct values in <i>column</i> when determining the mode. For a value of <i>column</i>, the first row found with the value is used and other rows that have the same value are ignored.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <i>expressn</i><br>(optional)  | <p>One or more expressions that you want to evaluate to determine distinct rows. <i>Expressn</i> can be the name of a column, a function, or an expression.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

**Return value**

The numeric datatype of the column. Returns the mode of the values of the rows in *range* if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

**Usage**

If you specify *range*, **Mode** returns the mode of *column* in *range*. If you specify DISTINCT, **Mode** returns the mode of the distinct values in *column*, or if you specify *expressn*, the mode of *column* for each distinct value of *expressn*.

For graphs and OLE objects, you do not select the range when you call the function. The range has already been determined by the Rows setting on the Data property page (the Range property), and the aggregation function uses that range. Settings for Rows include:

- For the Graph or OLE presentation style, Rows is always All.
- For Graph controls, Rows can be All, Page, or Group.
- For OLE controls, Rows can be All, Current Row, Page, or Group. The available choices depend on the layer the control occupies.

In calculating the mode, null values are ignored.

**Not in validation rules or filter expressions**

You cannot use this or other aggregate functions in validation rules or filter expressions.

Using an aggregate function cancels the effect of setting Retrieve Rows As Needed in the painter. To do the aggregation, a DataWindow object always retrieves all rows.

**Examples**

This expression returns the mode of the values in the column named salary:

```
Mode(salary)
```

This expression returns the mode of the values for group 1 in the column named salary:

```
Mode(salary for group 1)
```

This expression returns the mode of the values in column 5 on the current page:

```
Mode(#5 for page)
```

This computed field returns Above Mode if the mode of the salary for the page is greater than the mode for the report:

```
If(Mode(salary for page) > Mode(salary), "Above
Mode", " ")
```

This expression for a graph value sets the data value to the mode of the sale\_price column:

```
Mode(sale_price)
```

This expression for a graph value entered on the Data page in the graph's property sheet sets the data value to the mode of the sale\_price column for the entire graph:

```
Mode(sale_price for graph)
```

Assuming a DataWindow object displays the order number, amount, and line items for each order, this computed field returns the mode of the order amount for the distinct order numbers:

```
Mode(order_amt for all DISTINCT order_nbr)
```

**See also**

Avg  
Median

## Month

**Description** Gets the month of a date value.

**Syntax** `Month ( date )`

| Argument    | Description                            |
|-------------|----------------------------------------|
| <i>date</i> | The date from which you want the month |

**Return value** Integer. Returns an integer (1 to 12) whose value is the month portion of *date*.

**Examples** This expression returns 1:

```
Month (2005-01-31)
```

This expression for a computed column returns Wrong Month if the month in the column `expected_grad_date` is not 6:

```
If (Month (expected_grad_date) = 6, "June", "Wrong Month")
```

This validation rule expression checks that the value of the month in the date in the column `expected_grad_date` is 6:

```
Month (expected_grad_date) = 6
```

**See also**

[Day](#)

[Date](#)

[Year](#)

Month in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Now

**Description** Obtains the current time based on the system time of the client machine.

**Syntax** `Now ( )`

**Return value** Time. Returns the current time based on the system time of the client machine.

**Usage** Use `Now` to compare a time to the system time or to display the system time on the screen. The timer interval specified for the `DataWindow` object determines the frequency at which the value of `Now` is updated. For example, if the timer interval is one second, it is updated every second. The default timer interval is one minute (60,000 milliseconds).

**Examples** This expression returns the current system time:

```
Now ()
```

This expression sets the column value to 8:00 when the current system time is before 8:00 and to the current time if it is after 8:00:

```
If(Now() < 08:00:00, '08:00:00', String(Now()))
```

The displayed time refreshes every time the specified time interval period elapses.

If a static value of time is required (for example, the time when a report has been executed or the retrieve has started), you can use a static text field that you modify as follows:

```
//Set the time when the report was executed in
//the text field t_now
dw1.Modify("t_now.text='"+ String(Now()), "hh:mm")+"'")
//execute the report
dw1.retrieve()
```

See also

If

Year

Now in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Number

Description

Converts a string to a number.

Syntax

**Number** ( *string* )

| Argument      | Description                              |
|---------------|------------------------------------------|
| <i>string</i> | The string you want returned as a number |

Return value

A numeric datatype. Returns the contents of *string* as a number. If *string* is not a valid number, Number returns 0.

Examples

This expression converts the string 24 to a number:

```
Number("24")
```

This expression for a computed field tests whether the value in the age column is greater than 55 and if so displays N/A; otherwise, it displays the value in age:

```
If(Number(age) > 55, "N/A", age)
```

This validation rule checks that the number the user entered is between 25,000 and 50,000:

```
Number(GetText())>25000 AND Number(GetText())<50000
```

## Page

|              |                                               |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Description  | Gets the number of the current page.          |
| Syntax       | <b>Page</b> ( )                               |
| Return value | Long. Returns the number of the current page. |

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### Calculating the page count

The vertical size of the paper less the top and bottom margins is used to calculate the page count. When the print orientation is landscape, the vertical size of the paper is the shorter dimension. If the DataWindow object is not set to print preview, then the size of the control determines the page number.

When Page() is in the header, it uses the first row currently visible on the page to determine the page number. When it is in the footer, it uses the last row currently visible. Therefore, it is possible for the values to be different.

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**Examples** This expression returns the number of the current page:

**Page** ( )

In the DataWindow object's footer band, this expression for a computed field displays a string showing the current page number and the total number of pages in the report. The result has the format Page *n* of *total*:

```
'Page ' + Page() + ' of ' + PageCount()
```

**See also** [PageAbs](#)  
[PageAcross](#)  
[PageCount](#)  
[PageCountAcross](#)

## PageAbs

|              |                                                        |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Description  | Gets the absolute number of the current page.          |
| Syntax       | <b>PageAbs</b> ( )                                     |
| Return value | Long. Returns the absolute number of the current page. |



**Usage** Use this function for group reports that have `ResetPageCount = yes`. It returns the absolute page number, ignoring the page reset count. This enables you to number the grouped pages, but also to obtain the absolute page when the user wants to print the current page, regardless of what that page number is in a grouped page report.

**Examples** This expression returns the absolute number of the current page:

```
PageAbs ()
```

This example obtains the absolute page number for the first row on the page in the string variable *ret*:

```
string ret, row
row = dw1.Object.DataWindow.FirstRowOnPage
ret = dw1.Describe("Evaluate('pageabs()', "+row+"")")
```

**See also** [Page](#)  
[PageCount](#)  
[PageCountAcross](#)

## PageAcross

**Description** Gets the number of the current horizontal page. For example, if a report is twice the width of the print preview window and the window is scrolled horizontally to display the portion of the report that was outside the preview, `PageAcross` returns 2 because the current page is the second horizontal page.

**Syntax** `PageAcross ()`

**Return value** Long. Returns the number of the current horizontal page if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

**Examples** This expression returns the number of the current horizontal page:

```
PageAcross ()
```

**See also** [Page](#)  
[PageCount](#)  
[PageCountAcross](#)

## PageCount

|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description</b>  | Gets the total number of pages when a DataWindow object is being viewed in Print Preview. This number is also the number of printed pages if the DataWindow object is not wider than the preview window. If the DataWindow object is wider than the preview window, the number of printed pages will be greater than the number <code>PageCount</code> gets. |
| <b>Syntax</b>       | <code>PageCount ( )</code>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Return value</b> | Long. Returns the total number of pages.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Usage</b>        | <code>PageCount</code> applies to Print Preview.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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### Calculating the page count

The vertical size of the paper less the top and bottom margins is used to calculate the page count. When the print orientation is landscape, the vertical size of the paper is the shorter dimension. If the DataWindow object is not set to print preview, then the size of the control determines the page count.

---

**Examples** This expression returns the number of pages:

```
PageCount ()
```

In the DataWindow object's footer band, this expression for a computed field displays a string showing the current page number and the total number of pages in the report. The result has the format *Page n of total*:

```
'Page ' + Page() + ' of ' + PageCount ()
```

**See also** `Page`  
`PageAcross`  
`PageCountAcross`

## PageCountAcross

|                     |                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description</b>  | Gets the total number of horizontal pages that are wider than the Print Preview window when a DataWindow object is viewed in Print preview. |
| <b>Syntax</b>       | <code>PageCountAcross ( )</code>                                                                                                            |
| <b>Return value</b> | Long. Returns the total number of horizontal pages if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.                                                |
| <b>Usage</b>        | <code>PageCountAcross</code> applies to Print Preview.                                                                                      |

**Examples** This expression returns the number of horizontal pages in the Print Preview window:

```
PageCountAcross ()
```

**See also** Page  
PageAcross  
PageCount

## Paint

**Description** Takes a string expression argument and returns the same string, allowing you to paint inside a DataWindow object in a way that respect the position and z-order of other DataWindow objects.

**Syntax** `Paint ( expr )`

| Argument    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>expr</i> | Any valid DataWindow expression. It should contain a function call to a drawing global function with rendering logic. If <i>expr</i> is a string expression and the value is not null, the computed field will render the evaluated string expression. |

**Return value** String. The Paint expression function takes a string expression argument and returns the same string.

**Examples** This example instantiates the drawing functions and, if the drawing function returns false, the text “No Pie” displays.

```
Paint
(
 MyDrawPieSlice
 (
 GetPaintDC ()
 GetPaintRectX ()
 GetPaintRectY ()
 GetPaintRectWidth ()
 GetPaintRectHeight ()
 GetRow () *100/RowCount ()
)
)

Paint
(
```

```
MyDrawPieSlice
(
 GetPaintDC(),
 GetRow()*100/RowCount()
)

Paint
(
 if MyDrawPieSlice(GetPaintDC()), "", "No Pie"
)
```

## Percent

### Description

Gets the percentage that the current value represents of the total of the values in the column.

### Syntax

**Percent** ( *column* { FOR *range* { DISTINCT { *expres1* {, *expres2* {, ... } } } } } )

| Argument      | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>column</i> | The column for which you want the value of each row expressed as a percentage of the total of the values of the column. <i>Column</i> can be the column name or the column number preceded by a pound sign (#). <i>Column</i> can also be an expression that includes a reference to the column. The datatype of <i>column</i> must be numeric. |

| Argument                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| FOR <i>range</i><br>(optional) | <p>The data to be included in the percentage. For most presentation styles, values for <i>range</i> are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALL – (Default) The percentage that the current value represents of all rows in <i>column</i>.</li> <li>• GROUP <i>n</i> – The percentage that the current value represents of rows in <i>column</i> in the specified group. Specify the keyword GROUP followed by the group number: for example, GROUP 1.</li> <li>• PAGE – The percentage that the current value represents of the rows in <i>column</i> on a page.</li> </ul> <p>For Crosstabs, specify CROSSTAB for <i>range</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CROSSTAB – (Crosstabs only) The percentage that the current value represents of all rows in <i>column</i> in the crosstab.</li> </ul> <p>For Graph and OLE objects, specify one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GRAPH – (Graphs only) The percentage that the current value represents of values in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option.</li> <li>• OBJECT – (OLE objects only) The percentage that the current value represents of values in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option.</li> </ul> |
| DISTINCT<br>(optional)         | Causes Percent to consider only the distinct values in <i>column</i> when determining the percentage. For a value of <i>column</i> , the first row found with the value is used and other rows that have the same value are ignored.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <i>expressn</i><br>(optional)  | One or more expressions that you want to evaluate to determine distinct rows. <i>Expressn</i> can be the name of a column, a function, or an expression.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

**Return value**

A numeric datatype (decimal, double, integer, long, or real). Returns the percentage the current row of *column* represents of the total value of the column.

**Usage**

Usually you use Percent in a column to display the percentage for each row. You can also use Percent in a header or trailer for a group. In the header, Percent displays the percentage for the first value in the group, and in the trailer, for the last value in the group.

If you specify *range*, Percent returns the percentage that the current row of *column* represents relative to the total value of *range*. For example, if column 5 is salary, Percent(#5 for group 1) is equivalent to `salary/(Sum(Salary for group 1))`.

If you specify **DISTINCT**, **Percent** returns the percent that a distinct value in *column* represents of the total value of *column*. If you specify *express*, **Percent** returns the percent that the value in *column* represents of the total for *column* in a row in which the value of *express* is distinct.

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### Formatting the percent value

The percentage is displayed as a decimal value unless you specify a format for the result. A display format can be part of the computed field's definition.

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For graphs and OLE objects, you do not select the range when you call the function. The range has already been determined by the Rows setting on the Data property page (the Range property), and the aggregation function uses that range. Settings for Rows include the following:

- For the Graph or OLE presentation style, Rows is always All.
- For Graph controls, Rows can be All, Page, or Group.
- For OLE controls, Rows can be All, Current Row, Page, or Group. The available choices depend on the layer the control occupies.

Null values are ignored and are not considered in the calculation.

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### Not in validation rules, filter expressions, or crosstabs

You cannot use **Percent** or other aggregate functions in validation rules or filter expressions. **Percent** does not work for crosstabs; specifying "for crosstab" as a range is not available for **Percent**.

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Using an aggregate function cancels the effect of setting Retrieve Rows As Needed in the painter. To do the aggregation, a DataWindow object always retrieves all rows.

### Examples

This expression returns the value of each row in the column named salary as a percentage of the total of salary:

```
Percent(salary)
```

This expression returns the value of each row in the column named cost as a percentage of the total of cost in group 2:

```
Percent(cost for group 2)
```

This expression entered in the Value box on the Data tab page in the Graph Object property sheet returns the value of each row in the qty\_ordered as a percentage of the total for the column in the graph:

```
Percent(qty_ordered for graph)
```

Assuming a DataWindow object displays the order number, amount, and line items for each order, this computed field returns the order amount as a percentage of the total order amount for the distinct order numbers:

```
Percent(order_amt for all DISTINCT order_nbr)
```

See also

CumulativePercent

## Pi

Description

Multiplies pi by a specified number.

Syntax

```
Pi (n)
```

| Argument | Description                                                    |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>n</i> | The number you want to multiply by pi (3.14159265358979323...) |

Return value

Double. Returns the result of multiplying *n* by pi if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

Usage

Use Pi to convert angles to and from radians.

Examples

This expression returns pi:

```
Pi (1)
```

Both these expressions return the area of a circle with the radius Rad:

```
Pi (1) * Rad^2
```

```
Pi (Rad^2)
```

This expression computes the cosine of a 45-degree angle:

```
Cos (45.0 * (Pi (2) / 360))
```

See also

Cos

Sin

Tan

Pi in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Pos

Description

Finds one string within another string.

**Syntax****Pos** ( *string1*, *string2* {, *start* } )

| Argument                   | Description                                                                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>string1</i>             | The string in which you want to find <i>string2</i> .                              |
| <i>string2</i>             | The string you want to find in <i>string1</i> .                                    |
| <i>start</i><br>(optional) | A long indicating where the search will begin in <i>string</i> . The default is 1. |

**Return value**

Long. Returns a long whose value is the starting position of the first occurrence of *string2* in *string1* after the position specified in *start*. If *string2* is not found in *string1* or if *start* is not within *string1*, Pos returns 0.

**Usage**

The Pos function is case-sensitive.

**Examples**

This expression returns the position of the letter *a* in the value of the last\_name column:

```
Pos (last_name, "a")
```

This expression returns 6:

```
Pos ("BABE RUTH", "RU")
```

This expression returns 1:

```
Pos ("BABE RUTH", "B")
```

This expression returns 0 (because the case does not match):

```
Pos ("BABE RUTH", "be")
```

This expression returns 0 (because it starts searching at position 5, after the occurrence of BE):

```
Pos ("BABE RUTH", "BE", 5)
```

**See also**

LastPos

Left

Mid

PosA

Right

Pos in the *PowerScript Reference*

## PosA

**Description**

Finds one string within another string.



**Syntax** `PosA ( string1, string2 {, start } )`

| Argument                   | Description                                                                                              |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>string1</i>             | The string in which you want to find <i>string2</i> .                                                    |
| <i>string2</i>             | The string you want to find in <i>string1</i> .                                                          |
| <i>start</i><br>(optional) | A long indicating the position in bytes where the search will begin in <i>string</i> . The default is 1. |

**Return value** Long. Returns a long whose value is the starting position of the first occurrence of *string2* in *string1* after the position in bytes specified in *start*. If *string2* is not found in *string1* or if *start* is not within *string1*, PosA returns 0.

**Usage** PosA replaces the functionality that Pos had in DBCS environments in PowerBuilder 9. In SBCS environments, Pos and PosA return the same results.

**See also** LastPos  
LeftA  
MidA  
Pos  
RightA  
PosA in the *PowerScript Reference*

## ProfileInt

**Description** Obtains the integer value of a setting in the specified profile file.

**Syntax** `ProfileInt ( filename, section, key, default )`

| Argument        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>filename</i> | A string whose value is the name of the profile file. If you do not specify a full path, ProfileInt uses the operating system's standard file search order to find the file.                                                |
| <i>section</i>  | A string whose value is the name of a group of related values in the profile file. In the file, section names are in square brackets. Do not include the brackets in <i>section</i> . <i>Section</i> is not case-sensitive. |
| <i>key</i>      | A string specifying the setting name in <i>section</i> whose value you want. The setting name is followed by an equal sign in the file. Do not include the equal sign in <i>key</i> . <i>Key</i> is not case-sensitive.     |
| <i>default</i>  | An integer value that ProfileInt returns if <i>filename</i> is not found, if <i>section</i> or <i>key</i> does not exist in <i>filename</i> , or if the value of <i>key</i> cannot be converted to an integer.              |

- Return value** Integer. Returns *default* if *filename* is not found, *section* is not found in *filename*, *key* is not found in *section*, or the value of *key* is not an integer. Returns -1 if an error occurs.
- Usage** Use `ProfileInt` and `ProfileString` to get configuration settings from a profile file you have designed for your application. `ProfileInt` and `ProfileString` can read files with ANSI or UTF16-LE encoding on Windows systems, and ANSI or UTF16-BE encoding on UNIX systems.

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### Using a DataWindow object in different environments

**PowerBuilder** You can use PowerScript `SetProfileString` to change values in the profile file to customize your application's configuration at runtime. Before you make changes, you can use `ProfileInt` and `ProfileString` to obtain the original settings so you can optionally restore them when the user exits the application.

**Web control** `ProfileInt` always returns the value of *default*. It does not open a file on the user's machine; doing so would be a security violation.

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- Examples** This example uses the following *PROFILE.INI* file:

```
[MyApp]
Maximized=1

[Security]
Class = 7
```

This expression tries to return the integer value of the keyword `Minimized` in section `MyApp` of file `C:\PROFILE.INI`. It returns 3 if there is no `MyApp` section or no `Minimized` keyword in the `MyApp` section. Based on the sample file above, it returns 3:

```
ProfileInt("C:\PROFILE.INI", "MyApp", "minimized", 3)
```

- See also** `ProfileString`  
`ProfileInt` in the *PowerScript Reference*

## ProfileString

- Description** Obtains the string value of a setting in the specified profile file.
- Syntax** `ProfileString ( filename, section, key, default )`

| Argument        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>filename</i> | A string whose value is the name of the profile file. If you do not specify a full path, <code>ProfileString</code> uses the operating system's standard file search order to find the file.                                 |
| <i>section</i>  | A string whose value is the name of a group of related values in the profile file. In the file, section names are in square brackets. Do not include the brackets in <i>section</i> . <i>Section</i> is not case-sensitive.  |
| <i>key</i>      | A string specifying the setting name in <i>section</i> whose value you want. The setting name is followed by an equal sign in the file. Do not include the equal sign in <i>key</i> . <i>Key</i> is not case-sensitive.      |
| <i>default</i>  | A string value that <code>ProfileString</code> returns if <i>filename</i> is not found, if <i>section</i> or <i>key</i> does not exist in <i>filename</i> , or if the value of <i>key</i> cannot be converted to an integer. |

**Return value**

String, with a maximum length of 4096 characters. Returns the string from *key* within *section* within *filename*. If *filename* is not found, *section* is not found in *filename*, or *key* is not found in *section*, `ProfileString` returns *default*. If an error occurs, it returns the empty string ("").

**Usage**

Use `ProfileInt` and `ProfileString` to get configuration settings from a profile file you have designed for your application. `ProfileInt` and `ProfileString` can read files with ANSI or UTF16-LE encoding on Windows systems, and ANSI or UTF16-BE encoding on UNIX systems.

**Using a DataWindow object in different environments**

**PowerBuilder** You can use PowerScript `SetProfileString` to change values in the profile file to customize your application's configuration at runtime. Before you make changes, you can use `ProfileInt` and `ProfileString` to obtain the original settings so you can optionally restore them when the user exits the application.

**Web control** `ProfileString` always returns the value of *default*. It does not open a file on the user's machine; doing so would be a security violation.

**Examples**

This example uses the following section in the *PROFILE.INI* file:

```
[Employee]
Name="Smith"

[Dept]
Name="Marketing"
```

This expression returns the string for the keyword Name in section Employee in file *C:\PROFILE.INI*. It returns None if the section or keyword does not exist. In this case it returns Smith:

```
ProfileString("C:\PROFILE.INI", "Employee", "Name",
"None")
```

See also

[ProfileInt](#)

[ProfileString](#) in the *PowerScript Reference*

[SetProfileString](#) in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Rand

Description

Obtains a random whole number between 1 and a specified upper limit.

Syntax

**Rand** ( *n* )

| Argument | Description                                                                                                                          |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>n</i> | The upper limit of the range of random numbers you want returned. The lower limit is always 1. The upper limit cannot exceed 32,767. |

Return value

A numeric datatype, the datatype of *n*. Returns a random whole number between 1 and *n*.

Usage

The sequence of numbers generated by repeated calls to the [Rand](#) function is a computer-generated pseudorandom sequence.

You can control whether the sequence is different each time your application runs by calling the PowerScript Randomize function to initialize the random number generator.

Examples

This expression returns a random whole number between 1 and 10:

```
Rand(10)
```

See also

[Rand](#) in the *PowerScript Reference*

[Randomize](#) in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Real

Description

Converts a string value to a real datatype.

Syntax

**Real** ( *string* )

| Argument      | Description                                          |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>string</i> | The string whose value you want to convert to a real |

- Return value** Real. Returns the contents of a string as a real. If *string* is not a valid number, **Real** returns 0.
- Examples** This expression converts 24 to a real:
- ```
Real ("24")
```
- This expression returns the value in the column temp_text as a real:
- ```
Real (temp_text)
```
- See also** Real in the *PowerScript Reference*

## RelativeDate

- Description** Obtains the date that occurs a specified number of days after or before another date.
- Syntax** **RelativeDate** ( *date*, *n* )
- | Argument    | Description                              |
|-------------|------------------------------------------|
| <i>date</i> | A date value                             |
| <i>n</i>    | An integer indicating the number of days |
- Return value** Date. Returns the date that occurs *n* days after *date* if *n* is greater than 0. Returns the date that occurs *n* days before *date* if *n* is less than 0.
- Examples** This expression returns 2005-02-10:
- ```
RelativeDate (2005-01-31, 10)
```
- This expression returns 2005-01-21:
- ```
RelativeDate (2005-01-31, -10)
```
- See also** **DaysAfter**  
RelativeDate in the *PowerScript Reference*

## RelativeTime

- Description** Obtains a time that occurs a specified number of seconds after or before another time within a 24-hour period.
- Syntax** **RelativeTime** ( *time*, *n* )

| Argument    | Description              |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| <i>time</i> | A time value             |
| <i>n</i>    | A long number of seconds |

**Return value** Time. Returns the time that occurs *n* seconds after *time* if *n* is greater than 0. Returns the time that occurs *n* seconds before *time* if *n* is less than 0. The maximum return value is 23:59:59.

**Examples** This expression returns 19:01:41:

```
RelativeTime (19:01:31, 10)
```

This expression returns 19:01:21:

```
RelativeTime (19:01:31, -10)
```

**See also** [SecondsAfter](#)  
[RelativeTime](#) in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Replace

**Description** Replaces a portion of one string with another.

**Syntax** `Replace ( string1, start, n, string2 )`

| Argument       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>string1</i> | The string in which you want to replace characters with <i>string2</i> .                                                                                                                    |
| <i>start</i>   | A long whose value is the number of the first character you want replaced. (The first character in the string is number 1.)                                                                 |
| <i>n</i>       | A long whose value is the number of characters you want to replace.                                                                                                                         |
| <i>string2</i> | The string that replaces characters in <i>string1</i> . The number of characters in <i>string2</i> can be greater than, equal to, or fewer than the number of characters you are replacing. |

**Return value** String. Returns the string with the characters replaced if it succeeds and the empty string (“”) if it fails.

**Usage** If the start position is beyond the end of the string, `Replace` appends *string2* to *string1*. If there are fewer characters after the start position than specified in *n*, `Replace` replaces all the characters to the right of character start.

If *n* is zero, then in effect `Replace` inserts *string2* into *string1*.

**Examples**

This expression changes the last two characters of the string David to e to make it Dave:

```
Replace("David", 4, 2, "e")
```

This expression returns MY HOUSE:

```
Replace("YOUR HOUSE", 1, 4, "MY")
```

This expression returns Closed for the Winter:

```
Replace("Closed for Vacation", 12, 8, "the Winter")
```

**See also**

ReplaceA

Replace in the *PowerScript Reference*

## ReplaceA

**Description**

Replaces a portion of one string with another.

**Syntax**

```
ReplaceA (string1, start, n, string2)
```

| Argument       | Description                                                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>string1</i> | The string in which you want to replace bytes with <i>string2</i> .                                                                                                          |
| <i>start</i>   | A long whose value is the number of the first byte you want replaced. (The first byte in the string is number 1.)                                                            |
| <i>n</i>       | A long whose value is the number of bytes you want to replace.                                                                                                               |
| <i>string2</i> | The string that replaces bytes in <i>string1</i> . The number of bytes in <i>string2</i> can be greater than, equal to, or fewer than the number of bytes you are replacing. |

**Return value**

String. Returns the string with the bytes replaced if it succeeds and the empty string ("") if it fails.

**Usage**

If the start position is beyond the end of the string, ReplaceA appends *string2* to *string1*. If there are fewer bytes after the start position than specified in *n*, ReplaceA replaces all the bytes to the right of character *start*.

If *n* is zero, then in effect ReplaceA inserts *string2* into *string1*.

ReplaceA replaces the functionality that Replace had in DBCS environments in PowerBuilder 9. In SBCS environments, Replace and ReplaceA return the same results.

**See also**

Replace

ReplaceA in the *PowerScript Reference*

## RGB

### Description

Calculates the long value that represents the color specified by numeric values for the red, green, and blue components of the color.

### Syntax

**RGB** ( *red*, *green*, *blue* )

| Argument     | Description                                           |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>red</i>   | The integer value of the red component of the color   |
| <i>green</i> | The integer value of the green component of the color |
| <i>blue</i>  | The integer value of the blue component of the color  |

### Return value

Long. Returns the long that represents the color created by combining the values specified in red, green, and blue. If an error occurs, **RGB** returns **null**.

### Usage

The formula for combining the colors is:

$\text{Red} + (256 * \text{Green}) + (65536 * \text{Blue})$

Use **RGB** to obtain the long value required to set the color for text and drawing objects. You can also set an object's color to the long value that represents the color. The **RGB** function provides an easy way to calculate that value.

**Determining color components** The value of a component color is an integer between 0 and 255 that represents the amount of the component that is required to create the color you want. The lower the value, the darker the color; the higher the value, the lighter the color.

The following table lists red, green, and blue values for the 16 standard colors:

| Color        | Red value | Green value | Blue value |
|--------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Black        | 0         | 0           | 0          |
| White        | 255       | 255         | 255        |
| Light Gray   | 192       | 192         | 192        |
| Dark Gray    | 128       | 128         | 128        |
| Red          | 255       | 0           | 0          |
| Dark Red     | 128       | 0           | 0          |
| Green        | 0         | 255         | 0          |
| Dark Green   | 0         | 128         | 0          |
| Blue         | 0         | 0           | 255        |
| Dark Blue    | 0         | 0           | 128        |
| Magenta      | 255       | 0           | 255        |
| Dark Magenta | 128       | 0           | 128        |
| Cyan         | 0         | 255         | 255        |
| Dark Cyan    | 0         | 128         | 128        |



| Color  | Red value | Green value | Blue value |
|--------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Yellow | 255       | 255         | 0          |
| Brown  | 128       | 128         | 0          |

**Examples**

This expression returns as a long 8421376, which represents dark cyan:

```
RGB (0,128,128)
```

This expression for the Background.Color property of a salary column returns a long that represents red if an employee's salary is greater than \$50,000 and white if salary is less than or equal to \$50,000:

```
If(salary>50000, RGB(255,0,0), RGB(255,255,255))
```

**See also**

[Example 3: creating a row indicator on page 25](#)

RGB in the *PowerScript Reference*

## RichText

**Description**

Takes as argument a string expression interpreted as RTF and renders it as such. If the argument is not RTF nothing is rendered.

**Syntax**

**RichText** ( *string* )

| Argument      | Description                            |
|---------------|----------------------------------------|
| <i>string</i> | The string expression to render as RTF |

**Return value**

None.

**Examples**

This expression displays the contents of the short\_desc column's as rich text.

```
RichText(short_desc)
```

## RichTextFile

**Description**

Takes as argument a string expression interpreted as a RTF file name and renders the contents. If the argument is not a RTF file nothing is rendered.

**Syntax**

**RichTextFile** ( *string* )

|              | Argument      | Description                                                                                                             |
|--------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|              | <i>string</i> | The string expression to render as RTF file                                                                             |
| Return value |               | None.                                                                                                                   |
| Examples     |               | This expression displays the contents of the richtext.rtf file as rich text.<br><pre>RichTextFile("richtext.rtf")</pre> |

## Right

Description

Obtains a specified number of characters from the end of a string.

Syntax

**Right** ( *string*, *n* )

| Argument      | Description                                                                                          |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>string</i> | The string from which you want characters returned                                                   |
| <i>n</i>      | A long whose value is the number of characters you want returned from the right end of <i>string</i> |

Return value

String. Returns the rightmost *n* characters in *string* if it succeeds and the empty string ("") if an error occurs.

If *n* is greater than or equal to the length of the string, **Right** returns the entire string. It does not add spaces to make the return value's length equal to *n*.

Examples

This expression returns HILL:

```
Right("CASTLE HILL", 4)
```

This expression returns CASTLE HILL:

```
Right("CASTLE HILL", 75)
```

See also

[Left](#)

[Mid](#)

[Pos](#)

[Right](#) in the *PowerScript Reference*

## RightA

Description

Obtains a specified number of characters from the end of a string.

## Syntax

**Right** ( *string*, *n* )

| Argument      | Description                                                                                          |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>string</i> | The string from which you want characters returned                                                   |
| <i>n</i>      | A long whose value is the number of characters you want returned from the right end of <i>string</i> |

## Return value

String. Returns the rightmost *n* characters in *string* if it succeeds and the empty string ("") if an error occurs.

If *n* is greater than or equal to the length of the string, **RightA** returns the entire string. It does not add spaces to make the return value's length equal to *n*.

## Usage

**RightA** replaces the functionality that **Right** had in DBCS environments in PowerBuilder 9. In SBCS environments, **Right** and **RightA** return the same results.

## See also

**LeftA**  
**MidA**  
**PosA**  
**Right**

## RightTrim

## Description

Removes spaces from the end of a string.

## Syntax

**RightTrim** ( *string* )

| Argument      | Description                                               |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>string</i> | The string you want returned with trailing blanks deleted |

## Return value

String. Returns a copy of *string* with trailing blanks deleted if it succeeds and the empty string ("") if an error occurs.

## Examples

This expression returns RUTH:

```
RightTrim("RUTH ")
```

## See also

**LeftTrim**  
**Trim**  
**RightTrim** in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Round

**Description**

Rounds a number to the specified number of decimal places.

**Syntax**

**Round** ( *x* , *n* )

| Argument | Description                                                                                       |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>x</i> | The number you want to round.                                                                     |
| <i>n</i> | The number of decimal places to which you want to round <i>x</i> . Valid values are 0 through 28. |

**Return value**

Decimal. If *n* is positive, **Round** returns *x* rounded to the specified number of decimal places. If *n* is negative, it returns *x* rounded to (- *n* +1) places before the decimal point. Returns -1 if it fails.

**Examples**

This expression returns 9.62:

**Round** ( 9 . 624 , 2 )

This expression returns 9.63:

**Round** ( 9 . 625 , 2 )

This expression returns 9.600:

**Round** ( 9 . 6 , 3 )

This expression returns -9.63:

**Round** ( -9 . 625 , 2 )

This expression returns -10:

**Round** ( -9 . 625 , -1 )

**See also**

[Ceiling](#)  
[Int](#)  
[Truncate](#)  
 Round in the *PowerScript Reference*

## RowCount

**Description**

Obtains the number of rows that are currently available in the primary buffer.

**Syntax**

**RowCount** ( )

**Return value**

Long. Returns the number of rows that are currently available, 0 if no rows are currently available, and -1 if an error occurs.

**Examples** This expression in a computed field returns a warning if no data exists and the number of rows if there is data:

```
If(RowCount() = 0, "No Data", String(RowCount()))
```

**See also** [RowCount on page 754](#)

## RowHeight

**Description** Reports the height of a row associated with a band in a DataWindow object.

**Syntax** `RowHeight ( )`

**Return value** Long. Returns the height of the row in the units specified for the DataWindow object if it succeeds, and -1 if an error occurs.

**Usage** When you call `RowHeight` in a band other than the detail band, it reports on a row in the detail band. See [GetRow](#) for a table specifying which row is associated with each band for reporting purposes.

When a band has Autosize Height set to true, you should avoid using the `RowHeight` DataWindow expression function to set the height of any element in the row. Doing so can result in a logical inconsistency between the height of the row and the height of the element. If you need to use `RowHeight`, you must set the Y coordinate of the element to 0 on the Position page in the Properties view, otherwise the bottom of the element might be clipped. You must do this for every element that uses such an expression. If you move any elements in the band, make sure that their Y coordinates are still set to 0.

You should not use an expression whose runtime value is greater than the value returned by `RowHeight`. For example, you should not set the height of a column to `rowheight() + 30`. Such an expression produces unpredictable results at runtime.

**Examples** This expression for a computed field in the detail band displays the height of each row:

```
RowHeight ()
```

**See also** [GetRow](#)

## Second

**Description** Obtains the number of seconds in the seconds portion of a time value.

**Syntax** `Second ( time )`

| Argument    | Description                                    |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <i>time</i> | The time value from which you want the seconds |

**Return value** Integer. Returns the seconds portion of *time* (00 to 59).

**Examples** This expression returns 31:

```
Second(19:01:31)
```

**See also** [Hour](#)  
[Minute](#)  
 Second in the *PowerScript Reference*

## SecondsAfter

**Description** Gets the number of seconds one time occurs after another.

**Syntax** `SecondsAfter ( time1, time2 )`

| Argument     | Description                                                        |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>time1</i> | A time value that is the start time of the interval being measured |
| <i>time2</i> | A time value that is the end time of the interval                  |

**Return value** Long. Returns the number of seconds *time2* occurs after *time1*. If *time2* occurs before *time1*, `SecondsAfter` returns a negative number.

**Examples** This expression returns 15:

```
SecondsAfter(21:15:30, 21:15:45)
```

This expression returns -15:

```
SecondsAfter(21:15:45, 21:15:30)
```

This expression returns 0:

```
SecondsAfter(21:15:45, 21:15:45)
```

**See also** [DaysAfter](#)  
 SecondsAfter in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Sign

**Description**

Reports whether the number is negative, zero, or positive by checking its sign.

**Syntax**

**Sign** ( *n* )

| Argument | Description                                         |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <i>n</i> | The number for which you want to determine the sign |

**Return value**

Integer. Returns a number (–1, 0, or 1) indicating the sign of *n*.

**Examples**

This expression returns 1 (the number is positive):

**Sign** (5)

This expression returns 0:

**Sign** (0)

This expression returns –1 (the number is negative):

**Sign** (–5)

**See also**

Sign in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Sin

**Description**

Calculates the sine of an angle.

**Syntax**

**Sin** ( *n* )

| Argument | Description                                        |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <i>n</i> | The angle (in radians) for which you want the sine |

**Return value**

Double. Returns the sine of *n* if it succeeds and –1 if an error occurs.

**Examples**

This expression returns .8414709848078965:

**Sin** (1)

This expression returns 0:

**Sin** (0)

This expression returns 0:

**Sin** (pi (1))

**See also**

Cos  
Pi

Tan

Sin in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Small

### Description

Finds a small value at a specified ranking in a column (for example, third-smallest, fifth-smallest) and returns the value of another column or expression based on the result.

### Syntax

**Small** ( *returnexp*, *column*, *nbottom* { FOR *range* { DISTINCT { *expres1* {, *expres2* {, ... } } } } } )

| Argument                    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>returnexp</i>            | The value you want returned when the small value is found. <i>Returnexp</i> includes a reference to a column, but not necessarily the column that is being evaluated for the small value, so that a value is returned from the same row that contains the small value.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <i>column</i>               | The column that contains the small value you are searching for. <i>Column</i> can be a column name or a column number preceded by a pound sign (#). <i>Column</i> can also be an expression that includes a reference to the column. The datatype of <i>column</i> must be numeric.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>nbottom</i>              | The relationship of the small value to the column's smallest value. For example, when <i>nbottom</i> is 2, Small finds the second-smallest value.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| FOR <i>range</i> (optional) | The data that will be included when finding the small value. For most presentation styles, values for <i>range</i> are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ALL – (Default) The small value of all rows in <i>column</i>.</li> <li>GROUP <i>n</i> – The small value of rows in <i>column</i> in the specified group. Specify the keyword GROUP followed by the group number: for example, GROUP 1.</li> <li>PAGE – The small value of the rows in <i>column</i> on a page.</li> </ul> For Crosstabs, specify CROSSTAB for <i>range</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CROSSTAB – (Crosstabs only) The small value of all rows in <i>column</i> in the crosstab.</li> </ul> For Graph and OLE objects, specify one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GRAPH – (Graphs only) The small value in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option.</li> <li>OBJECT – (OLE objects only) The small value in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option.</li> </ul> |



| Argument                      | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DISTINCT<br>(optional)        | Causes <b>Small</b> to consider only the distinct values in <i>column</i> when determining the small value. For a value of <i>column</i> , the first row found with the value is used and other rows that have the same value are ignored. |
| <i>expressn</i><br>(optional) | One or more expressions that you want to evaluate to determine distinct rows. <i>Expressn</i> can be the name of a column, a function, or an expression.                                                                                   |

**Return value**

The datatype of *returnexp*. Returns the *nbottom*-smallest value if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

**Usage**

If you specify *range*, **Small** returns the value in *returnexp* when the value in *column* is the *nbottom*-smallest value in *range*. If you specify **DISTINCT**, **Small** returns *returnexp* when the value in *column* is the *nbottom*-smallest value of the distinct values in *column*, or if you specify *expressn*, the *nbottom*-smallest for each distinct value of *expressn*.

For graphs and OLE objects, you do not select the range when you call the function. The range has already been determined by the Rows setting on the Data property page (the Range property), and the aggregation function uses that range.

Settings for Rows include the following:

- For the Graph or OLE presentation style, Rows is always All.
- For Graph controls, Rows can be All, Page, or Group.
- For OLE controls, Rows can be All, Current Row, Page, or Group. The available choices depend on the layer the control occupies.

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**Min might be faster** If you do not need a return value from another column and you want to find the smallest value (*nbottom* = 1), use **Min**; it is faster.

**Not in validation rules or filter expressions** You cannot use this or other aggregate functions in validation rules or filter expressions.

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Using an aggregate function cancels the effect of setting Retrieve Rows As Needed in the painter. To do the aggregation, a DataWindow object always retrieves all rows.

**Examples**

These expressions return the names of the salespersons with the three smallest sales (sum\_sales is the sum of the sales for each salesperson) in group 2, which might be the salesregion group. Note that sum\_sales contains the values being compared, but **Small** returns a value in the name column:

```
Small(name, sum_sales, 1 for group 2)
Small(name, sum_sales, 2 for group 2)
Small(name, sum_sales, 3 for group 2)
```

This example reports the salesperson with the third-smallest sales, considering only the first entry for each salesperson:

```
Small(name, sum_sales, 3 for all DISTINCT sum_sales)
```

See also

Large

## Space

Description

Builds a string of the specified length whose value consists of spaces.

Syntax

**Space** ( *n* )

| Argument | Description                                                                |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>n</i> | A long whose value is the length of the string you want filled with spaces |

Return value

String. Returns a string filled with *n* spaces if it succeeds and the empty string (“”) if an error occurs.

Examples

This expression for a computed field returns 10 spaces in the computed field if the value of the rating column is Top Secret; otherwise, it returns the value in rating:

```
If(rating = "Top Secret", Space(10), rating)
```

See also

Fill

Space in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Sqrt

Description

Calculates the square root of a number.

Syntax

**Sqrt** ( *n* )

| Argument | Description                                   |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <i>n</i> | The number for which you want the square root |

Return value

Double. Returns the square root of *n*.

- Usage** `Sqrt (n)` is the same as `n ^ .5`.  
Taking the square root of a negative number causes an execution error.
- Examples** This expression returns 1.414213562373095:  
`Sqrt (2)`  
This expression results in an error at execution time:  
`Sqrt (-2)`
- See also** Sqrt in the *PowerScript Reference*

## StDev

- Description** Calculates an estimate of the standard deviation for the specified column. Standard deviation is a measurement of how widely values vary from average.
- Syntax** `StDev ( column { FOR range { DISTINCT { expres1 {, expres2 {, ... } } } } } )`

| Argument                          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>column</code>               | The column for which you want an estimate for the standard deviation of the values in the rows. <code>Column</code> can be the column name or the column number preceded by a pound sign (#). <code>Column</code> can also be an expression that includes a reference to the column. The datatype of <code>column</code> must be numeric.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| FOR <code>range</code> (optional) | The data to be included in the estimate of the standard deviation. For most presentation styles, values for <code>range</code> are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ALL – (Default) The estimate of the standard deviation for all values in <code>column</code>.</li> <li>GROUP <code>n</code> – The estimate of the standard deviation for values in <code>column</code> in the specified group. Specify the keyword GROUP followed by the group number: for example, GROUP 1.</li> <li>PAGE – The estimate of the standard deviation for the values in <code>column</code> on a page.</li> </ul> For Crosstabs, specify CROSSTAB for <code>range</code> to indicate the standard deviation for all values in <code>column</code> in the crosstab.<br>For Graph objects specify GRAPH and for OLE objects specify OBJECT to indicate the standard deviation for values in <code>column</code> in the range specified for the Rows option. |

| Argument                      | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DISTINCT<br>(optional)        | Causes <b>StDev</b> to consider only the distinct values in <i>column</i> when determining the standard deviation. For a value of <i>column</i> , the first row found with the value is used and other rows that have the same value are ignored. |
| <i>expressn</i><br>(optional) | One or more expressions that you want to evaluate to determine distinct rows. <i>Expressn</i> can be the name of a column, a function, or an expression.                                                                                          |

**Return value**

Double. Returns an estimate of the standard deviation for *column*.

**Usage**

If you specify *range*, **StDev** returns an estimate for the standard deviation of *column* within *range*. If you specify DISTINCT, **StDev** returns an estimate of the standard deviation for the distinct values in *column*, or if you specify *expressn*, the estimate of the standard deviation of the rows in *column* where the value of *expressn* is distinct.

For graphs and OLE objects, you do not select the range when you call the function. The range has already been determined by the Rows setting on the Data tab page (the Range property), and the aggregation function uses that range. Settings for Rows include the following:

- For the Graph or OLE presentation style, Rows is always All.
- For Graph controls, Rows can be All, Page, or Group.
- For OLE controls, Rows can be All, Current Row, Page, or Group. The available choices depend on the layer the control occupies.

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**Estimating or calculating actual standard deviation** **StDev** assumes that the values in *column* are a sample of the values in the rows in the column in the database table. If you selected all the rows in the column in the DataWindow object's **SELECT** statement, use **StDevP** to compute the standard deviation of the population.

**Not in validation rules or filter expressions** You cannot use this or other aggregate functions in validation rules or filter expressions.

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Using an aggregate function cancels the effect of setting Retrieve Rows As Needed in the painter. To do the aggregation, a DataWindow object always retrieves all rows.

**Examples**

These examples all assume that the **SELECT** statement did not retrieve all the rows in the database table. **StDev** is intended to work with a subset of rows, which is a sample of the full set of data.

This expression returns an estimate for standard deviation of the values in the column named salary:

```
StDev(salary)
```

This expression returns an estimate for standard deviation of the values in the column named salary in group 1:

```
StDev(salary for group 1)
```

This expression returns an estimate for standard deviation of the values in column 4 on the page:

```
StDev(#4 for page)
```

This expression entered in the Value box on the Data tab page in the graph's property sheet returns an estimate for standard deviation of the values in the qty\_used column in the graph:

```
StDev(qty_used for graph)
```

This expression for a computed field in a crosstab returns the estimate for standard deviation of the values in the qty\_ordered column in the crosstab:

```
StDev(qty_ordered for crosstab)
```

Assuming a DataWindow object displays the order number, amount, and line items for each order, this computed field returns the estimated standard deviation of the order amount for the distinct order numbers:

```
StDev(order_amt for all DISTINCT order_nbr)
```

See also

[StDevP](#)  
[Var](#)

## StDevP

Description

Calculates the standard deviation for the specified column. Standard deviation is a measurement of how widely values vary from average.

Syntax

```
StDevP (column { FOR range { DISTINCT { expres1 {, expres2 {, ... } } } } })
```

| Argument                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>column</i>                  | The column for which you want the standard deviation of the values in the rows. <i>Column</i> can be the column name or the column number preceded by a pound sign (#). <i>Column</i> can also be an expression that includes a reference to the column. The datatype of <i>column</i> must be numeric.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| FOR <i>range</i><br>(optional) | The data to be included in the standard deviation. For most presentation styles, values for <i>range</i> are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALL – (Default) The standard deviation for all values in <i>column</i>.</li> <li>• GROUP <i>n</i> – The standard deviation for values in <i>column</i> in the specified group. Specify the keyword GROUP followed by the group number: for example, GROUP 1.</li> <li>• PAGE – The standard deviation for the values in <i>column</i> on a page.</li> </ul> For Crosstabs, specify CROSSTAB for <i>range</i> to indicate the standard deviation for all values in <i>column</i> in the crosstab.<br>For Graph objects specify GRAPH and for OLE objects specify OBJECT to indicate the standard deviation for values in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option. |
| DISTINCT<br>(optional)         | Causes StDevP to consider only the distinct values in <i>column</i> when determining the standard deviation. For a value of <i>column</i> , the first row found with the value is used and other rows that have the same value are ignored.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <i>expressn</i><br>(optional)  | One or more expressions that you want to evaluate to determine distinct rows. <i>Expressn</i> can be the name of a column, a function, or an expression.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

**Return value**

Double. Returns the standard deviation for *column*.

**Usage**

If you specify *range*, StDevP returns the standard deviation for *column* within *range*. If you specify DISTINCT, StDevP returns an estimate of the standard deviation for the distinct values in *column*, or if you specify *expressn*, the estimate of the standard deviation of the rows in *column* where the value of *expressn* is distinct.

For graphs and OLE objects, you do not select the range when you call the function. The range has already been determined by the Rows setting on the Data tab page (the Range property), and the aggregation function uses that range. Settings for Rows include the following:

- For the Graph or OLE presentation style, Rows is always All.
- For Graph controls, Rows can be All, Page, or Group.

- For OLE controls, Rows can be All, Current Row, Page, or Group. The available choices depend on the layer the control occupies.

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**Estimating or calculating actual standard deviation** `StDevP` assumes that the values in *column* are the values in all the rows in the column in the database table. If you did not select all rows in the column in the `SELECT` statement, use `StDev` to compute an estimate of the standard deviation of a sample.

**Not in validation rules or filter expressions** You cannot use this or other aggregate functions in validation rules or filter expressions.

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Using an aggregate function cancels the effect of setting Retrieve Rows As Needed in the painter. To do the aggregation, a DataWindow object always retrieves all rows.

### Examples

These examples all assume that the `SELECT` statement retrieved all rows in the database table. `StDevP` is intended to work with a full set of data, not a subset.

This expression returns the standard deviation of the values in the column named salary:

```
StDevP(salary)
```

This expression returns the standard deviation of the values in group 1 in the column named salary:

```
StDevP(salary for group 1)
```

This expression returns the standard deviation of the values in column 4 on the page:

```
StDevP(#4 for page)
```

This expression entered in the Value box on the Data tab page in the graph's property sheet returns the standard deviation of the values in the `qty_ordered` column in the graph:

```
StDevP(qty_ordered for graph)
```

This expression for a computed field in a crosstab returns the standard deviation of the values in the `qty_ordered` column in the crosstab:

```
StDevP(qty_ordered for crosstab)
```

Assuming a DataWindow object displays the order number, amount, and line items for each order, this computed field returns the standard deviation of the order amount for the distinct order numbers:

```
StDevP(order_amt for all DISTINCT order_nbr)
```

See also

StDev  
VarP

## String

### Description

Formats data as a string according to a specified display format mask. You can convert and format date, DateTime, numeric, and time data. You can also apply a display format to a string.

### Syntax

**String** ( *data* {, *format* } )

| Argument                    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>data</i>                 | The data you want returned as a string with the specified formatting. <i>Data</i> can have a date, DateTime, numeric, time, or string datatype.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <i>format</i><br>(optional) | A string of the display masks you want to use to format the data. The masks consist of formatting information specific to the datatype of <i>data</i> . If <i>data</i> is type string, <i>format</i> is required. The format string can consist of more than one mask, depending on the datatype of <i>data</i> . Each mask is separated by a semicolon. See Usage for details on each datatype. |

### Return value

String. Returns *data* in the specified format if it succeeds and the empty string ("") if the datatype of *data* does not match the type of display mask specified or *format* is not a valid mask.

### Usage

For date, DateTime, numeric, and time data, the system's default format is used for the returned string if you do not specify a format. For numeric data, the default format is the [General] format.

For string data, a display format mask is required. (Otherwise, the function would have nothing to do.)

The format can consist of one or more masks:

- Formats for date, DateTime, string, and time data can include one or two masks. The first mask is the format for the data; the second mask is the format for a null value.
- Formats for numeric data can have up to four masks. A format with a single mask handles both positive and negative data. If there are additional masks, the first mask is for positive values, and the additional masks are for negative, zero, and null values.

A format can include color specifications.



If the display format does not match the datatype, the attempt to apply the mask produces unpredictable results.

For information on specifying display formats, see the *Users Guide*.

When you use String to format a date and the month is displayed as text (for example, when the display format includes “mmm”), the month is in the language of the deployment files available when the application is run. If you have installed localized files in the development environment or on a user’s machine, then on that machine the month in the resulting string will be in the language of the localized files.

For information about localized deployment files, see the chapter on internationalizing an application in *Application Techniques*.

### Examples

This expression returns Jan 31, 2005:

```
String(2005-01-31, "mmm dd, yyyy")
```

This expression returns Jan 31, 2005 6 hrs and 8 min:

```
String(2005-01-31 06:08:00, 'mmm dd, yyyy, h "hrs
and" m "min"')
```

This expression:

```
String(nbr, "0000;(000);***;empty")
```

returns:

```
0123 if nbr is 123
(123) if nbr is -123
*** if nbr is 0
empty if nbr is null
```

This expression returns A-B-C:

```
String("ABC", "@-@-@")
```

This expression returns A\*B:

```
String("ABC", "@*@")
```

This expression returns ABC:

```
String("ABC", "@@@")
```

This expression returns a space:

```
String("ABC", " ")
```

This expression returns 6 hrs and 8 min:

```
String(06:08:02, 'h "hrs and" m "min"')
```

This expression returns 08:06:04 pm:

```
String(20:06:04, "hh:mm:ss am/pm")
```

This expression returns 8:06:04 am:

```
String(08:06:04, "h:mm:ss am/pm")
```

This expression returns 6:11:25.300000:

```
String(6:11:25.300000, "h:mm:ss.ffffff")
```

See also

String in the *PowerScript Reference*

## StripRTF

Description

Removes the rich text formatting from the specified column

Syntax

**StripRTF** ( *string* )

| Argument      | Description                                        |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <i>string</i> | The column to be stripped of rich text formatting. |

Examples

This expression is used in a compute field expression to remove the formatting from a rich text edit column and display plain text in the compute field.

```
StripRTF(rte_description)
```

## Sum

Description

Calculates the sum of the values in the specified column.

Syntax

**Sum** ( *column* { FOR *range* { DISTINCT { *expres1* {, *expres2* {, ... } } } } } )

| Argument      | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>column</i> | The column for which you want the sum of the data values. <i>Column</i> can be the column name or the column number preceded by a pound sign (#). <i>Column</i> can also be an expression that includes a reference to the column. The datatype of <i>column</i> must be numeric. |

| Argument                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| FOR <i>range</i><br>(optional) | <p>The data to be included in the sum. For most presentation styles, values for <i>range</i> are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALL – (Default) The sum of all values in <i>column</i>.</li> <li>• GROUP <i>n</i> – The sum of values in <i>column</i> in the specified group. Specify the keyword GROUP followed by the group number: for example, GROUP 1.</li> <li>• PAGE – The sum of the values in <i>column</i> on a page.</li> </ul> <p>For Crosstabs, specify CROSSTAB for <i>range</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CROSSTAB – (Crosstabs only) The sum of all values in <i>column</i> in the crosstab.</li> </ul> <p>For Graph and OLE objects, specify one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GRAPH – (Graphs only) The sum of values in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option of the graph.</li> <li>• OBJECT – (OLE objects only) The sum of values in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option of the OLE object.</li> </ul> |
| DISTINCT<br>(optional)         | <p>Causes <b>Sum</b> to consider only the distinct values in <i>column</i> when determining the sum. For a value of <i>column</i>, the first row found with the value is used and other rows that have the same value are ignored.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>expressn</i><br>(optional)  | <p>One or more expressions that you want to evaluate to determine distinct rows. <i>Expressn</i> can be the name of a column, a function, or an expression.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

**Return value**

The appropriate numeric datatype. Returns the sum of the data values in *column*.

**Usage**

If you specify *range*, **Sum** returns the sum of the values in *column* within *range*. If you specify DISTINCT, **Sum** returns the sum of the distinct values in *column*, or if you specify *expressn*, the sum of the values of *column* where the value of *expressn* is distinct.

For graphs and OLE objects, you do not select the range when you call the function. The range has already been determined by the Rows setting on the Data property page (the Range property), and the aggregation function uses that range. Settings for Rows include the following:

- For the Graph or OLE presentation style, Rows is always All.
- For Graph controls, Rows can be All, Page, or Group.
- For OLE controls, Rows can be All, Current Row, Page, or Group. The available choices depend on the layer the control occupies.

Null values are ignored and are not included in the calculation.

**Not in validation rules or filter expressions**

You cannot use this or other aggregate functions in validation rules or filter expressions.

Using an aggregate function cancels the effect of setting Retrieve Rows As Needed in the painter. To do the aggregation, a DataWindow object always retrieves all rows.

**Examples**

This expression returns the sum of the values in group 1 in the column named salary:

```
Sum(salary for group 1)
```

This expression returns the sum of the values in column 4 on the page:

```
Sum(#4 for page)
```

Assuming a DataWindow object displays the order number, amount, and line items for each order, this computed field returns the sum of the order amount for the distinct order numbers:

```
Sum(order_amt for all DISTINCT order_nbr)
```

**See also**

Example 1: counting null values in a column on page 20

Example 2: counting male and female employees on page 21

## Tan

**Description**

Calculates the tangent of an angle.

**Syntax**

**Tan** (*n*)

| Argument | Description                                           |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>n</i> | The angle (in radians) for which you want the tangent |

**Return value**

Double. Returns the tangent of *n* if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

**Examples**

Both these expressions return 0:

```
Tan(0)
```

```
Tan(Pi(1))
```

This expression returns 1.55741:

```
Tan(1)
```

See also [Cos](#)  
[Pi](#)  
[Sin](#)  
 Tan in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Time

**Description** Converts a string to a time datatype.

**Syntax** `Time ( string )`

| Argument      | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>string</i> | A string containing a valid time (such as 8 AM or 10:25) that you want returned as a time datatype. Only the hour is required; you do not have to include the minutes, seconds, or microseconds of the time or AM or PM. The default value for minutes and seconds is 00 and for microseconds is 000000. AM or PM is determined automatically. |

**Return value** Time. Returns the time in *string* as a time datatype. If *string* does not contain a valid time, Time returns 00:00:00.

**Examples** This expression returns the time datatype for 45 seconds before midnight (23:59:15):

```
Time ("23:59:15")
```

This expression for a computed field returns the value in the time\_received column as a value of type time if time\_received is not the empty string. Otherwise, it returns 00:00:00:

```
If(time_received = "" ,00:00:00,
Time(time_received))
```

This example is similar to the previous one, except that it returns 00:00:00 if time\_received contains a null value:

```
If(IsNull(time_received), 00:00:00,
Time(time_received))
```

See also Time in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Today

### Description

Obtains the system date and time.

### Syntax

**Today** ( )

### Return value

DateTime. Returns the current system date and time.

### Usage

To display both the date and the time, a computed field must have a display format that includes the time.

The PowerScript and DataWindow painter versions of the Today function have different datatypes. The return value of the PowerScript Today function is date.

### Examples

This expression for a computed field displays the date and time when the display format for the field is "mm/dd/yy hh:mm":

```
Today ()
```

### See also

[Now](#)

Today in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Trim

### Description

Removes leading and trailing spaces from a string.

### Syntax

**Trim** ( *string* )

| Argument      | Description                                                           |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>string</i> | The string you want returned with leading and trailing spaces deleted |

### Return value

String. Returns a copy of *string* with all leading and trailing spaces deleted if it succeeds and the empty string ("") if an error occurs.

### Usage

**Trim** is useful for removing spaces that a user might have typed before or after newly entered data.

### Examples

This expression returns BABE RUTH:

```
Trim(" BABE RUTH ")
```

### See also

[LeftTrim](#)

[RightTrim](#)

Trim in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Truncate

**Description** Truncates a number to the specified number of decimal places.

**Syntax** `Truncate ( x, n )`

| Argument | Description                                                                                          |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>x</i> | The number you want to truncate.                                                                     |
| <i>n</i> | The number of decimal places to which you want to truncate <i>x</i> . Valid values are 0 through 28. |

**Return value** The datatype of *x*. If *n* is positive, returns *x* truncated to the specified number of decimal places. If *n* is negative, returns *x* truncated to  $(-n + 1)$  places before the decimal point. Returns -1 if it fails.

**Examples** This expression returns 9.2:

```
Truncate (9.22, 1)
```

This expression returns 9.2:

```
Truncate (9.28, 1)
```

This expression returns 9:

```
Truncate (9.9, 0)
```

This expression returns -9.2:

```
Truncate (-9.29, 1)
```

This expression returns 0:

```
Truncate (9.2, -1)
```

This expression returns 50:

```
Truncate (54, -1)
```

**See also**

[Ceiling](#)

[Int](#)

[Round](#)

Truncate in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Upper

**Description** Converts all characters in a string to uppercase letters.

**Syntax** `Upper ( string )`

| Argument      | Description                                         |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <i>string</i> | The string you want to convert to uppercase letters |

**Return value**

String. Returns *string* with lowercase letters changed to uppercase if it succeeds and the empty string (“”) if an error occurs.

**Examples**

This expression returns BABE RUTH:

```
Upper ("Babe Ruth")
```

**See also**

Lower  
Upper in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Var

**Description**

Calculates an estimate of the variance for the specified column. The variance is the square of the standard deviation.

**Syntax**

```
Var (column { FOR range { DISTINCT { expres1 {, expres2 {, ... } } } } })
```

| Argument      | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>column</i> | The column for which you want an estimate for the variance of the values in the rows. <i>Column</i> can be the column name or the column number preceded by a pound sign (#). <i>Column</i> can also be an expression that includes a reference to the column. The datatype of <i>column</i> must be numeric. |



| Argument                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| FOR <i>range</i><br>(optional) | <p>The data to be included in the estimate of the variance. For most presentation styles, values for <i>range</i> are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALL – (Default) The estimate of the variance for all rows in <i>column</i>.</li> <li>• GROUP <i>n</i> – The estimate of the variance for rows in <i>column</i> in the specified group. Specify the keyword GROUP followed by the group number: for example, GROUP 1.</li> <li>• PAGE – The estimate of the variance for the rows in <i>column</i> on a page.</li> </ul> <p>For Crosstabs, specify CROSSTAB for <i>range</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CROSSTAB – (Crosstabs only) The estimate of the variance for all rows in <i>column</i> in the crosstab.</li> </ul> <p>For Graph and OLE objects, specify one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GRAPH – (Graphs only) The estimate of the variance for rows in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option.</li> <li>• OBJECT – (OLE objects only) The estimate of the variance for rows in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option.</li> </ul> |
| DISTINCT<br>(optional)         | <p>Causes <i>Var</i> to consider only the distinct values in <i>column</i> when determining the variance. For a value of <i>column</i>, the first row found with the value is used and other rows that have the same value are ignored.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <i>expressn</i><br>(optional)  | <p>One or more expressions that you want to evaluate to determine distinct rows. <i>Expressn</i> can be the name of a column, a function, or an expression.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

**Return value**

Double or decimal if the arguments are decimal. Returns an estimate for the variance for *column*. If you specify *group*, *Var* returns an estimate for the variance for *column* within *group*.

**Usage**

If you specify *range*, *Var* returns an estimate for the variance for *column* within *range*. If you specify DISTINCT, *Var* returns the variance for the distinct values in *column*, or if you specify *expressn*, the estimate for the variance of the rows in *column* where the value of *expressn* is distinct.

For graphs and OLE objects, you do not select the range when you call the function. The range has already been determined by the Rows setting on the Data property page (the Range property), and the aggregation function uses that range.

Settings for Rows include the following:

- For the Graph or OLE presentation style, Rows is always All.

- For Graph controls, Rows can be All, Page, or Group.
- For OLE controls, Rows can be All, Current Row, Page, or Group. The available choices depend on the layer the control occupies.

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### Estimating variance or calculating actual variance

`Var` assumes that the values in *column* are a sample of the values in rows in the column in the database table. If you select all rows in the column in the `SELECT` statement, use `VarP` to compute the variance of a population.

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### Not in validation rules or filter expressions

You cannot use this or other aggregate functions in validation rules or filter expressions.

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Using an aggregate function cancels the effect of setting Retrieve Rows As Needed in the painter. To do the aggregation, a DataWindow object always retrieves all rows.

## Examples

These examples all assume that the `SELECT` statement did not retrieve all of the rows in the database table. `Var` is intended to work with a subset of rows, which is a sample of the full set of data.

This expression returns an estimate for the variance of the values in the column named salary:

```
Var(salary)
```

This expression returns an estimate for the variance of the values in the column named salary in group 1:

```
Var(salary for group 1)
```

This expression entered in the Value box on the Data property page in the graph's property sheet returns an estimate for the variance of the values in the quantity column in the graph:

```
Var(quantity for graph)
```

This expression for a computed field in a crosstab returns an estimate for the variance of the values in the quantity column in the crosstab:

```
Var(quantity for crosstab)
```

Assuming a DataWindow object displays the order number, amount, and line items for each order, this computed field returns the estimate for the variance of the order amount for the distinct order numbers:

```
Var (order_amt for all DISTINCT order_nbr)
```

See also

StDev  
VarP

## VarP

Description

Calculates the variance for the specified column. The variance is the square of the standard deviation.

Syntax

```
VarP (column { FOR range { DISTINCT { expres1 {, expres2 {, ... } } } } })
```

| Argument                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>column</i>                  | The column for which you want the variance of the values in the rows. <i>Column</i> can be the column name or the column number preceded by a pound sign (#). <i>Column</i> can also be an expression that includes a reference to the column. The datatype of <i>column</i> must be numeric.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| FOR <i>range</i><br>(optional) | The data that will be included in the variance. For most presentation styles, values for <i>range</i> are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ALL – (Default) The variance for all rows in <i>column</i>.</li> <li>GROUP <i>n</i> – The variance for rows in <i>column</i> in the specified group. Specify the keyword GROUP followed by the group number: for example, GROUP 1.</li> <li>PAGE – The variance for the rows in <i>column</i> on a page.</li> </ul> For Crosstabs, specify CROSSTAB for <i>range</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CROSSTAB – (Crosstabs only) The variance for all rows in <i>column</i> in the crosstab.</li> </ul> For Graph and OLE objects, specify one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GRAPH – (Graphs only) The variance for rows in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option.</li> <li>OBJECT – (OLE objects only) The variance for rows in <i>column</i> in the range specified for the Rows option.</li> </ul> |
| DISTINCT<br>(optional)         | Causes <i>VarP</i> to consider only the distinct values in <i>column</i> when determining the variance. For a value of <i>column</i> , the first row found with the value is used and other rows that have the same value are ignored.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <i>expresn</i><br>(optional)   | One or more expressions that you want to evaluate to determine distinct rows. <i>Expresn</i> can be the name of a column, a function, or an expression.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

**Return value** Double or decimal if the arguments are decimal. Returns the variance for *column*. If you specify *group*, *Var* returns the variance for *column* within *range*.

**Usage** If you specify *range*, *VarP* returns the variance for *column* within *range*. If you specify *DISTINCT*, *VarP* returns the variance for the distinct values in *column*, or if you specify *expressn*, the variance of the rows in *column* where the value of *expressn* is distinct.

For graphs and OLE objects, you do not select the range when you call the function. The range has already been determined by the Rows setting on the Data property page (the Range property), and the aggregation function uses that range. Settings for Rows include the following:

- For the Graph or OLE presentation style, Rows is always All.
- For Graph controls, Rows can be All, Page, or Group.
- For OLE controls, Rows can be All, Current Row, Page, or Group. The available choices depend on the layer the control occupies.

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### Estimating variance or calculating actual variance

*VarP* assumes that the values in *column* are the values in all rows in the column in the database table. If you did not select all the rows in the column in the *SELECT* statement, use *Var* to compute an estimate of the variance of a sample.

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### Not in validation rules or filter expressions

You cannot use this or other aggregate functions in validation rules or filter expressions.

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Using an aggregate function cancels the effect of setting Retrieve Rows As Needed in the painter. To do the aggregation, a DataWindow object always retrieves all rows.

**Examples** These examples all assume that the *SELECT* statement retrieved all rows in the database table. *VarP* is intended to work with a full set of data, not a subset.

This expression returns the variance of the values in the column named salary:

```
VarP(salary)
```

This expression returns the variance of the values in group 1 in the column named salary:

```
VarP(salary for group 1)
```

This expression returns the variance of the values in column 4 on the page:

`VarP (#4 for page)`

This expression entered in the Value box on the Data property page in the graph's property sheet returns the variance of the values in the quantity column in the graph:

`VarP (quantity for graph)`

This expression for a computed field in a crosstab returns the variance of the values in the quantity column in the crosstab:

`VarP (quantity for crosstab)`

Assuming a DataWindow object displays the order number, amount, and line items for each order, this computed field returns the variance of the order amount for the distinct order numbers:

`VarP (order_amt for all DISTINCT order_nbr)`

See also

StDevP  
Var

## WordCap

Description

Sets the first letter of each word in a string to a capital letter and all other letters to lowercase (for example, ROBERT E. LEE would be Robert E. Lee).

Syntax

**WordCap** ( *string* )

| Argument      | Description                                                                                                                           |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>string</i> | A string or expression that evaluates to a string that you want to display with initial capital letters (for example, Monday Morning) |

Return value

String. Returns *string* with the first letter of each word set to uppercase and the remaining letters lowercase if it succeeds, and null if an error occurs.

Examples

This expression returns Boston, Massachusetts:

`WordCap ("boston, MASSACHUSETTS")`

This expression concatenates the characters in the emp\_fname and emp\_lname columns and makes the first letter of each word uppercase:

`WordCap (emp_fname + " " + emp_lname)`

## Year

**Description**

Gets the year of a date value.

**Syntax**

**Year** ( *date* )

| <b>Argument</b> | <b>Description</b>                          |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <i>date</i>     | The date value from which you want the year |

**Return value**

Integer. Returns an integer whose value is a 4-digit year adapted from the year portion of *date* if it succeeds and 1900 if an error occurs.

If the year is two digits, then the century is set as follows. If the year is between 00 to 49, the first two digits are 20; if the year is between 50 and 99, the first two digits are 19.

**Usage**

Obtains the year portion of *date*. Years from 1000 to 3000 inclusive are handled.

If your data includes dates before 1950, such as birth dates, always specify a 4-digit year so that **Year** (and other functions, such as **Sort**) interpret the date as intended.

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**Regional settings**

To make sure you get correct return values for the year, you must verify that yyyy is the Short Date Style for year in the Regional Settings of the user's Control Panel. Your program can check this with the **RegistryGet** function.

If the setting is not correct, you can ask the user to change it manually or to have the application change it (by calling the **RegistrySet** function). The user might need to reboot after the setting is changed.

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**Examples**

This expression returns 2005:

```
Year (2005-01-31)
```

**See also**

**Day**

**Month**

Year in the *PowerScript Reference*

## About this chapter

This chapter describes the properties that control the appearance and behavior of a DataWindow object.

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## Overview of DataWindow object properties

DataWindow object properties apply to the DataWindow object itself, not to the DataWindow control or DataStore that contains it. There are several ways you can affect the values of DataWindow object properties at runtime:

- Use the general-purpose Describe and Modify methods to get and set property values.
- Use methods that get and set specific properties.
- Use methods that get and set specific properties.
- For many properties, enter expressions in the painter that set properties conditionally at runtime.
- You can use the `SyntaxFromSQL` method on a transaction object to generate DataWindow source code that sets some DataWindow properties. You can use the generated code in the `Create` method to create new DataWindows.

## Summary tables in the first part of this chapter

The tables in [Controls in a DataWindow and their properties on page 158](#) list the properties for each control within a DataWindow object, with short descriptions. There are also tables for `SyntaxFromSql` object keywords. After the first table of DataWindow properties, the tables are alphabetical by control and keyword name.

The tables include check mark columns that identify whether you can use that property with **Modify** (*M*) or **SyntaxFromSql** (*S*). When (*exp*) is included in the description, you can specify a DataWindow expression as the value for that property. A DataWindow expression lets you specify conditions for determining the property value.

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### You can get the value of all properties in all tables

At runtime, you can use **Describe** or dot notation to get the value of all properties listed in all tables.

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Alphabetical reference list in the second part of this chapter

The second half of this chapter is an alphabetical list of properties with descriptions, syntax, and examples. When you find a property you want to use in the first part, look up the property in the alphabetical list to find the specific syntax you need to use. In the tables that describe the property values, (*exp*) again indicates that you can use a DataWindow expression for the value.

**Accessing properties in different DataWindow environments** The property reference has syntax for **Describe** and **Modify** and for PowerBuilder dot notation.

**Examples and quoted strings** The only examples given are PowerBuilder examples. However, the arguments for **Describe** and **Modify** are quoted strings that are generally valid in all environments. If the strings include nested quotes, see **Nested strings and special characters for DataWindow object properties on page 454** for information on the appropriate escape character in each environment.

For more information and examples of setting properties, see:

- Chapter 5, **Accessing DataWindow Object Properties in Code**
- **Describe** and **Modify** methods in Chapter 9, **Methods for the DataWindow Control**
- **SyntaxFromSql** method in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Controls in a DataWindow and their properties

The tables in this section list the properties that apply to DataWindow objects and **SyntaxFromSql** (**Group**, **Style**, and **Title**) keywords.



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## Properties for the DataWindow object

An x in the M (Modify) column means you can change the property. An x in the S column means you can use the property with the SyntaxFromSql method. When (*exp*) is included in the description, you can specify a DataWindow expression as the value for that property.

| Property for the DataWindow | M | S | Description                                                                                                                |
|-----------------------------|---|---|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Attributes                  |   |   | All general properties.                                                                                                    |
| Bands                       |   |   | List of bands.                                                                                                             |
| Bandname.property           | x |   | Color, height, and so on for a band, where <i>bandname</i> is Detail, Footer, Header, Summary, Trailer, or TreeView.Level. |
| Bandname                    | x |   | Rich text content where <i>bandname</i> is Detail, Footer, or Header.                                                      |
| Brushmode                   | x |   | Setting used for background or primary gradient.                                                                           |
| Color                       | x | x | Background color.                                                                                                          |
| Column.Count                |   |   | Number of columns.                                                                                                         |
| Crosstab.property           | x |   | Settings for a crosstab DataWindow.                                                                                        |

| Property for the DataWindow         | M | S | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CSSGen.property                     | x |   | Settings that specify the physical path to which a generated CSS style sheet is published and the URL where the style sheet is located.<br><br><b>Obsolete property</b> This property is obsolete because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.                                         |
| Data                                |   |   | Description of data.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Data.HTML                           |   |   | Description of the data and format of the DataWindow in HTML format.<br><br><b>Obsolete property</b> This property is obsolete because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.                                                                                                            |
| Data.HTMLTable                      |   |   | Description of the data in the DataWindow in HTML table format.<br><br><b>Obsolete property</b> This property is obsolete because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.                                                                                                                 |
| Data.XHTML                          |   |   | A string containing the row data content of the DataWindow object in XHTML format.<br><br><b>Obsolete property</b> This property is obsolete because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.                                                                                              |
| Data.XML                            |   |   | A string containing the row data content of the DataWindow object in XML format.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Data.XMLDTD                         |   |   | A string containing the full document type definition (DTD) of the XML output for a DataWindow object.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Data.XMLSchema                      |   |   | A string containing the full schema of the XML output of a DataWindow object.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Data.XMLWeb                         |   |   | A string containing browser-specific JavaScript that performs the XSLT transformation on the browser after the XML Web DataWindow generator generates all necessary components.<br><br><b>Obsolete property</b> This property is obsolete because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete. |
| Data.XSLFO                          |   |   | A string containing XSL Formatting Objects (XSL-FO) that represents the data and presentation of the DataWindow object.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Detail.property                     | x |   | Color, height, and so on for the detail band.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| EditMask.property                   | x |   | Settings for EditMask edit style.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Export.PDF.Distill.CustomPostScript | x |   | Setting that enables you to specify the PostScript printer driver settings used when data is exported to PDF using the Distill! method.                                                                                                                                                      |
| Export.PDF.Method                   | x |   | Setting that determines whether data is exported to PDF from a DataWindow object by printing to a PostScript file and distilling to PDF, or by saving in XSL Formatting Objects (XSL-FO) format and processing to PDF.                                                                       |

| Property for the DataWindow            | M | S | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|----------------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Export.PDF.NativePDF.CustomOrientation | x |   | Setting that enables you to specify the page orientation when using the PDFlib method to print data from a DataWindow object to a PDF file.                                                                       |
| Export.PDF.NativePDF.CustomSize        | x |   | Setting that enables you to specify the page size when using the PDFlib method to print data from a DataWindow object to a PDF file.                                                                              |
| Export.PDF.XSLFOP.Print                | x |   | Setting that enables you to send a DataWindow object directly to a printer using platform-independent Java printing when using the XSL-FO method to export to PDF. This is an option of the Apache FOP processor. |
| Export.XHTML.TemplateCount             |   |   | The number of XHTML export templates associated with a DataWindow object.                                                                                                                                         |
| Export.XHTML.Template[ ].Name          |   |   | The name of an XHTML export template associated with a DataWindow object.                                                                                                                                         |
| Export.XHTML.UseTemplate               | x |   | Setting that optionally controls the logical structure of the XHTML generated by a DataWindow object from a DataWindow data expression using dot notation.                                                        |
| Export.XML.HeadGroups                  | x |   | Setting that causes elements, attributes, and all other items above the Detail Start element in an XML export template for a group DataWindow to be iterated for each group in the exported XML.                  |
| Export.XML.IncludeWhitespace           | x |   | Setting that determines whether the XML document is formatted by inserting whitespace characters (carriage returns, linefeeds, tabs, and spacebar spaces).                                                        |
| Export.XML.MetaDataType                | x |   | Setting that controls the type of metadata generated with the XML exported from a DataWindow object using the <i>SaveAs</i> method or a <i>.Data.XML</i> expression.                                              |
| Export.XML.SaveMetaData                | x |   | Setting that controls the storage format for the metadata generated with the XML exported from a DataWindow object using the <i>SaveAs</i> method or a <i>.Data.XML</i> expression.                               |
| Export.XML.TemplateCount               |   |   | The number of XML export templates associated with a DataWindow object.                                                                                                                                           |
| Export.XML.Template[ ].Name            |   |   | The name of an XML export template associated with a DataWindow object.                                                                                                                                           |
| Export.XML.UseTemplate                 | x |   | Setting that optionally controls the logical structure of the XML exported from a DataWindow object using the <i>SaveAs</i> method or the <i>.Data.XML</i> property.                                              |
| FirstRowOnPage                         |   |   | The row number of the first displayed row.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Font.Bias                              | x |   | Treat fonts as display or printer.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Footer.property                        | x |   | Color, height, and so on for the footer band (see <i>Bandname.property</i> in this table).                                                                                                                        |
| Gradient.property                      | x |   | Settings that control the gradient display in a DataWindow object.                                                                                                                                                |
| Grid.ColumnMove                        | x |   | Whether the user can drag to reposition columns.                                                                                                                                                                  |

| Property for the DataWindow | M | S | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------------------|---|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Grid.Lines                  | x |   | Options for lines in grid DataWindow and crosstab.                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Header.#.property           | x |   | Color, height, and so on for a group's header band.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Header.property             | x |   | Color, height, and so on for the header band.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Help.property               | x |   | Help settings for DataWindow actions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| HideGrayLine                | x |   | Whether a gray line displays at page boundaries.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| HorizontalScrollMaximum     |   |   | Width of scroll box in the horizontal scroll bar.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| HorizontalScrollMaximum2    |   |   | Width of second scroll box when scroll bar is split.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| HorizontalScrollPosition    | x |   | Position of the scroll box in the scroll bar.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| HorizontalScrollPosition2   | x |   | Position of scroll box in second split scroll bar.                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| HorizontalScrollSplit       | x |   | The position of the split in the scroll bar.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| HTMLDW                      | x |   | <i>(exp)</i> Whether HTML for the DataWindow is interactive and coordinated with a server component for retrievals and updates.<br><br><b>Obsolete property</b> This property is obsolete because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.                     |
| HTMLGen.property            | x |   | <i>(exp)</i> Settings for HTML generation.<br><br><b>Obsolete property</b> This property is obsolete because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.                                                                                                          |
| HTMLTable.property          | x |   | Settings for the display of DataWindow data when displayed in HTML table format.<br><br><b>Obsolete property</b> This property is obsolete because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.                                                                    |
| Import.XML.Trace            | x |   | Setting that determines whether import trace information is written to a log file.                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Import.XML.TraceFile        | x |   | Specifies the name and location of an import trace file.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Import.XML.UseTemplate      | x |   | Setting that optionally controls the logical structure of the XML imported from an XML file to a DataWindow object using the <code>ImportFile</code> method.                                                                                                     |
| JSGen.property              | x |   | Settings that specify the physical path to which generated JavaScript is published and the URL indicating the location of the generated JavaScript.<br><br><b>Obsolete property</b> This property is obsolete because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete. |
| Label.property              | x | x | Settings for the Label presentation style.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| LastRowOnPage               |   |   | The last visible row on the page.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Message.Title               | x | x | The title of the dialog box that displays errors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Nested                      |   |   | Whether the DataWindow has nested reports.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| NoUserPrompt                | x |   | Determines whether an error message is displayed to the user.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Objects                     |   |   | The controls in the DataWindow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| OLE.Client.property         | x |   | Settings for the DataWindow as OLE client.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

| Property for the DataWindow       | M | S | Description                                                                                                                        |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Picture.property                  | x |   | Settings that control the background picture display in a DataWindow object.                                                       |
| Pointer                           | x |   | ( <i>exp</i> ) The pointer when over the DataWindow.                                                                               |
| Print.Preview.property            | x |   | Various settings for print preview.                                                                                                |
| Print.property                    | x | x | Various settings for printing.                                                                                                     |
| Printer                           | x |   | The currently selected printer.                                                                                                    |
| Processing                        |   |   | Processing required by the presentation style.                                                                                     |
| QueryMode                         | x |   | Whether the DataWindow is in query mode.                                                                                           |
| QuerySort                         | x |   | Whether to sort the result set from the query.                                                                                     |
| ReadOnly                          | x |   | Whether the DataWindow is read-only.                                                                                               |
| Retrieve.AsNeeded                 | x |   | Whether to retrieve data only as needed.                                                                                           |
| RichText.property                 | x |   | Settings for a RichText DataWindow.                                                                                                |
| Row.Resize                        | x |   | Whether user can change the height of rows.                                                                                        |
| Rows_Per_Detail                   |   | x | Number of rows in each column of N-Up style.                                                                                       |
| Selected                          | x |   | List of selected controls.                                                                                                         |
| Selected.Data                     |   |   | List of selected data.                                                                                                             |
| Selected.Mouse                    | x |   | Whether user can use the mouse to select.                                                                                          |
| ShowBackColorOnXP                 | x |   | Whether the background color that you select for a button displays on Windows XP.                                                  |
| ShowDefinition                    | x |   | ( <i>exp</i> ) Display column names instead of data.                                                                               |
| Sparse                            | x |   | ( <i>exp</i> ) The repeating columns to be suppressed.                                                                             |
| Storage                           |   |   | The amount of storage used by DataWindow.                                                                                          |
| StoragePageSize                   |   |   | The default page size for DataWindow storage.                                                                                      |
| Summary.property                  | x |   | Color, height, and so on for the summary band.                                                                                     |
| Syntax                            |   |   | The syntax of the DataWindow.                                                                                                      |
| Syntax.Data                       |   |   | The data of the DataWindow in parse format.                                                                                        |
| Syntax.Modified                   | x |   | Whether the syntax has been modified.                                                                                              |
| Table.property                    | x |   | Various settings for the database.                                                                                                 |
| Table.sqlaction.property          | x |   | Stored procedures for update activity.                                                                                             |
| Timer_Interval                    | x | x | The milliseconds between timer events.                                                                                             |
| Transparency (DataWindow objects) | x |   | Setting that controls the transparency of the background/primary gradient color.                                                   |
| Trailer.#.property                | x |   | Color, height, and so on for a group's trailer band.                                                                               |
| Tree.property                     | x |   | Settings for a TreeView DataWindow.                                                                                                |
| Tree.Leaf.TreeNodeIconName        | x |   | The file name of the tree node icon in the detail band of a TreeView DataWindow.                                                   |
| Tree.Level.#.property             | x |   | The file name of the icon for a TreeView node in a TreeView level band when the icon is in either the expanded or collapsed state. |
| Units                             |   | x | The unit of measure for the DataWindow.                                                                                            |

| Property for the DataWindow | M | S | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| VerticalScrollMaximum       |   |   | The height of the scroll box in the scroll bar.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| VerticalScrollPosition      | x |   | The position of the scroll box in the scroll bar.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| XHTMLGen.Browser            | x |   | A string that identifies the browser in which XHTML generated within an XSLT style sheet is displayed.<br><br><b>Obsolete property</b> This property is obsolete because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.                                                                  |
| XMLGen.property             | x |   | Settings that specify the physical path to which XML is published and the URL referenced by the JavaScript that transforms the XML to XHTML.<br><br><b>Obsolete property</b> This property is obsolete because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.                            |
| XSLTGen.property            | x |   | Settings that specify the physical path to which the generated XSLT style sheet is published and the URL referenced by the JavaScript that transforms the XML to XHTML.<br><br><b>Obsolete property</b> This property is obsolete because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete. |
| Zoom                        | x |   | The scaling percentage of the DataWindow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

## Properties for Button controls in DataWindow objects

An x in the M (Modify) column means you can change the property. When (*exp*) is included in the description, you can specify a DataWindow expression as the value for that property.

| Property for a Button | M | Description                                                                                                                |
|-----------------------|---|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AccessibleDescription | x | A description of the control for use by assistive technology tools.                                                        |
| AccessibleName        | x | A descriptive label for the control.                                                                                       |
| AccessibleRole        |   | A description of the kind of user-interface element that the control is.                                                   |
| Background.property   | x | Background settings for the button.                                                                                        |
| Color                 | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The text color.                                                                                             |
| DefaultPicture        | x | Whether or not the action's default picture is to be used on the button (user-defined action has no default picture).      |
| Enabled               | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Determines whether a button control on a DataWindow is enabled.                                             |
| Filename              | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Name of the file containing the picture to be used on the button (if not specified, just the text is used). |
| Font.property         | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Font settings for the text.                                                                                 |
| HTextAlign            | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) How the text in the button is horizontally aligned. Values are: 0 (center), 1 (left), 2 (right).            |

| Property for a Button   | M | Description                                                                                                                  |
|-------------------------|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Height                  | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The height of the button control.                                                                             |
| HideSnaked              | x | Whether the button control appears once per page when printing newspaper columns.                                            |
| Moveable                | x | Whether the user can move the button control.                                                                                |
| Name                    |   | The name of the button control.                                                                                              |
| OriginalSize            | x | Whether the button image is shown in its original size.                                                                      |
| Pointer                 | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The pointer image when it is over the button control.                                                         |
| Resizable               | x | Whether the user can resize the button control.                                                                              |
| SlideLeft               | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the button control moves left to fill in empty space.                                                 |
| SlideUp                 | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) How the button control moves up to fill in empty space.                                                       |
| SuppressEventProcessing | x | Whether or not ButtonClicked and ButtonClicking events are fired for this particular button.                                 |
| TabSequence             | x | The position of the button in the tab order.                                                                                 |
| Tag                     | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The tag text for the button control.                                                                          |
| Text                    | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The displayed text.                                                                                           |
| Type                    |   | The control's type, which is button.                                                                                         |
| VTextAlign              | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) How the text in the button is vertically aligned. Values are: 0 (center), 1 (top), 2 (bottom), 3 (multiline). |
| Visible                 | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the button control is visible.                                                                        |
| Width                   | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The width of the button control.                                                                              |
| X                       | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The x coordinate of the button control.                                                                       |
| Y                       | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The y coordinate of the button control.                                                                       |

## Properties for Column controls in DataWindow objects

An x in the M (Modify) column means you can change the property. An x in the S column means you can use the property with the [SyntaxFromSQL](#) method. When (*exp*) is included in the description, you can specify a DataWindow expression as the value for that property.

| Property for a Column | M | S | Description                                                              |
|-----------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AccessibleDescription | x |   | A description of the control for use by assistive technology tools.      |
| AccessibleName        | x |   | A descriptive label for the control.                                     |
| AccessibleRole        |   |   | A description of the kind of user-interface element that the control is. |
| Accelerator           | x |   | ( <i>exp</i> ) The accelerator key for the column.                       |
| Alignment             | x |   | ( <i>exp</i> ) The alignment of the column's text.                       |
| Attributes            |   |   | A list of the properties of the column.                                  |
| Background.property   | x | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Background settings for the column.                       |

| Property for a Column | M | S | Description                                                                              |
|-----------------------|---|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Band                  |   |   | The band containing the column.                                                          |
| BitmapName            |   |   | Whether the column's content names a picture that will be displayed instead of the text. |
| Border                | x | x | (exp) The type of border around the column.                                              |
| CheckBox.property     | x |   | Settings for CheckBox edit style.                                                        |
| Color                 | x | x | (exp) The text color.                                                                    |
| ColType               |   |   | The column's datatype.                                                                   |
| Criteria.property     | x |   | Settings for column in Prompt for Criteria dialog box.                                   |
| dbAlias               | x |   | An alias for the name of the database column.                                            |
| dbName                | x |   | The name of the database column.                                                         |
| dddw.property         | x |   | Settings for DropDownDataWindow edit style.                                              |
| ddlb.property         | x |   | Settings for DropDownListBox edit style.                                                 |
| Edit.property         | x | x | Settings for Edit edit style.                                                            |
| EditMask.property     | x |   | Settings for EditMask edit style.                                                        |
| Font.property         | x | x | (exp) Font settings for the column text.                                                 |
| Format                | x |   | (exp) The column's display format.                                                       |
| Height                | x |   | (exp) The height of the column.                                                          |
| Height.AutoSize       | x |   | Whether column height is adjusted to fit the data.                                       |
| HideSnaked            | x |   | Whether the control appears once per page when printing newspaper columns.               |
| HTML.property         | x |   | (exp) Settings for creating hyperlinks for column data.                                  |
| Identity              | x |   | Whether the DBMS sets the column's value.                                                |
| ID                    |   |   | The number of the column.                                                                |
| Ink.property          | x |   | Settings for Ink attributes of the InkEdit edit style.                                   |
| InkEdit.property      | x |   | Settings for InkEdit edit style.                                                         |
| Initial               | x |   | The initial value in the column for a new row.                                           |
| Key                   | x |   | Whether column is part of the table's primary key.                                       |
| Moveable              | x |   | Whether the user can move the column.                                                    |
| Name                  |   |   | The name of the column.                                                                  |
| Pointer               | x |   | (exp) The pointer's image when it is over the column.                                    |
| Protect               | x |   | (exp) Whether the column is protected from changes.                                      |
| RadioButtons.property | x |   | Settings for RadioButton edit style.                                                     |
| Resizable             | x |   | Whether the user can resize the column.                                                  |
| RichEdit.property     | x |   | Settings for RichText edit style.                                                        |
| RightToLeft           | x |   | Whether the column is set for right-to-left reading.                                     |
| SlideLeft             | x |   | (exp) Whether the column moves left to fill in space.                                    |
| SlideUp               | x |   | (exp) How the column moves up to fill in space.                                          |
| TabSequence           | x |   | The position of the column in the tab order.                                             |
| Tag                   | x |   | (exp) The tag text for the column.                                                       |
| Type                  |   |   | The control's type, which is Column.                                                     |



| Property for a Column | M | S | Description                                                                                                 |
|-----------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Update                | x |   | Whether the column is updatable.                                                                            |
| Validation            | x |   | ( <i>exp</i> ) The validation expression for the column.                                                    |
| ValidationMsg         | x |   | ( <i>exp</i> ) The message displayed when validation fails.                                                 |
| Values (for columns)  | x |   | The values in the column's code table.                                                                      |
| Visible               | x |   | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the column control is visible.                                                       |
| Width                 | x |   | ( <i>exp</i> ) The width of the column.                                                                     |
| Width.Autosize        | x |   | In Grid style DataWindows, determines whether the column's width adjusts according to the data it contains. |
| X                     | x |   | ( <i>exp</i> ) The x coordinate of the column.                                                              |
| Y                     | x |   | ( <i>exp</i> ) The y coordinate of the column.                                                              |

## Properties for Computed Field controls in DataWindow objects

An x in the M (Modify) column means you can change the property. When (*exp*) is included in the description, you can specify a DataWindow expression as the value for that property.

| Property for a computed field | M | Description                                                                    |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AccessibleDescription         | x | A description of the control for use by assistive technology tools.            |
| AccessibleName                | x | A descriptive label for the control.                                           |
| AccessibleRole                |   | A description of the kind of user-interface element that the control is.       |
| Alignment                     | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The alignment of the computed field's text.                     |
| Attributes                    |   | A list of the properties of the computed field.                                |
| Background.property           | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Background settings for the computed field.                     |
| Band                          |   | The band containing the computed field.                                        |
| Border                        | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The type of border around the computed field.                   |
| Color                         | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The text color.                                                 |
| ColType                       |   | The column's datatype.                                                         |
| Enabled                       | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Determines whether a button control on a DataWindow is enabled. |
| Expression                    | x | The expression for the computed field.                                         |
| FocusRectangle                | x | Determines whether a rectangle displays around the selected control.           |
| Font.property                 | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Font settings for the computed field.                           |
| Format                        | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The computed field's display format.                            |
| Height                        | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The height of the computed field.                               |
| Height.AutoSize               | x | Whether the computed field's height is adjusted to fit the data.               |
| HideSnaked                    | x | Whether the control appears once per page when printing newspaper columns.     |

| Property for a computed field | M | Description                                                             |
|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HTML.property                 | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Settings for creating hyperlinks for the computed field. |
| Moveable                      | x | Whether the user can move the computed field.                           |
| Name                          |   | The name of the computed field.                                         |
| Pointer                       | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The pointer image when it is over the computed field.    |
| Resizable                     | x | Whether the user can resize the computed field.                         |
| SlideLeft                     | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the computed field moves left to fill in space.  |
| SlideUp                       | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) How the computed field moves up to fill in empty space.  |
| TabSequence                   | x | The position of the computed field in the tab order.                    |
| Tag                           | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The tag text for the computed field.                     |
| Type                          |   | The control's type, which is Compute.                                   |
| Visible                       | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the computed field control is visible.           |
| Width                         | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The width of the computed field.                         |
| X                             | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The x coordinate of the computed field.                  |
| Y                             | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The y coordinate of the computed field.                  |

## Properties for Graph controls in DataWindow objects

An x in the M (Modify) column means you can change the property. When (*exp*) is included in the description, you can specify a DataWindow expression as the value for that property.

| Property for a Graph  | M | Description                                                                                                |
|-----------------------|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AccessibleDescription | x | A description of the control for use by assistive technology tools.                                        |
| AccessibleName        | x | A descriptive label for the control.                                                                       |
| AccessibleRole        |   | A description of the kind of user-interface element that the control is.                                   |
| Attributes            |   | A list of the properties of the graph.                                                                     |
| Axis                  | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) List of items (categories, series, or values) for the axis.                                 |
| Axis.property         | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Properties for a graph axis.                                                                |
| Axis.DispAttr         | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Display properties for an axis (see DispAttr. <i>fontproperty</i> in this table).           |
| BackColor             | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The background color of the graph.                                                          |
| Band                  |   | The band containing the graph.                                                                             |
| Border                | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The type of border around the graph.                                                        |
| Category              | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) List of categories for the axis (see <i>Axis</i> in this table).                            |
| Category.property     | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Properties for the Category axis (see <i>Axis.property</i> in this table).                  |
| Category.DispAttr     | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Display properties for the Category axis (see DispAttr. <i>fontproperty</i> in this table). |
| Color                 | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The text color.                                                                             |

| Property for a Graph         | M | Description                                                                                             |
|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Depth                        | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The depth of a 3D graph.                                                                 |
| DispAttr.fontproperty        | x | Font settings for various components of the graph.                                                      |
| Elevation                    | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The elevation of a 3D graph.                                                             |
| Enabled                      | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Determines whether a button control on a DataWindow is enabled.                          |
| FocusRectangle               | x | Determines whether a rectangle displays around the selected control.                                    |
| GraphType                    | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The type of graph (pie, bar, and so on).                                                 |
| Height                       | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The height of the graph.                                                                 |
| HideSnaked                   | x | Whether the control appears once per page when printing newspaper columns.                              |
| Legend                       | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The location of the legend.                                                              |
| Legend.DispAttr.fontproperty | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Display properties for the legend.                                                       |
| Moveable                     | x | Whether the user can move the graph.                                                                    |
| Name                         |   | The name of the graph control.                                                                          |
| OverlapPercent               | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The overlap between data markers in different series.                                    |
| Perspective                  | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The distance of the graph from the front of the window.                                  |
| Pie.DispAttr.fontproperty    | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Display properties for the pie slice labels.                                             |
| PlotNullData                 | x | Whether a continuous line is drawn in a line graph when there is no data.                               |
| Pointer                      | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The pointer image when it is over the graph.                                             |
| Range                        |   | The rows in the DataWindow that are included in the graph.                                              |
| Render3D                     | x | Whether the graph is rendered in the DirectX 3D style.                                                  |
| Resizable                    | x | Whether the user can resize the graph.                                                                  |
| Rotation                     | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The left-to-right rotation of a 3D graph.                                                |
| Series                       | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) List of series for the axis (see <i>Axis</i> in the table).                              |
| Series.property              | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Properties for the Series axis (see <i>Axis.property</i> in this table).                 |
| Series.DispAttr              | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Display properties for the Series axis (see <i>DispAttr.fontproperty</i> in this table). |
| ShadeColor                   | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The color of the back edge for 3D data markers.                                          |
| SizeToDisplay                | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether to size the graph to the display area.                                           |
| SlideLeft                    | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the graph moves left to fill in empty space.                                     |
| SlideUp                      | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) How the graph moves up to fill in empty space.                                           |
| Spacing                      | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The gap between categories.                                                              |
| TabSequence                  | x | The position of the graph in the tab order.                                                             |
| Tag                          | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The tag text for the graph.                                                              |
| Title                        | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The graph's title.                                                                       |
| Title.DispAttr.fontproperty  | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Display properties for the title.                                                        |
| Type                         |   | The control's type, which is graph.                                                                     |
| Values                       | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) List of values for the axis (see <i>Axis</i> in the table).                              |

| Property for a Graph | M | Description                                                                                            |
|----------------------|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Values.property      | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Properties for the Values axis (see <i>Axis.property</i> in the table).                 |
| Values.DispAttr      | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Display properties for the Values axis (see <i>DispAttr.fontproperty</i> in the table). |
| Visible              | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the graph control is visible.                                                   |
| Width                | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The width of the graph.                                                                 |
| X                    | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The x coordinate of the graph.                                                          |
| Y                    | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The y coordinate of the graph.                                                          |

## Properties for GroupBox controls in DataWindow objects

An x in the M (Modify) column means you can change the property. When (*exp*) is included in the description, you can specify a DataWindow expression as the value for that property.

| Property for a GroupBox | M | Description                                                                         |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AccessibleDescription   | x | A description of the control for use by assistive technology tools.                 |
| AccessibleName          | x | A descriptive label for the control.                                                |
| AccessibleRole          |   | A description of the kind of user-interface element that the control is.            |
| Attributes              |   | A list of the properties of the GroupBox control.                                   |
| Background.property     | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Background settings for the GroupBox control.                        |
| Band                    |   | The band containing the GroupBox control.                                           |
| Border                  | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Border style: 2 (box), 5 (3D lowered), 6 (3D raised).                |
| Color                   | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The text color.                                                      |
| Font.property           | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Font settings for the text.                                          |
| Height                  | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The height of the GroupBox control.                                  |
| HideSnaked              | x | Whether the GroupBox control appears once per page when printing newspaper columns. |
| Moveable                | x | Whether the user can move the GroupBox control.                                     |
| Name                    |   | The name of the GroupBox control.                                                   |
| Pointer                 | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The pointer image when it is over the GroupBox control.              |
| Resizable               | x | Whether the user can resize the GroupBox control.                                   |
| SlideLeft               | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the GroupBox control moves left to fill in empty space.      |
| SlideUp                 | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) How the GroupBox control moves up to fill in empty space.            |
| Tag                     | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The tag text for the GroupBox control.                               |
| Text                    | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The displayed text.                                                  |
| Type                    |   | The control's type, which is GroupBox.                                              |
| Visible                 | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the GroupBox control is visible.                             |
| Width                   | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The width of the GroupBox control.                                   |

| Property for a GroupBox | M | Description                                              |
|-------------------------|---|----------------------------------------------------------|
| X                       | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The x coordinate of the GroupBox control. |
| Y                       | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The y coordinate of the GroupBox control. |

## Properties for the Group keyword

You use these properties when generating DataWindow source code with the `SyntaxFromSql` method.

| Property                 | Description                                                     |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| NewPage (Group keywords) | Whether a change in a group column's value causes a page break. |
| ResetPageCount           | Whether a new value in a group column restarts page numbering.  |

## Properties for InkPicture controls in DataWindow objects

An x in the M (Modify) column means you can change the property. When (*exp*) is included in the description, you can specify a DataWindow expression as the value for that property.

| Property for an InkPicture            | M | Description                                                                      |
|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BackImage                             |   | The column containing the background image for the InkPicture.                   |
| Band                                  |   | The band containing the InkPicture.                                              |
| Border                                | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The type of border around the InkPicture.                         |
| Enabled                               | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the control is enabled.                                   |
| Height                                | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The height of the InkPicture.                                     |
| Ink.property                          | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Attributes of the ink in the InkPicture.                          |
| InkPic.property                       | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Properties that specify the behavior of the InkPicture.           |
| KeyClause                             | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The key clause used when retrieving the blob.                     |
| Moveable                              | x | Whether the user can move the InkPicture.                                        |
| Name                                  |   | The name of the InkPicture control.                                              |
| Pointer                               | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The pointer image when it is over the InkPicture.                 |
| Resizable                             | x | Whether the user can resize the InkPicture.                                      |
| SlideLeft                             | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the InkPicture moves left to fill in empty space.         |
| Table (for InkPicture and TableBlobs) | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The table that contains large binary columns used in the control. |
| Tag                                   | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The tag text for the InkPicture.                                  |
| Visible                               | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the InkPicture control is visible.                        |
| Width                                 | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The width of the InkPicture.                                      |
| X                                     | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The x coordinate of the InkPicture.                               |
| Y                                     | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The y coordinate of the InkPicture.                               |

## Properties for Line controls in DataWindow objects

An x in the M (Modify) column means you can change the property. When (*exp*) is included in the description, you can specify a DataWindow expression as the value for that property.

| Property for a Line | M | Description                                                                |
|---------------------|---|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Attributes          |   | A list of the properties of the line.                                      |
| Background.property | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Background settings for the line.                           |
| Band                |   | The band containing the line.                                              |
| HideSnaked          | x | Whether the control appears once per page when printing newspaper columns. |
| Moveable            | x | Whether the user can move the line.                                        |
| Name                |   | The name of the line control.                                              |
| Pen.property        | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Appearance settings of the line.                            |
| Pointer             | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The pointer image when it is over the line.                 |
| Resizable           | x | Whether the user can resize the line.                                      |
| SlideLeft           | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the line moves left to fill empty space.            |
| SlideUp             | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) How the line moves up to fill empty space.                  |
| Tag                 | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The tag text for the line.                                  |
| Type                |   | The control's type, which is Line.                                         |
| Visible             | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the Line control is visible.                        |
| X1, X2              | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The x coordinate of each end of the line.                   |
| Y1, Y2              | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The y coordinate of each end of the line.                   |

## Properties for OLE Object controls in DataWindow objects

An x in the M (Modify) column means you can change the property. When (*exp*) is included in the description, you can specify a DataWindow expression as the value for that property.

| Property for OLE Object control | M | Description                                                                    |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Activation                      | x | The way the OLE Object control is activated.                                   |
| Attributes                      |   | A list of the properties of the OLE Object control.                            |
| Band                            |   | The band containing the OLE Object control.                                    |
| BinaryIndex                     |   | An internal pointer.                                                           |
| Border                          | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The type of border around the OLE Object control.               |
| ClientName                      | x | The name of the OLE client in the server window.                               |
| ContentsAllowed                 | x | Whether the control can be embedded, linked, or both.                          |
| DisplayType                     | x | Whether the control displays an icon or contents.                              |
| Enabled                         | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Determines whether a button control on a DataWindow is enabled. |

| Property for OLE Object control | M | Description                                                                                          |
|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| FocusRectangle                  | x | Determines whether a rectangle displays around the selected control.                                 |
| GroupBy                         | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The grouping columns for the transferred data.                                        |
| Height                          | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The height of the OLE Object control.                                                 |
| HideSnaked                      | x | Whether the control appears once per page when printing newspaper columns.                           |
| LinkUpdateOptions               | x | How a linked control is updated.                                                                     |
| Moveable                        | x | Whether the user can move the OLE Object control.                                                    |
| Name                            |   | The name of the OLE Object control.                                                                  |
| Enabled                         | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Determines whether a button control on a DataWindow is enabled.                       |
| Pointer                         | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The pointer image when it is over the control.                                        |
| Range                           |   | Method for choosing the rows transferred to the OLE control.                                         |
| Resizable                       | x | Whether the user can resize the OLE Object control.                                                  |
| SizeToDisplay                   | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the OLE Object control is automatically sized to the display area.            |
| SlideLeft                       | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the control moves left to fill in space.                                      |
| SlideUp                         | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) How the control moves up to fill in space.                                            |
| TabSequence                     | x | The position of the control the tab order.                                                           |
| Tag                             | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The tag text for the control.                                                         |
| Target                          | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The columns or expressions whose data you want to transfer to the OLE Object control. |
| Type                            |   | The control's type, which is OLE.                                                                    |
| Visible                         | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the control is visible.                                                       |
| Width                           | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The width of the control.                                                             |
| X                               | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The x coordinate of the control.                                                      |
| Y                               | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The y coordinate of the control.                                                      |

## Properties for Oval, Rectangle, and RoundRectangle controls in DataWindow objects

An x in the M (Modify) column means you can change the property. When (*exp*) is included in the description, you can specify a DataWindow expression as the value for that property.

| Property            | M | Description                                         |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Attributes          |   | A list of the properties of the control.            |
| Background.property | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Background settings for the control. |
| Band                |   | The band containing the control.                    |
| Brush.property      | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Settings for fill pattern and color. |

| Property     | M | Description                                                                |
|--------------|---|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Height       | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The height of the control.                                  |
| HideSnaked   | x | Whether the control appears once per page when printing newspaper columns. |
| Moveable     | x | Whether the user can move the control.                                     |
| Name         |   | The name of the control.                                                   |
| Pen.property | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Appearance settings of the control.                         |
| Pointer      | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The pointer image when it is over the control.              |
| Resizable    | x | Whether the user can resize the control.                                   |
| SlideLeft    | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the control moves left to fill empty space.         |
| SlideUp      | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) How the control moves up to fill empty space.               |
| Tag          | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The tag text for the control.                               |
| Type         |   | The control's type, which is ellipse, rectangle, or roundrectangle.        |
| Visible      | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the control is visible.                             |
| X            | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The x coordinate of the control.                            |
| Y            | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The y coordinate of the control.                            |

### Additional properties for RoundRectangle controls in DataWindow objects

An x in the M (Modify) column means you can change the property. When (*exp*) is included in the description, you can specify a DataWindow expression as the value for that property.

Properties for Oval, Rectangle, and RoundRectangle controls in DataWindow objects also apply to RoundRectangle controls.

| Property      | M | Description                                                             |
|---------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EllipseHeight | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The radius of the vertical part of the rounded corner.   |
| EllipseWidth  | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The radius of the horizontal part of the rounded corner. |

### Properties for Picture controls in DataWindow objects

An x in the M (Modify) column means you can change the property. When (*exp*) is included in the description, you can specify a DataWindow expression as the value for that property.

| Property for a Picture | M | Description                                                              |
|------------------------|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AccessibleDescription  | x | A description of the control for use by assistive technology tools.      |
| AccessibleName         | x | A descriptive label for the control.                                     |
| AccessibleRole         |   | A description of the kind of user-interface element that the control is. |
| Attributes             |   | A list of the properties of the picture.                                 |



| Property for a Picture | M | Description                                                                    |
|------------------------|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Band                   |   | The band containing the picture.                                               |
| Border                 | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The type of border around the picture.                          |
| Enabled                | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Determines whether a button control on a DataWindow is enabled. |
| Filename               | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The file containing the picture.                                |
| FocusRectangle         | x | Determines whether a rectangle displays around the selected control.           |
| Height                 | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The height of the picture.                                      |
| HideSnaked             | x | Whether the control appears once per page when printing newspaper columns.     |
| HTML.property          | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Settings for creating a hyperlink for the picture.              |
| Invert                 | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the colors are displayed inverted.                      |
| Moveable               | x | Whether the user can move the picture.                                         |
| Name                   |   | The name of the picture control.                                               |
| OriginalSize           | x | Whether the picture is shown in its original size.                             |
| Pointer                | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The pointer image when it is over the picture.                  |
| Resizable              | x | Whether the user can resize the picture.                                       |
| SlideLeft              | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the picture moves left to fill in empty space.          |
| SlideUp                | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) How the picture moves up to fill in empty space.                |
| TabSequence            | x | The position of the picture in the tab order.                                  |
| Tag                    | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The tag text for the picture.                                   |
| Type                   |   | The control's type, which is picture.                                          |
| Visible                | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the picture control is visible.                         |
| Width                  | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The width of the picture.                                       |
| X                      | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The x coordinate of the picture.                                |
| Y                      | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The y coordinate of the picture.                                |

## Properties for Report controls in DataWindow objects

An x in the M (Modify) column means you can change the property. When (*exp*) is included in the description, you can specify a DataWindow expression as the value for that property.

| Property for a Report | M | Description                                                                              |
|-----------------------|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Attributes            |   | A list of the properties of the report.                                                  |
| Band                  |   | The band containing the report.                                                          |
| Border                | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The type of border around the report.                                     |
| Criteria              | x | The search condition of the WHERE clause that relates the report to the main DataWindow. |
| DataObject            | x | The name of the DataWindow that is the nested report.                                    |

| Property for a Report     | M | Description                                                                 |
|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Height                    | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The height of the report.                                    |
| Height.AutoSize           | x | Whether the height of the control will be adjusted to display all the data. |
| HideSnaked                | x | Whether the control appears once per page when printing newspaper columns.  |
| Moveable                  | x | Whether the user can move the report.                                       |
| Name                      |   | The name of the Report control.                                             |
| Nest_Arguments            | x | Retrieval arguments for the report.                                         |
| NewPage (Report controls) | x | Whether to start the report on a new page (composite only).                 |
| Pointer                   | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The pointer image when it is over the report.                |
| Resizable                 | x | Whether the user can resize the report.                                     |
| SlideLeft                 | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the report moves left to fill in empty space.        |
| SlideUp                   | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) How the report moves up to fill in empty space.              |
| ShowBackground            | x | Whether the background settings of the report display.                      |
| Tag                       | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The tag text for the report.                                 |
| Trail_Footer              | x | Where to print the footer (composite only).                                 |
| Type                      |   | The control's type, which is report.                                        |
| Visible                   | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the Report control is visible.                       |
| Width                     | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The width of the report.                                     |
| X                         | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The x coordinate of the report.                              |
| Y                         | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The y coordinate of the report.                              |

## Properties for the Style keyword

You use these properties when generating DataWindow source code with the [SyntaxFromSql](#) method.

| Property             | Description                                            |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Detail_Bottom_Margin | Bottom margin of the detail area.                      |
| Detail_Top_Margin    | Top margin of the detail area.                         |
| Header_Bottom_Margin | Bottom margin of the header area.                      |
| Header_Top_Margin    | Top margin of the header area.                         |
| Horizontal_Spread    | Horizontal space between columns in the detail area.   |
| Left_Margin          | The left margin of the DataWindow.                     |
| Report               | Whether the DataWindow is a read-only report.          |
| Type                 | The presentation style.                                |
| Vertical_Size        | The height of the columns in the detail area.          |
| Vertical_Spread      | The vertical space between columns in the detail area. |

## Properties for TableBlob controls in DataWindow objects

An x in the M (Modify) column means you can change the property. When (*exp*) is included in the description, you can specify a DataWindow expression as the value for that property.

| Property for a TableBlob | M | Description                                                                |
|--------------------------|---|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Attributes               |   | A list of the properties of the TableBlob.                                 |
| Band                     |   | The band containing the TableBlob.                                         |
| Border                   | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The type of border around the TableBlob.                    |
| ClientName               | x | The name of the OLE client in the server window.                           |
| Height                   | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The height of the TableBlob.                                |
| HideSnaked               | x | Whether the control appears once per page when printing newspaper columns. |
| ID                       |   | The number of the TableBlob.                                               |
| KeyClause                | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The key clause used when retrieving the blob.               |
| Moveable                 | x | Whether the user can move the TableBlob.                                   |
| Name                     |   | The name of the TableBlob.                                                 |
| OLEClass                 | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The name of the TableBlob's OLE column.                     |
| Pointer                  | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The pointer image when it is over the TableBlob.            |
| Resizable                | x | Whether the user can resize the TableBlob.                                 |
| SlideLeft                | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the TableBlob moves left to fill empty space.       |
| SlideUp                  | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) How the TableBlob moves up to fill empty space.             |
| Tag                      | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The tag text for the control.                               |
| Template                 | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The file used to start the OLE application.                 |
| Type                     |   | The control's type, which is TableBlob.                                    |
| Visible                  | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the TableBlob is visible.                           |
| Width                    | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The width of the TableBlob.                                 |
| X                        | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The x coordinate of the TableBlob.                          |
| Y                        | x | ( <i>exp</i> ) The y coordinate of the TableBlob.                          |

## Properties for Text controls in DataWindow objects

An x in the M (Modify) column means you can change the property. An x in the S column means you can use the property with the [SyntaxFromSQL](#) method. When (*exp*) is included in the description, you can specify a DataWindow expression as the value for that property.

| Property for text     | M | S | Description                                                         |
|-----------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AccessibleDescription | x |   | A description of the control for use by assistive technology tools. |
| AccessibleName        | x |   | A descriptive label for the control.                                |

| Property for text   | M | S | Description                                                                  |
|---------------------|---|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AccessibleRole      |   |   | A description of the kind of user-interface element that the control is.     |
| Alignment           | x | x | The alignment of the text.                                                   |
| Attributes          |   |   | A list of the properties of the text control.                                |
| Background.property | x | x | <i>(exp)</i> Background settings for the text control.                       |
| Band                |   |   | The band containing the text control.                                        |
| Border              | x | x | <i>(exp)</i> The type of border around the text control.                     |
| Color               | x | x | <i>(exp)</i> The text color.                                                 |
| Enabled             | x |   | <i>(exp)</i> Determines whether a button control on a DataWindow is enabled. |
| FocusRectangle      | x |   | Determines whether a rectangle displays around the select control.           |
| Font.property       | x | x | <i>(exp)</i> Font settings for the text.                                     |
| Height              | x |   | <i>(exp)</i> The height of the text control.                                 |
| Height.AutoSize     | x |   | Whether the control's height is adjusted to fit the data.                    |
| HideSnaked          | x |   | Whether the control appears once per page when printing newspaper columns.   |
| HTML.property       | x |   | <i>(exp)</i> Settings for creating a hyperlink for the text.                 |
| Moveable            | x |   | Whether the user can move the text control.                                  |
| Name                |   |   | The name of the text control.                                                |
| Pointer             | x |   | <i>(exp)</i> The pointer image when it is over the text control.             |
| Resizable           | x |   | Whether the user can resize the text control.                                |
| SlideLeft           | x |   | <i>(exp)</i> Whether the text control moves left to fill space.              |
| SlideUp             | x |   | <i>(exp)</i> How the text control moves up to fill empty space.              |
| TabSequence         | x |   | The position of the text in the tab order.                                   |
| Tag                 | x |   | <i>(exp)</i> The tag text for the text control.                              |
| Text                | x |   | <i>(exp)</i> The displayed text.                                             |
| Type                |   |   | The control's type, which is Text.                                           |
| Visible             | x |   | <i>(exp)</i> Whether the control is visible.                                 |
| Width               | x |   | <i>(exp)</i> The width of the text control.                                  |
| X                   | x |   | <i>(exp)</i> The x coordinate of the text control.                           |
| Y                   | x |   | <i>(exp)</i> The y coordinate of the text control.                           |

## Title keyword

You use this property when generating DataWindow source code with the **SyntaxFromSql** method.

| Property        | Description                   |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Title("string") | The title for the DataWindow. |

## Alphabetical list of DataWindow object properties

The properties for DataWindow objects and controls within a DataWindow object follow in alphabetical order.

The simple Visual Basic example shown for most properties can be used in C# by adding a semicolon to the end of each statement.

To see the properties organized by type of control or syntax keyword, see [Controls in a DataWindow and their properties on page 158](#).

### Accelerator

#### Description

The accelerator key that a user can press to select a column in the DataWindow object.

#### Applies to

Column controls

#### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.columnname.Accelerator
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"columnname.Accelerator { = 'acceleratorkey' }"
```

| Parameter             | Description                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>columnname</i>     | The name of the column for which you want to get or set the accelerator key.                                                                                                       |
| <i>acceleratorkey</i> | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string expression whose value is the letter that will be the accelerator key for <i>columnname</i> . <i>Acceleratorkey</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

#### Usage

An accelerator key for a column allows users to select a column (change focus) with a keystroke rather than with the mouse. The user changes focus by pressing the accelerator key in combination with the Alt key.

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Edit tab.

**Displaying the accelerator** The column does not display the key. To let users know what key to use, you can include an underlined letter in a text control that labels the column. When you enter the text control's label, precede the character you want underlined with an ampersand (&).

**Accelerator keys and edit styles** To use an accelerator key with the CheckBox or RadioButton edit style, select the Edit edit style and specify the accelerator there.

Examples

```
dw1.Object.emp_name.Accelerator = 'A'
ls_data = dw1.Describe("emp_name.Accelerator")
dw1.Modify("emp_name.Accelerator='A'")
```

## AccessibleDescription

Description

A description of the control and/or its purpose for use by accessibility tools such as readers for visually-impaired users.

Applies to

Column, computed field, picture, text, graph, group box, and button controls

Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.AccessibleDescription
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"controlname.AccessibleDescription { = 'description' }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                         |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>columnname</i>  | The name of the control for which you want to get or set the accessible description |
| <i>description</i> | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string that describes the control's purpose or appearance          |

Usage

You do not need to supply a description if the AccessibleName and AccessibleRole properties adequately describe the control, as in the case of a button with the label OK. You should provide a description for a picture or report control.

**In the painter** In the Other tab in the Properties view, type a description in the AccessibleDescription text box.

Examples

```
dw1.Object.b_1.AccessibleDescription = 'Scrolls to Next Row'
strData = dw1.Describe("b_1.AccessibleDescription")
dw1.Modify("b_1.AccessibleDescription='Scrolls to next row'")
```

## AccessibleName

Description

A label that briefly describes the control for use by accessibility tools such as readers for visually-impaired users.

Applies to

Column, computed field, picture, text, graph, group box, and button controls

Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.AccessibleName
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"controlname.AccessibleName { = 'description' }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                         |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>columnname</i>  | The name of the control for which you want to get or set the accessible description |
| <i>description</i> | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string that briefly describes the control                          |

### Usage

The AccessibleName property is a brief description, such as the text in a button or the name of a menu item.

**In the painter** In the Other tab in the Properties view, type a name in the AccessibleName text box.

### Examples

```
dw1.Object.b_1.AccessibleName = 'Next'
ls_data = dw1.Describe("b_1.AccessibleName")
dw1.Modify("b_1.AccessibleName='Next'")
```

## AccessibleRole

### Description

A description of the kind of user-interface element that the control is, for use by accessibility tools such as readers for visually-impaired users.

### Applies to

Column, computed field, picture, text, graph, group box, and button controls

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.AccessibleRole
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"controlname.AccessibleRole { = 'enumeratedvalue' }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                 |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>columnname</i>  | The name of the control for which you want to get or set the accessible description                                         |
| <i>description</i> | ( <i>exp</i> ) A number specifying the type of AccessibleRole as a numeric value of the AccessibleRole DataWindow constant. |

### Usage

The description is a member of the AccessibleRole enumerated variable. The default role is defaultrole! and is used when the role cannot be determined.

**Table 3-1: AccessibleRole values for DataWindow controls**

| Control        | AccessibleRole  |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Button         | pushbuttonrole! |
| Column         | textrole!       |
| Computed field | statictextrole! |
| Graph          | diagramrole!    |
| Group box      | groupingrole!   |
| Picture        | graphicrole!    |
| Text           | statictextrole! |

**In the painter** In the Other tab in the Properties view, select a value in the AccessibleRole drop-down list.

**Examples**

```
ls_data = dw1.Object.b_1.AccessibleRole
ls_data = dw1.Describe("b_1.AccessibleRole")
```

**Action**

**Description**

The action a user can assign to a button control.

**Applies to**

Button controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.buttonname.Action
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"buttonname.Action { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter         | Description                                                                        |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>buttonname</i> | The name of the button for which you want to assign an action.                     |
| <i>value</i>      | The action value assigned to the button. Values are listed in the following table. |

| Value | Action      | Description                                                                                                           | Value returned to ButtonClicked event           |
|-------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 0     | UserDefined | (Default) Allows for programming of the ButtonClicked and ButtonClicking events with no intervening action occurring. | Return code from the user's coded event script. |



| Value | Action           | Description                                                                                                                                                            | Value returned to ButtonClicked event                                                                                                                 |
|-------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Retrieve (Yield) | Retrieves rows from the database. Before retrieval actually occurs, option to yield is turned on. This allows the Cancel action to take effect during a long retrieve. | Number of rows retrieved.                                                                                                                             |
| 2     | Retrieve         | Retrieves rows from the database. The option to yield is not automatically turned on.                                                                                  | Number of rows retrieved.                                                                                                                             |
| 3     | Cancel           | Cancels a retrieval that has been started with the option to yield.                                                                                                    | 0                                                                                                                                                     |
| 4     | PageNext         | Scrolls to the next page.                                                                                                                                              | The row displayed at the top of the DataWindow control when the scrolling is complete or attempts to go past the first row.<br>-1 if an error occurs. |
| 5     | PagePrior        | Scrolls to the prior page.                                                                                                                                             | The row displayed at the top of the DataWindow control when the scrolling is complete or attempts to go past the first row.<br>-1 if an error occurs. |
| 6     | PageFirst        | Scrolls to the first page.                                                                                                                                             | 1 if successful.<br>-1 if an error occurs.                                                                                                            |
| 7     | PageLast         | Scrolls to the last page.                                                                                                                                              | The row displayed at the top of the DataWindow control when the scrolling is complete or attempts to go past the first row.<br>-1 if an error occurs. |
| 8     | Sort             | Displays Sort dialog box and sorts as specified.                                                                                                                       | 1 if successful.<br>-1 if an error occurs.                                                                                                            |
| 9     | Filter           | Displays Filter dialog box and filters as specified.                                                                                                                   | Number of rows filtered.<br>Number < 0 if an error occurs.                                                                                            |
| 10    | DeleteRow        | If button is in detail band, deletes row associated with button; otherwise, deletes the current row.                                                                   | 1 if successful.<br>-1 if an error occurs.                                                                                                            |
| 11    | AppendRow        | Inserts row at the end.                                                                                                                                                | Row number of newly inserted row.                                                                                                                     |
| 12    | InsertRow        | If button is in detail band, inserts row using row number associated with the button; otherwise, inserts row using the current row.                                    | Row number of newly inserted row.                                                                                                                     |
| 13    | Update           | Saves changes to the database. If the update is successful, a <b>COMMIT</b> is issued. If the update fails, a <b>ROLLBACK</b> is issued                                | 1 if successful.<br>-1 if an error occurs.                                                                                                            |

| Value | Action            | Description                                                         | Value returned to ButtonClicked event |
|-------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 14    | SaveRowsAs        | Displays Save As dialog box and saves rows in the format specified. | Number of rows filtered.              |
| 15    | Print             | Prints one copy of the DataWindow object.                           | 0                                     |
| 16    | Preview           | Toggles between preview and print preview.                          | 0                                     |
| 17    | PreviewWithRulers | Toggles between rulers on and off.                                  | 0                                     |
| 18    | QueryMode         | Toggles between query mode on and off.                              | 0                                     |
| 19    | QuerySort         | Specifies sorting criteria (forces query mode on).                  | 0                                     |
| 20    | QueryClear        | Removes the <b>WHERE</b> clause from a query (if one was defined).  | 0                                     |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab.

**Examples**

```
dw1.Object.b_retrieve.Action = "2"
setting = dw1.Describe("b_retrieve.Action")
dw1.Modify("b_retrieve.Action = '2'")
```

## Activation

**Description** The way the server for the OLE object in the OLE Object control is activated. Choices include letting the user activate the object by double-clicking or putting activation under program control.

**Applies to** OLE Object controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.olecontrolname.Activation
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"olecontrolname.Activation { = ' activationtype ' }"
```

| Parameter             | Description                                                                                |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>olecontrolname</i> | The name of the OLE Object control for which you want to get or set the activation method. |

| Parameter             | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>activationtype</i> | ( <i>exp</i> ) A number specifying the method of activation for the OLE object. <i>Activationtype</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression.<br>Values are:<br>0 – The object has to be activated with the <b>Activate</b> method.<br>1 – The user can activate the object by double-clicking on it.<br>2 – The object activates when the container gets focus. |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Options tab.

**Examples**

```
dw1.Object.ole_report.Activation
ls_data = dw1.Describe("ole_report.Activation")
dw1.Modify("ole_report.Activation='2'")
```

**Alignment****Description**

The alignment of the control's text within its borders.

**Applies to**

Column, Computed Field, and Text controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.Alignment
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"controlname.Alignment { = ' alignmentvalue ' }"
```

**SyntaxFromSql**:

```
Text (... Alignment = alignmentvalue ...)
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                             |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the control for which you want to get or set the alignment. |

| Parameter             | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>alignmentvalue</i> | <p>(<i>exp</i>) A number specifying the type of alignment for the text of <i>controlname</i>. <i>Alignmentvalue</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 – (Default) Left</li> <li>1 – Right</li> <li>2 – Center</li> <li>3 – Justified</li> </ul> <p>When generating DataWindow syntax with <a href="#">SyntaxFromSql</a>, the setting for Alignment applies to all text controls used as column labels.</p> |

**Usage**

When you select justified, the last line of text is not stretched to fill the line. Controls with only one line of text look left aligned.

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value using:

- Properties view, General tab
- StyleBar

**Examples**

```
dw1.Object.emp_name_t.Alignment = 2
ls_data = dw1.Describe("emp_name.Alignment")
dw1.Modify("emp_name_t.Alignment='2'")
```

**Arguments**

**Description**

The retrieval arguments required by the data source. You specify retrieval arguments in the DataWindow's **SELECT** statement and you provide values for the retrieval arguments when you call the **Retrieve** method.

**Applies to**

Database table for the DataWindow object

Not settable in PowerScript. Used in DataWindow syntax.

**Syntax**

Table(Arguments = ( (*name1*, *type*), (*name2*, *type*) ... ) ... )

| Parameter   | Description                        |
|-------------|------------------------------------|
| <i>name</i> | The name of the retrieval argument |

| Parameter   | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>type</i> | The type of the argument: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date or a Date list</li> <li>• DateTime or a DateTime list</li> <li>• Number or a Number list</li> <li>• String or a String list</li> <li>• Time or a Time list</li> </ul> |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Set the value in the **SQL** Select painter or Query painter.

Open the **SQL** Select painter by selecting Design>Data Source from the menu bar in the DataWindow painter, or create or open a query in the Query painter. Then select Design>Retrieval Arguments.

**Attributes****Description**

A tab-separated list of all the properties that apply to a control.

**Applies to**

DataWindow, Button, Column, Computed Field, Graph, GroupBox, Line, OLE, Oval, Picture, Rectangle, Report, RoundedRectangle, TableBlob, and Text controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.Attributes
```

Describe argument:

```
"controlname.Attributes"
```

**Examples**

```
ls_data = dw1.Object.emp_name_t.Attributes
ls_data = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Attributes")
ls_data = dw1.Describe("emp_name_t.Attributes")
```

**Axis****Description**

The list of items or the expression associated with an axis of a graph. Each item is separated by a comma. You can ask for the list of categories on the Category axis, the series on the Series axis, or the values on the Values axis.

**Applies to**

Graph controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.graphname.axis
```

Describe and Modify argument:

`"graphname.axis { = ' list ' }"`

| Parameter        | Description                                                                                                                                                                               |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>graphname</i> | The name of the graph within the DataWindow object for which you want to get or set the list of items for <i>axis</i> .                                                                   |
| <i>axis</i>      | An axis name.<br>Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Category</li> <li>• Series</li> <li>• Values</li> </ul>                                                             |
| <i>list</i>      | A string listing the categories, series, or values for the graph. The content of the list depends on the axis you specify. The items in the list are separated by commas. List is quoted. |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the graph control and set the value by selecting a column or expression for each axis in the Properties view, Data tab.

**Examples**

```
ls_data = dw1.Object.gr_1.Values
dw1.Object.gr_1.Series = "Actual, Budget"

ls_data = dw1.Describe("gr1.Category")
ls_data = dw1.Describe("gr1.Series")
ls_data = dw1.Describe("gr1.Values")
dw1.Modify("gr1.Series='Actual, Budget'")
```

## Axis.property

**Description**

Settings that control the appearance of an axis on a graph.

**Applies to**

Graph controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

`dw_control.Object.graphname.axis.property`

Describe and Modify argument:

`"graphname.axis.property { = value }"`

| Parameter        | Description                                                                                                       |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>graphname</i> | The name of the graph within the DataWindow object for which you want to get or set a property value for an axis. |

| Parameter       | Description                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>axis</i>     | An axis name.<br>Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Category</li> <li>• Series</li> <li>• Values</li> </ul> |
| <i>property</i> | A property for the axis. Properties and their settings are listed in the table that follows.                                  |
| <i>value</i>    | The value to be assigned to the property. For axis properties, <i>value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression.            |

| Property for Axis                | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AutoScale                        | ( <i>exp</i> ) A boolean number specifying whether PowerBuilder scales the axis automatically. Enabled when the axis displays nonstring data.<br>Values are:<br>0 – No, do not automatically scale the axis.<br>1 – Yes, automatically scale the axis.<br>Painter: Axis tab, Scale group.                  |
| DispAttr.<br><i>fontproperty</i> | ( <i>exp</i> ) Properties that control the appearance of the text that labels the axis divisions. For a list of font properties, see the main entry for DispAttr. <i>fontproperty</i> .<br>Painter: Text tab. Choose Category Axis Text, Series Axis Text, or Values Axis Text, and set font properties.   |
| DisplayEvery<br>NLabels          | ( <i>exp</i> ) An integer specifying which major axis divisions to label. For example, 2 means label every other tick mark. Values 0 and 1 both mean label every tick mark. If the labels are too long, they are clipped.<br>Painter: Axis tab, Major Divisions group (not available for all graph types). |
| DropLines                        | ( <i>exp</i> ) An integer indicating the type of drop line for the axis.<br>Values are:<br>0 – None<br>1 – Solid<br>2 – Dash<br>3 – Dot<br>4 – DashDot<br>5 – DashDotDot<br>Painter: Axis tab, Major Divisions group (not available for all graph types).<br>Not supported by Render3D graph style.        |

| Property for Axis                     | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Frame                                 | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer indicating the type of line used for the frame. Values are 0–5. See DropLines in this table for their meaning. Available for 3D graph types.</p> <p>Painter: Axis tab, Line Style group.</p> <p>Not supported by Render3D graph style.</p>                                                   |
| Label                                 | <p>(<i>exp</i>) A string whose value is the axis label.</p> <p>Painter: Axis tab.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| LabelDispAttr.<br><i>fontproperty</i> | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Properties that control the appearance of the axis label.</p> <p>For a list of font properties, see the main entry for DispAttr.<i>fontproperty</i>.</p> <p>Painter: Text tab. Choose Category Axis Label, Series Axis Label, or Values Axis Label, and set font properties.</p>                        |
| MajorDivisions                        | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer specifying the number of major divisions on the axis.</p> <p>Painter: Axis tab, Major Divisions group.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| MajorGridLine                         | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer specifying the type of line for the major grid. Values are 0–5. See DropLines in this table for their meaning.</p> <p>Painter: Axis tab, Major Divisions group.</p> <p>Not supported by Render3D graph style.</p>                                                                            |
| MajorTic                              | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer specifying the type of the major tick marks.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 – None</li> <li>2 – Inside</li> <li>3 – Outside</li> <li>4 – Straddle</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Axis tab, Major Divisions group.</p> <p>Not supported by Render3D graph style.</p> |
| MaximumValue                          | <p>(<i>exp</i>) A double specifying the maximum value for the axis.</p> <p>Painter: Axis tab, Scale group.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| MinimumValue                          | <p>(<i>exp</i>) A double specifying the minimum value for the axis.</p> <p>Painter: Axis tab, Scale group.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| MinorDivisions                        | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer specifying the number of minor divisions on the axis.</p> <p>Painter: Axis tab, Minor Divisions group.</p> <p>Not supported by Render3D graph style.</p>                                                                                                                                     |
| MinorGridLine                         | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer specifying the type of line for the minor grid. Values are 0–5. See DropLines in this table for their meaning.</p> <p>Painter: Axis tab, Minor Divisions group.</p> <p>Not supported by Render3D graph style.</p>                                                                            |



| Property for Axis | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MinorTic          | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer specifying the type of the minor tick marks.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 – None</li> <li>2 – Inside</li> <li>3 – Outside</li> <li>4 – Straddle</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Axis tab, Minor Divisions group.</p> <p>Not supported by Render3D graph style.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| OriginLine        | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer specifying the type of origin line for the axis. Values are 0–5. See DropLines in this table for their meaning. Enabled for numeric data axes.</p> <p>Painter: Axis tab, Line Style group.</p> <p>Not supported by Render3D graph style.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| PrimaryLine       | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer specifying the type of primary line for the axis. Values are 0–5. See DropLines in this table for their meaning.</p> <p>Painter: Axis tab, Line Style group.</p> <p>Not supported by Render3D graph style.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| RoundTo           | <p>(<i>exp</i>) A double specifying the value to which you want to round the axis values. Specify both a value and a unit (described next).</p> <p>Painter: Axis tab, Scale group.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| RoundToUnit       | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer specifying the units for the rounding value. The units must be appropriate for the axis datatype.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 – Default, for an axis of any datatype</li> <li>1 – Years, for an axis of type date or DateTime</li> <li>2 – Months, for an axis of type date or DateTime</li> <li>3 – Days, for an axis of type date or DateTime</li> <li>4 – Hours, for an axis of type time or DateTime</li> <li>5 – Minutes, for an axis of type time or DateTime</li> <li>6 – Seconds, for an axis of type time or DateTime</li> <li>7 – Microseconds, for an axis of type time or DateTime</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Axis tab, Scale group.</p> |
| ScaleType         | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer specifying the type of scale used for the axis.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 – Scale_Linear</li> <li>2 – Scale_Log10</li> <li>3 – Scale_Loge</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Axis tab, Scale group.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

| Property for Axis | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ScaleValue        | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer specifying the scale of values on the axis.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 – Scale_Actual</li> <li>2 – Scale_Cumulative</li> <li>3 – Scale_Percentage</li> <li>4 – Scale_CumPercent</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Axis tab, Scale group.</p>                                                   |
| SecondaryLine     | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer specifying the type of secondary line for the axis. The line is parallel to and opposite the primary line and is usually not displayed in 2D graphs. Values are 0–5. See DropLines in this table for their meaning.</p> <p>Painter: Axis tab, Line Style group.</p> <p>Not supported by Render3D graph style.</p>        |
| ShadeBackEdge     | <p>(<i>exp</i>) A boolean number specifying whether the back edge of the axis is shaded.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 – No, the back edge is not shaded</li> <li>1 – Yes, the back edge is shaded</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Axis tab. Enabled for 3D graphs only.</p> <p>Not supported by Render3D graph style.</p> |
| Sort              | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer specifying the way the axis values should be sorted. (Does not apply to the Values axis.)</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 – Unsorted</li> <li>1 – Ascending</li> <li>2 – Descending</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Axis tab, Line Style group.</p>                                               |

### Usage

**In the painter** Select the graph control or the Graph DataWindow object and set the value in the Properties view. To set most axis properties, select the Axis tab and an axis in the Axis drop-down list. Font properties are set on the Text tab.

### Examples

```
string ls_data
ls_data = dw1.Object.gr_1.Category.AutoScale
dw1.Object.Category.LabelDispAttr.Alignment = 2
ls_data = dw1.Describe("gr_1.Category.AutoScale")
dw1.Modify("gr_1.Series.AutoScale=0")
dw1.Modify("gr_1.Values.Label='Cities'")
dw1.Modify("gr_1.Category.LabelDispAttr.Alignment=2")
```

## BackColor

**Description** The background color of a graph in a DataWindow.

**Applies to** Graph controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.graphname.BackColor
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"graphname.BackColor { = long }"
```

| Parameter        | Description                                                                                                                                                                        |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>graphname</i> | The graph whose background color you want to get or set.                                                                                                                           |
| <i>long</i>      | ( <i>exp</i> ) A long expression specifying the color (red, green, and blue values) to be used as the graph's background color. <i>Long</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the graph control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab.

**Examples**

```
dw1.Object.graph_1.BackColor = 250
setting = dw1.Describe("graph_1.BackColor")
dw1.Modify("graph_1.BackColor=250")
```

## Background.property

**Description** Settings for the color and transparency of a control.

**Applies to** Button, Column, Computed Field, GroupBox, Line, Oval, Rectangle, RoundRectangle, and Text controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.Background.property
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"controlname.Background.property { = ' value ' }"
```

**SyntaxFromSql**:

```
Column (Background.property = value)
Text (Background.property = value)
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The control whose Background properties you want to get or set. When generating DataWindow syntax with <b>SyntaxFromSql</b> , the Background settings apply to all columns or all text controls. |

| Parameter       | Description                                                                                    |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>property</i> | A property that applies to the background of a control, as listed in the Property table below. |
| <i>value</i>    | Values for the properties are shown below. <i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

| Property for Background | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Brushmode               | <i>(exp)</i> An integer indicating the type of “brush” to use for the gradient.<br>Values are:<br>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group (not available in RichText, Graph, or OLE DataWindow objects).                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Color                   | <i>(exp)</i> A long expression specifying the color (the red, green, and blue values) to be used as the control’s background color.<br>Painter: Background tab                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Mode                    | <i>(exp)</i> A number expression specifying the mode of the background of <i>controlname</i> .<br>Values are:<br>0 – Make the control’s background opaque<br>1 – make the control’s background transparent                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Transparency            | <i>(exp)</i> An integer in the range 0 to 100, where 0 means that the column or control’s primary background is opaque and 100 that it is completely transparent.<br>Painter: Background tab.                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Gradient.Angle          | <i>(exp)</i> An integer indicating the angle in degrees (values are 0 to 360) used to offset the color and transparency gradient. This property is used only when the column’s or control’s background.gradient.mode takes values of 3 or 4.<br>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group.                                                                                                                    |
| Gradient.Color          | <i>(exp)</i> A long specifying the color (the red, green, and blue values) to be used as the column or control’s secondary background color. The gradient defines transitions between the primary and secondary background colors.<br>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group.                                                                                                                              |
| Gradient.Focus          | <i>(exp)</i> An integer in the range 0 to 100, specifying the distance (as a percentage) from the center where the background color is at its maximum. (For example, if the radial gradient is used and the value is set to 0, the color will be at the center of the background; if the value is set to 100, the color will be at the edges of the background.)<br>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group |

| Property for Background    | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Gradient.Repetition.Mode   | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Specifies the mode for determining the number of gradient transitions for the column's or control's background color and transparency.</p> <p>Permitted values and their meanings are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>0</b> Gradient.repetition.count determines the number of gradient transitions</li> <li>• <b>1</b> Gradient.repetition.length determines the number of gradient transitions</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group.</p> |
| Gradient.Repetition.Count  | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer specifying the number of gradient transitions for background color and transparency. A value of 0 indicates 1 transition. A value of 3 indicates 4 transitions. This property is used only when the gradient.repetition.mode property for the column or control takes the value of 0 (by count).</p> <p>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group.</p>                                                                                                              |
| Gradient.Repetition.Length | <p>(<i>exp</i>) A long specifying the number of gradient transitions. This property is used only when the gradient.repetition.mode property for the column or control takes the value of 1 (by length). The units for the length that you assign for gradient transitions are set by the DataWindow object's Units property.</p> <p>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group.</p>                                                                                                             |
| Gradient.Scale             | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer in the range 0 to 100 specifying the rate of transition to the gradient color (as a percentage).</p> <p>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Gradient.Spread            | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer in the range 0 to 100 indicating the contribution of the second color to the blend (as a percentage).</p> <p>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Gradient.Transparency      | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer in the range 0 to 100, where 0 means that the column or control's secondary (gradient) background is opaque and 100 that it is completely transparent. The gradient defines transitions between the primary and secondary transparency settings.</p> <p>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group.</p>                                                                                                                                                              |

### Usage

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Font tab for controls that have text and in the General tab for drawing controls (choose Transparent or a color).

When you choose a Brush Hatch fill pattern other than Solid for an Oval, Rectangle, or RoundRectangle control, the Background Color and the Brush Color are used for the pattern colors.

**Background color of a button** The Background.Color property is not supported on Windows XP by default because the current XP theme controls the appearance of the button. Set the `ShowBackColorOnXP` property of the DataWindow object to force the color change to take effect.

**Background color of a line** The background color of a line is the color that displays between the segments of the line when the pen style is not solid.

**Transparent background** If Background.Mode is transparent (1), Background.Color is ignored.

**Background gradient properties** Background gradient and transparency properties do not apply to DataWindow objects with the RichText, Graph, or OLE presentation style, and do not apply to the Line control.

**DropDownDataWindows and GetChild** When you set Background.Color and Background.Mode for a column with a DropDownDataWindow, references to the DropDownDataWindow become invalid. Call **GetChild** again after changing these properties to obtain a valid reference.

**Examples**

```

dw1.Object.oval_1.Background.Color = RGB(255, 0, 128)
ls_data = dw1.Describe("oval_1.Background.Color")
dw1.Modify("emp_name.Background.Color='11665407'")

ls_data = dw1.Describe("emp_name.Background.Mode")
dw1.Modify("emp_name.Background.Mode='1'")
dw1.Modify("rndrect_1.Background.Mode='0'")

SQLCA.SyntaxFromSQL(sql_syntax, &
 "Style(...) Column(Background.Mode=1 ...) ...", &
 ls_Errors)
SQLCA.SyntaxFromSQL(sql_syntax, &
 "Style(...) Column(Background.Color=11665407 ...) ", &
 ls_Errors)

```

## BackImage

**Description**

The column that contains the background image for an InkPicture control in a DataWindow.

**Applies to**

InkPicture controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.inkpicname.BackImage
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"inkpicname.BackImage{ = colname }"
```

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                                      |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>inkpicname</i> | The graph whose background color you want to get or set.                                                         |
| <i>colname</i>    | A string value specifying the name of the long binary column that contains the background image for the control. |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the InkPicture control and set the value in the Properties view, Definition tab, Col for Image property. The image format can be JPEG, GIF, BMP, or ICO. If you change the image, call the **Retrieve** method to force the DataWindow to retrieve the new image.

**Examples**

```
sval = dw1.Object.inkpic_1.backimage
dw1.Object.inkpic_1.backimage = 'InkImg'
```

## Band

**Description** The band or layer in the DataWindow object that contains the control. The returned text is one of the following, where # is the level number of a group: detail, footer, header, header.#, summary, trailer.#, tree.level.#, foreground, background.

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### Changing a control's band

Use the **SetPosition** method to change a control's band at runtime.

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**Applies to** Button, Column, Computed Field, Graph, GroupBox, Line, OLE, Oval, Picture, Rectangle, Report, RoundedRectangle, TableBlob, and Text controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.Band
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"controlname.Band"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the control within the DataWindow for which you want the band it occupies |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Position tab, Layer option. When the control's layer is Band, you can drag the control into another band.

**Examples**

```
ls_data = dw1.Object.emp_title.Band
ls_data = dw1.Describe("emp_title.Band")
```

## *Bandname.property*

**Description** Settings for the color, size, and pointer of a band in the DataWindow object. The gradient settings do not work in reports.

Applies to

DataWindows

Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

*dw\_control*.Object.DataWindow.*bandname*.*property*

Describe and Modify argument:

"DataWindow.*bandname*{#}.*property* { = *value* }"

| Parameter       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>bandname</i> | <p>The identifier of a band in the DataWindow object.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detail</li> <li>• Footer</li> <li>• Summary</li> <li>• Header</li> <li>• Trailer</li> <li>• Tree.Level</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Setting the header.#, trailer.#, and tree.level.# bands</b><br/>                     You cannot use dot notation to set the header.#, trailer.#, and tree.level.# bands.</p> |
| <i>#</i>        | <p>The number of the group or TreeView level you want when <i>bandname</i> is Header, Trailer, or Tree.Level. The group must exist.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>property</i> | <p>A property that applies to the band, as listed in the table below.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>value</i>    | <p>Values for the properties are shown in the following table.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

| Property for Bandname | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Brushmode             | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer indicating the type of “brush” to use for the gradient.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 – Solid</li> <li>1 – Horizontal</li> <li>2 – Vertical</li> <li>3 – Angle</li> <li>4 – ScaledAngle</li> <li>5 – Radial</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group (not available for RichText, Graph, or OLE DataWindow objects).</p> |



| Property for Bandname | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Color                 | <p>(<i>exp</i>) A long specifying the color (the red, green, and blue values) to be used as the band's background color. <i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression.</p> <p>Painter: General tab.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Height                | <p>An integer specifying the height of the detail area in the unit of measure specified for the DataWindow.</p> <p>Painter: General tab.</p> <p>For another way of setting the height of the detail band, see the <a href="#">SetDetailHeight</a> method.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Height.AutoSize       | <p>Allows the band to grow to display a row, picture, or nested report without cutting off any of its content. In the detail band, selecting this property sets the minimum height for all rows to the size specified by the Height property for the band.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No – Fixes the band height to the size set for the Height property of the band.</li> <li>Yes – Adjusts the band height to accommodate the full content of a row or the controls in the band. However, the band height cannot be reduced below the value set for the Height property of the band.</li> </ul> <p>This property can be especially useful to set on the detail band when it contains rows with a text column that you want to display without cutting off any of the text. The height of the detail band must not grow larger than a page, except when it contains nested DataWindows with the Report.Height.AutoSize property set to Yes.</p> <p>You can set this property on individual columns and controls as well as on the band itself. For more information, see the <a href="#">Height.AutoSize</a> property for DataWindow objects.</p> <p>There are some limitations on the use of this property:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Height.Autosize property is not supported on DataWindows with Graph, Label, OLE, or Rich Text presentation styles.</li> <li>• Nested report overflow to the next page is supported in detail bands only.</li> <li>• Bands cannot be autosized if autosizing would preclude the display of at least one detail band row per page.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: General tab when the band is selected.</p> |
| Pointer               | <p>(<i>exp</i>) A string specifying a value of the Pointer enumerated datatype or the name of a cursor file (.CUR) to be used for the pointer. See the <a href="#">SetPointer</a> method for a list of Pointer values. <i>Pointername</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression.</p> <p>Painter: Pointer tab.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

| Property for Bandname    | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Suppress                 | <p>A boolean that lets you suppress group headers after page breaks. You can set this property on group header bands only. When a group listing straddles a page break, all group headers for which you set this property will be suppressed. The suppressed headers do not display at the top of the page. However, if the page break coincides with the start of a new group, only headers above the current group header can be suppressed.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No – Does not suppress group headers.</li> <li>Yes – Suppresses group headers.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: General tab when a group header band is selected.</p> |
| Transparency             | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer in the range 0 to 100, where 0 means that the background is opaque and 100 that it is completely transparent.</p> <p>Painter: Background tab.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Gradient.Angle           | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer indicating the angle in degrees (values are 0 to 360) used to offset the color and transparency gradient. This property is used only when the DataWindow band gradient.mode takes values of 3 or 4.</p> <p>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Gradient.Color           | <p>(<i>exp</i>) A long specifying the color (the red, green, and blue values) to be used as the band object's secondary background color. The gradient defines transitions between the primary and secondary background colors. <i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression.</p> <p>Painter: Background tab.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Gradient.Focus           | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer in the range 0 to 100, specifying the distance (as a percentage) from the center where the background color is at its maximum. (For example, if the radial gradient is used and the value is set to 0, the color will be at the center of the background; if the value is set to 100, the color will be at the edges of the background.)</p> <p>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Gradient.Scale           | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer in the range 0 to 100 specifying the rate of transition to the gradient color (as a percentage).</p> <p>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Gradient.Spread          | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer in the range 0 to 100 indicating the contribution of the second color to the blend (as a percentage).</p> <p>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Gradient.Repetition.Mode | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Specifies the mode for determining the number of gradient transitions for band background color and transparency.</p> <p>Permitted values and their meanings are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>0</b> Gradient.repetition.count determines the number of gradient transitions</li> <li>• <b>1</b> Gradient.repetition.length determines the number of gradient transitions</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

| Property for Bandname      | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Gradient.Repetition.Count  | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer specifying the number of gradient transitions for background color and transparency. A value of 0 indicates 1 transition. A value of 3 indicates 4 transitions. This property is used only when the <code>gradient.repetition.mode</code> property for the DataWindow band takes the value of 0 (by count).</p> <p>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group.</p>             |
| Gradient.Repetition.Length | <p>(<i>exp</i>) A long specifying the number of gradient transitions. This property is used only when the <code>gradient.repetition.mode</code> property for the DataWindow band takes the value of 1 (by length). The units for the length that you assign for the band's gradient transitions are set by the DataWindow object's Units property.</p> <p>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group.</p> |
| Gradient.Transparency      | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer in the range 0 to 100, where 0 means that the band's secondary (gradient) background is opaque and 100 that it is completely transparent. The gradient defines transitions between the primary and secondary transparency settings.</p> <p>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group.</p>                                                                                     |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the band by clicking the gray divider for the band. Set the value in the Properties view.

**Examples**

```
string ls_data
ls_data = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Detail.Height
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Detail.Pointer = "hand.cur"

ls_data = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Detail.Height")
ls_data = &
 dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Detail.Height.AutoSize")

dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Detail.Pointer='hand.cur'")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Detail.Pointer='~\"Cross!~\" ~t
if(emp_status=~\"a~\", ~\"HourGlass!~\", ~\"Cross!~\")'")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Footer.Height=250")

ll_color = RGB(200, 200, 500)
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Header.2.Color=" &
 + String(ll_color))

dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Trailer.2.Height=500")
dw1.Modify(&
 "DataWindow.Summary.Pointer='c:\pb\total.cur'")
```

## Bandname.Text

**Description** (RichText presentation style only) The rich text content of the specified band as an ASCII string.

**Applies to** DataWindows in the RichText presentation style

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.bandname.Text
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"DataWindow.bandname.Text { = rtfstring }"
```

| Parameter        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>bandname</i>  | The identifier of a band in the DataWindow object that has the RichText presentation style. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detail</li> <li>• Header</li> <li>• Footer</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <i>rtfstring</i> | A string whose value is the rich text content of the band. The string includes the rich text formatting codes, text, and input fields.<br><br>Text assigned to the header or footer band is ignored if RichText.HeaderFooter is set to no.<br><br>When you assign text using the <b>Modify</b> method or dot notation, nested quotes must be represented with tildes and quotes. If your data is a pure RTF string, use the <b>PasteRTF</b> method. |

**Usage** **In the painter** Set the value by editing the content of each band in the painter workspace.

**Examples**

```
ls_footertext = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Footer.Text
ls_data = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Detail.Text")
```

## Bands

**Description** A list of the bands in the DataWindow object. The list can include one or more of the following band identifiers, where # is the level number of a group: Detail, Footer, Header, Header.#, Summary, Trailer.#, Tree.Level.#. The items in the list are separated by tabs.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Bands
```

Describe argument:

```
"DataWindow.Bands"
```

### Examples

```
ls_data = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Bands
ls_data = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Bands")
```

## BinaryIndex

### Description

An internal index that PowerBuilder uses to manage the OLE Object control in the library. There is no reason to get this value; the value has no external significance.

### Applies to

OLE Object controls

### Syntax

```
"olecontrolname.BinaryIndex"
```

## BitmapName

### Description

Whether PowerBuilder interprets the column's value as the name of a picture file and displays the picture instead of the text. BitmapName's value is either Yes or No.

### Applies to

Column controls

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.columnname.BitmapName
```

Describe argument:

```
"columnname.BitmapName"
```

### Usage

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Display As Pic option.

### Examples

```
ls_data = dw1.Object.emp_name.BitmapName
ls_data = dw1.Describe("emp_name.BitmapName")
```

## Border

### Description

The type of border for the control.

**Applies to** Column, Computed Field, Graph, GroupBox, OLE, Picture, Report, TableBlob, and Text controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

`dw_control.Object.controlname.Border`

Describe and Modify argument:

`"controlname.Border { = ' value ' }"`

SyntaxFromSql:

Column ( ... Border = *value* ... )

Text ( ... Border = *value* ... )

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the control whose border you want to get or set.<br>When generating DataWindow syntax with <b>SyntaxFromSql</b> , the Border setting applies to all columns or all text controls.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <i>value</i>       | ( <i>exp</i> ) A number specifying the type of border.<br>Values are:<br>0 – None<br>1 – Shadow<br>2 – Rectangle<br>3 – Resize<br>4 – Line<br>5 – 3D Lowered<br>6 – 3D Raised<br><br>The value can be a quoted DataWindow painter expression.<br>When you change between Resize and another border, change the Resizable property too so that the control's appearance and behavior match.<br><br>For columns, you can access the Border property with the GetBorderStyle and SetBorderStyle methods. |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab.

Changing the Border setting between Resize and another border affects the Resizable option on the Position tab. To make another border resizable, choose the border then reset Resizable.

On Windows XP, to display the border of a text column with the XP style (by default, a blue box), set the Border property to Lowered and the BackgroundColor of the font to Window Background.

For examples of other ways to set properties, using Border as an example, see [What you can do with DataWindow object properties on page 447](#).

### Examples

```
string ls_data
ls_data = dw1.Object.emp_name_t.Border
dw1.Object.emp_name_t.Border='6'

ls_data = dw1.Describe("emp_name_t.Border")
dw1.Modify("emp_name_t.Border='6'")

SQLCA.SyntaxFromSQL(sql_syntax, &
 "Style(...) Column(Border=5 ...) ...",
ls_Errors)
```

## Brush.property

### Description

Settings for the fill pattern and color of a graphic control.

### Applies to

Oval, Rectangle, and RoundedRectangle controls

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.Brush.property
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"controlname.Brush.property { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                           |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the Line, Oval, Rectangle, RoundedRectangle, or Text control whose Brush property you want to get or set. |
| <i>property</i>    | A property that applies to the Brush characteristics of a control, as listed in the table below.                      |
| <i>value</i>       | Values for the properties are shown in the next table. Value can be a quoted DataWindow expression.                   |

| Property for Brush | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Color              | ( <i>exp</i> ) A long expression specifying the color (the red, green, and blue values) to be used to fill the control.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Hatch              | ( <i>exp</i> ) A number expression specifying the fill pattern of <i>controlname</i> .<br>Values are:<br>0 – Horizontal<br>1 – Bdiagonal (lines from lower left to upper right)<br>2 – Vertical<br>3 – Cross<br>4 – Fdiagonal (lines from upper left to lower right)<br>5 – DiagCross<br>6 – Solid<br>7 – Transparent<br>8 – Background (use the settings on the Background tab) |

**Usage**                   **In the painter**   Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab.

When you choose a Brush Hatch fill pattern other than Solid or Transparent, the Background Color and the Brush Color are used for the pattern colors.

**Examples**

```
string ls_data
ls_data = dw1.Object.oval_1.Brush.Hatch
dw1.Object.oval_1.Brush.Hatch = 5

ls_data = dw1.Describe("oval_1.Brush.Hatch")
dw1.Modify("oval_1.Brush.Hatch='5'")
dw1.Modify("oval_1.Brush.Color='16731766'")
```

## Brushmode

**Description**                   Setting that controls the type of “brush” used for the background or primary gradient.

**Applies to**                   DataWindows

**Syntax**                       PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.brushmode
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
“DataWindow (brushmode = { integer })”
```



| Parameter      | Description                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>integer</i> | The value to be assigned to the property:<br>0 – Solid<br>1 – HorizontalGradient<br>2 – VerticalGradient<br>3 – AngleGradient<br>4 – ScaledAngleGradient<br>5 – RadialGradient<br>6 – Picture |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Set the brushmode value on the Background tab of the Properties view.

If you save to an EMF or WMF, the properties on the Background tab are not saved with the DataWindow.

The following table explains the possible values for Brushmode:

| Value                  | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0 - Solid              | The background is a solid color as selected                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 1 - HorizontalGradient | The color changes horizontally from the primary color (and transparency) to the secondary color (and transparency). The primary values are defined by the <code>datawindow.color</code> and <code>datawindow.transparency</code> , and the secondary values are defined by <code>datawindow.gradient.color</code> and <code>datawindow.gradient.transparency</code> . The gradient can be repeated using the <code>datawindow.gradient.repetition.mode</code> property.  |
| 2 - VerticalGradient   | The color changes vertically from the background color (and transparency) to the secondary color (and transparency). The primary values are defined by the <code>datawindow.color</code> and <code>datawindow.transparency</code> , and the secondary values are defined by <code>datawindow.gradient.color</code> and <code>datawindow.gradient.transparency</code> . The gradient can be repeated using the <code>datawindow.gradient.repetition.mode</code> property. |

| Value                   | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3 - AngleGradient       | The color changes at a specific angle off the horizontal from the background color (and transparency) to the secondary color (and transparency). The angle is specified in <code>datawindow.gradient.angle</code> . The primary values are defined by the <code>datawindow.color</code> and <code>datawindow.transparency</code> , and the secondary values are defined by <code>datawindow.gradient.color</code> and <code>datawindow.gradient.transparency</code> . The gradient can be repeated using the <code>datawindow.gradient.repetition.mode</code> property. |
| 4 - ScaledAngleGradient | The color changes at an angle, which adjusts according to the changes in the aspect ratio of the DataWindow control. The starting angle is specified in <code>datawindow.gradient.angle</code> . The primary values are defined by the <code>datawindow.color</code> and <code>datawindow.transparency</code> , and the secondary values are defined by <code>datawindow.gradient.color</code> and <code>datawindow.gradient.transparency</code> . The gradient can be repeated using the <code>datawindow.gradient.repetition.mode</code> property.                    |
| 5 - RadialGradient      | The background color (and transparency) starts at the center and slowly changes to the gradient color (and transparency) at the boundaries of the DataWindow. The primary values are defined by the <code>datawindow.color</code> and <code>datawindow.transparency</code> , and the secondary values are defined by <code>datawindow.gradient.color</code> and <code>datawindow.gradient.transparency</code> .                                                                                                                                                         |
| 6 - Picture             | A picture is used as the background. The image is specified in <code>datawindow.picture.file</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

See also

[Color](#)  
[Transparency \(DataWindow objects\)](#)  
[Gradient.property](#)  
[Picture.property](#)

## Category

See [Axis](#), [Axis.property](#), and [DispAttr.fontproperty](#).

## CheckBox.property

**Description** Settings for a column whose edit style is CheckBox.

**Applies to** Column controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

`dw_control.Object.columnname.CheckBox.property`

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

`"columnname.CheckBox.property { = value }"`

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                                                      |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>columnname</i> | The column whose edit style is CheckBox for which you want to get or set property values.                                        |
| <i>property</i>   | A property for the CheckBox edit style, as listed in the table below.                                                            |
| <i>value</i>      | Values for the properties are shown in the table below. For CheckBox properties, <i>value</i> cannot be a DataWindow expression. |

| Property for CheckBox | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| LeftText              | Whether the CheckBox label is to the left or right of the CheckBox.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – Display the label on the left.<br>No – Display the label on the right.<br>Painter: Edit tab, Left Text option.                                                                 |
| Off                   | A string constant specifying the column value when the CheckBox is off (unchecked). The resulting value must be the same datatype as the column.<br>Painter: Edit tab, Data Value for Off option.                                                                          |
| On                    | A string constant specifying the value that will be put in the column when the CheckBox is on (checked). The resulting value must be the same datatype as the column.<br>Painter: Edit tab, Data Value for On option.                                                      |
| Other                 | A string constant specifying the value that will be put in the column when the CheckBox is in the third state (neither checked nor unchecked). The value must be the same datatype as the column.<br>Painter: Edit tab, This option is available when ThreeStates is True. |

| Property for CheckBox | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Scale                 | Whether you want to scale the 2D CheckBox. Takes effect only when the ThreeD property is No.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – Scale the CheckBox.<br>No – Do not scale the CheckBox.<br>Painter: Edit tab, Scale option. |
| Text                  | A string specifying the CheckBox's label text.<br>Painter: Edit tab, Text option.                                                                                                                               |
| ThreeD                | Whether the CheckBox should be 3D.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – Make the CheckBox 3D<br>No – Do not make the CheckBox 3D<br>Painter: Edit tab, 3D Look option.                                                       |
| ThreeStates           | Whether the CheckBox should have three states.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – The CheckBox has three states<br>No – The CheckBox does not have three states<br>Painter: Edit tab, 3 States option.                     |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set values in the Properties view, Edit tab, when Style Type option is CheckBox.

**Examples**

```

dw1.Modify("emp_gender.CheckBox.3D=no")
IF dw1.Describe("emp_status.CheckBox.LeftText") &
 = "yes" THEN
dw1.Modify("emp_status2.CheckBox.LeftText=yes")
END IF
dw1.Modify("emp_status.CheckBox.Off='Terminated'")
dw1.Modify("emp_status.CheckBox.On='Active'")
dw1.Modify("emp_status.CheckBox.Other='Unknown'")

dw1.Object.emp_gender.CheckBox.ThreeD = "no"
IF dw1.Object.emp_status.CheckBox.LeftText = "yes" THEN
dw1.Object.emp_status2.CheckBox.LeftText = "yes"
END IF

```

**ClientName**

**Description**

The name of the OLE client. The default is “Untitled.” ClientName is used by some applications in the server window's title.

**Applies to** OLE Object and TableBlob controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.ClientName
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"controlname.ClientName { = ' clientname ' }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of a blob column or an OLE Object control.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>clientname</i>  | <p>(<i>exp</i>) A string expression to be used in the title of the server application's window. For a blob, the string usually includes data from the current row so that the window title can identify the blob's row.</p> <p>Begin the string with a tab (~t) when you modify the value so that PowerBuilder evaluates the expression instead of displaying it.</p> |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Options tab.

**Examples**

```
cname = dw1.Object.emp pict_blob.ClientName
dw1.Object.emp pict_blob.ClientName = &
 "~t'Data for ' String(emp_id)"
cname = dw1.Describe("emp pict_blob.ClientName")
dw1.Modify("emp pict_blob.ClientName=" + &
 "~t~"Data for ~" + String(emp_id) ")")
```

## Color

**Description** The text color of the column or the background color of the DataWindow.

The color affected by the Color property depends on the control:

- For the DataWindow, Color specifies the background color
- For columns, computed fields, and text, Color specifies the text color
- For graphs, Color specifies the line color used for axes, borders around data markers, tick marks, and the outline of the box for 3D graphs

**Applies to** DataWindow, Button, Column, Graph, and GroupBox controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Color
```

`dw_control.Object.controlname.Color`

Describe and Modify argument:

`"DataWindow.Color { = long }"`

`"controlname.Color { = long }"`

SyntaxFromSql:

`DataWindow ( Color = long )`

`Column ( Color = long )`

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The column whose text color you want to set or the graph whose line color you want to set.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>long</i>        | ( <i>exp</i> for columns only) A long value specifying the color of the column text or the DataWindow background. When you are specifying the text color of a column, you can specify a DataWindow expression in quotes. You cannot specify an expression for the DataWindow background color.<br><br>When generating DataWindow syntax with <b>SyntaxFromSql</b> , the Color setting for Column applies to all columns. |

## Usage

**In the painter** For the DataWindow background, click the DataWindow to deselect all controls and set the value in the Properties view, Background tab, Color option. If you save to an EMF or WMF, the properties on the Background tab are not saved with the DataWindow.

For a column's text color, select the column and set the value in the Properties view, Font tab, Text Color option.

For a graph's line color, select the graph and set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Text Color option.

## Examples

```
string column_text_color
column_text_color = dw1.Object.emp_name.Color
dw1.Object.salary.Color = &
 "0~tIf(salary>90000,255,65280) "
dw_back_color = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Color")
column_text_color = dw1.Describe("emp_name.Color")
dw1.Modify(&
 "salary.Color='0~tIf(salary>90000,255,65280) '")
```

## See also

[BackColor](#)  
[Background.property](#)

## ColType

**Description** The datatype of the column or computed field.

**Applies to** Column and Computed Field controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.ColType
```

**Describe** argument:

```
"controlname.ColType"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | <p>The column for which you want the datatype. Possible datatypes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Char (<i>n</i>) – <i>n</i> is the number of characters</li> <li>Date</li> <li>DateTime</li> <li>Decimal (<i>n</i>) – <i>n</i> is the number of decimal places</li> <li>Int</li> <li>Long</li> <li>Number</li> <li>Real</li> <li>Time</li> <li>Timestamp</li> <li>ULong</li> </ul> |

**Usage** **In the painter** The value of ColType is derived from the data or expression you specify for the control. The value is displayed in the Column Specifications view.

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### Date column types

If you define a DataWindow with a column of type Date and deploy it with a DBMS that uses the DateTime datatype, set the StaticBind database parameter to 0 or No. This forces PowerBuilder to get a result set description before retrieving data and adjust the bind information if necessary.

For more information, see the StaticBind DBParm parameter in the online Help.

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### Examples

```
string ls_coltype
ls_coltype = dw1.Object.emp_id.ColType
ls_coltype = dw1.Describe("emp_id.ColType")
```

## Column.Count

|                    |                                                                                                                                                                  |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description</b> | The number of columns in the DataWindow object.                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Applies to</b>  | DataWindows                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Syntax</b>      | PowerBuilder dot notation:<br><br><code>dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Column.Count</code><br><br>Describe argument:<br><br><code>"DataWindow.Column.Count"</code> |
| <b>Usage</b>       | <b>In the painter</b> The value is determined by the number of columns you select in the <b>SQL Select painter</b> , whether or not they are displayed.          |

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### Column limit

There is a limit of 1000 on the number of columns in a DataWindow object.

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|                 |                                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Examples</b> | <pre>string ls_colcount ls_colcount = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Column.Count  ls_colcount = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Column.Count")</pre> |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

## ContentsAllowed

|                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description</b> | The way the OLE Object control holds the OLE object. You can restrict the container to only embedded or only linked objects, or you can allow either type.                                                       |
| <b>Applies to</b>  | OLE Object controls                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Syntax</b>      | PowerBuilder dot notation:<br><br><code>dw_control.Object.olecontrolname.ContentsAllowed</code><br><br>Describe and Modify argument:<br><br><code>"olecontrolname.ContentsAllowed { = ' contentstype ' }"</code> |



| Parameter             | Description                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>olecontrolname</i> | The name of the OLE Object control for which you want to get or set the type of contents.                                                                                                    |
| <i>contentstype</i>   | A number specifying whether the OLE object in the control has to be embedded, has to be linked, or can be either embedded or linked.<br>Values are:<br>0 – Embedded<br>1 – Linked<br>2 – Any |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Options tab, Contents option.

**Examples**

```
string ls_data
ls_data = dw1.Object.ole_report.ContentsAllowed
dw1.Object.ole_report.ContentsAllowed = 2
ls_data = dw1.Describe("ole_report.ContentsAllowed")
dw1.Modify("ole_report.ContentsAllowed='2'")
```

**Criteria****Description**

The search condition of the **WHERE** clause for a related report. The Criteria property defines the connection between the related report and the DataWindow.

**Applies to**

Report controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.reportname.Criteria
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"reportname.Criteria { = string }"
```

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                        |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>reportname</i> | The name of the report control for which you want to get or set Criteria.                          |
| <i>string</i>     | An expression that will be the search condition of the <b>WHERE</b> clause for the related report. |

**Examples**

```
ls_colcount = dw1.Object.rpt_1.Criteria
```

```
dw1.Object.rpt_1.Criteria = "emp_id=:emp_id"
ls_colcount = dw1.Describe("rpt_1.Criteria")
dw1.Modify("rpt_1.Criteria='emp_id=:emp_id'")
```

See also

Nest\_Arguments DataWindow object property

## Criteria.property

### Description

Settings for the Prompt for Criteria dialog box. When Prompt for Criteria is enabled, PowerBuilder prompts the user to specify criteria for retrieving data whenever the Retrieve method is called. Note that the Required property also affects query mode.

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

*dw\_control*.Object.*columnname*.Criteria.*property*

Describe and Modify argument:

"*columnname*.Criteria.*property* { = *value* }"

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                                                |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>columnname</i> | The name of the column for which you want to get or set Prompt for Criteria properties.                                    |
| <i>property</i>   | A property for the Prompt for Criteria dialog box. Properties and their settings are listed in the table below.            |
| <i>value</i>      | A Yes or No value to be assigned to the property. For Criteria properties, <i>value</i> cannot be a DataWindow expression. |

| Property for Criteria | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dialog                | <p>Whether Prompt for Criteria is on for <i>columnname</i>.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Include <i>columnname</i> in the Prompt for Criteria dialog box.</li> <li>No – (Default) Do not include <i>columnname</i> in the Prompt for Criteria dialog box.</li> </ul> <p>If the Dialog property is Yes for at least one column in the DataWindow, then PowerBuilder displays the Prompt for Criteria dialog box when the Retrieve method is called.</p> <p>Painter: Column Specifications view, Prompt check box.</p> |

| Property for Criteria | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Override_Edit         | <p>Whether the user must enter data in the Prompt for Criteria dialog box according to the edit style defined for the column in the DataWindow object or be allowed to enter any specifications in a standard edit control.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Allow the user to override the column’s edit style and enter data in a standard edit control.</li> <li>No – (Default) Constrain the user to the edit style for the column.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Properties view, General Tab, Override Edit option.</p> |
| Required              | <p>Whether the user is restricted to the equality operator (=) when specifying criteria in query mode and in the Prompt for Criteria dialog box.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Require the user to use the equality operator only.</li> <li>No – (Default) Allow the user to use any relational operator, including =, &lt;, &lt;=, &gt;, &gt;=, and &lt;=.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Properties view, General tab, Equality Required option.</p>                                                                      |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Set the values using the menus and Properties view as described in the table above.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.empname.Criteria.Dialog
dw1.Object.empname.Criteria.Dialog= "Yes"
setting = dw1.Describe("empname.Criteria.Dialog")
dw1.Modify("empname.Criteria.Dialog=Yes")
dw1.Modify("empname.Criteria.Override_Edit=Yes")
dw1.Modify("empname.Criteria.Required=No")

IF dw1.Describe("empname.Edit.Style") = "dddw" THEN
dw1.Modify("empname.Criteria.Override_Edit=Yes")
END IF
```

**Crosstab.property****Description**

Settings for a DataWindow object whose presentation style is Crosstab.

**Applies to**

DataWindows

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Crosstab.property
```

Describe and Modify argument:

"DataWindow.Crosstab.*property* { = *value* }"

| Parameter       | Description                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>property</i> | A property for a Crosstab DataWindow. Properties and their settings are listed in the table below.                                                               |
| <i>value</i>    | A string expression listing the items to be assigned to the property. For Crosstab properties, <i>value</i> is always quoted and can be a DataWindow expression. |

| Property for Crosstab | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Columns               | <i>(exp)</i> A string containing a comma- or tab-separated list of the names of columns that make up the columns of the crosstab. These are the columns that display across the top of the crosstab.<br>Painter: Columns option.                                                                                                                                                           |
| Rows                  | <i>(exp)</i> A string containing a comma- or tab-separated list of the names of columns that make up the rows of the crosstab.<br>Painter: Rows option.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| SourceNames           | <i>(exp)</i> A string containing a comma-separated list of column names to be displayed in the Crosstab Definition dialog box. The default names are the column names from the database.<br>Painter: Source Data option.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| StaticMode            | A string indicating whether a dynamic crosstab should be put into a static mode. The dynamic crosstab remains in static mode until you set StaticMode to No. While the dynamic crosstab is in static mode, you can manipulate the properties of individual columns.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – StaticMode is enabled<br>No – (Default) StaticMode is disabled<br>Painter: Not set in painter. |
| Values                | <i>(exp)</i> A string containing a comma- or tab-separated list of expressions that will be used to calculate the values of the crosstab.<br>Painter: Values option.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

### Usage

**In the painter** For DataWindow objects with the Crosstab presentation style, set the values in the Crosstab Definition dialog box. To display the dialog box, right-click in the Design view to display the pop-up menu and select Crosstab.

### Examples

```
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Crosstab.Columns
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Crosstab.Columns = "dept_id"

setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Crosstab.Columns")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Crosstab.Columns='dept_id'")
```

```

dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Crosstab.Rows='salary'")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Crosstab.SourceNames=" &
 + "'Order Number, Item Number, Price'")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Crosstab.Values='empname'")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Crosstab.StaticMode='yes'")

```

**See also**

CrosstabDialog function in the *PowerScript Reference*  
 Table.property

**CSSGen.property****Description**

Settings that specify the physical path to which a generated CSS style sheet is published and the URL where the style sheet is located.

**Obsolete property**

*CSSGen.property* is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

**Applies to**

DataWindow objects

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.CSSGen.property
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"DataWindow.CSSGen.property { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>property</i> | One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PublishPath</li> <li>• ResourceBase</li> <li>• SessionSpecific</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>value</i>    | <p>(<i>exp</i>) PublishPath – a string that specifies the physical path of the Web site folder to which PowerBuilder publishes the generated CSS style sheet</p> <p>(<i>exp</i>) ResourceBase – a string that specifies the URL of the generated CSS style sheet to be referenced in a link element in the XHTML page</p> <p>(<i>exp</i>) SessionSpecific – a boolean that when set to “yes” forces a session-specific ID to be applied to any generated document names that would otherwise be shared</p> |

### Usage

The PublishPath folder must correspond to the URL specified in the ResourceBase property. At runtime, after PowerBuilder generates the CSS style sheet to the PublishPath folder, it includes it in the final XHTML page by referencing it with the ResourceBase property in a <link> element.

Typically you share style (CSS), layout (XSLT), and control definitions (JS) for use by all clients; however, if you use dynamic DataWindow objects customized for specific clients, you can force generation of the DataWindow presentation-related document names to be specific to each client. You do this by setting the CSSGen.SessionSpecific property to “yes”. This eliminates the possibility of server-side contention for presentation formats when the DataWindow generation is specific to the client.

**In the painter** In the Web Generation tab in the Properties view for the DataWindow object, select CSS from the Format to Configure list, specify the Resource Base and Publish Path locations, and check the Session-specific CSS, XSLT and JS file names check box if you want to force generation of client-specific names.

### Examples

These statements set the CSSGen.ResourceBase and CSSGen.PublishPath properties:

```
dw1.Object.DataWindow.CSSGen.ResourceBase= &
'http://www.myserver.com/xmlsource'
dw1.Object.DataWindow.CSSGen.PublishPath= &
'C:\work\outputfiles\xmlsource'
```

This statement sets the CSSGen.SessionSpecific property for a JSP page:

```
dwGen.Modify
("DataWindow.CSSGen.SessionSpecific='Yes'");
```

## Data

### Description

A tab-separated list describing the data in the DataWindow object.

### Applies to

DataWindows

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Data
```

Describe argument:

```
"DataWindow.Data"
```

### Examples

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Data
```

```
setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Data")
```

## Data.HTML

### Description

A string containing HTML and JavaScript that represents data and presentation of the DataWindow object.

The data is presented in a read-only HTML table or data-entry form, depending on settings of other properties.

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### Obsolete property

**Data.HTML** is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

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### Applies to

DataWindows

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Data.HTML
```

Describe argument:

```
"DataWindow.Data.HTML"
```

### Usage

When HTMLDW is set to False, the value of Data.HTML is the same as the value of HTMLTable—a read-only HTML table that displays all retrieved rows.

When the HTMLDW property is set to True, the value of Data.HTML is a form that supports data input with client scripts for data validation and events. The generated string for Data.HTML includes:

- HTML input elements
- JavaScript for validating newly entered data based on validation rules in the DataWindow object
- HTML and JavaScript for navigation based on DataWindow Button controls with scrolling actions
- State information about the modification status of data items

JavaScript for navigation passes the state of the DataWindow back to the page server in two variables: *objectname*\_action and *objectname*\_context. It also passes back any page parameters defined in the HTMLGen.SelfLinkArgs property. All the **HTMLGen.property** values affect the way HTML is generated.

The resulting Web DataWindow is a client-side control for a Web page with events and methods that can cooperate with a server component for a Web-based data entry application.

**Exceptions** If the DataWindow is in print preview mode, or there are no columns with non-zero tab order, the setting of HTMLDW is ignored and the generated HTML is a read-only table, not a data-entry form.

To generate a simple form without data entry methodality, you can use the `GenerateHTMLForm` method.

**Examples**

```
strHtml = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Data.HTML
strHtml = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Data.HTML")
```

## Data.HTMLTable

**Description**

The data in the DataWindow object described in HTML table format. This property is used in the process of dynamically creating Web pages from a database.

---

**Obsolete property**

`Data.HTMLTable` is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

---

**Applies to**

DataWindows

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Data.HtmlTable
```

Describe argument:

```
"DataWindow.Data.HtmlTable"
```

**Usage**

Some presentation styles translate better into HTML than others. The Tabular, Group, Freeform, Crosstab, and Grid presentation styles produce good results. The Composite, RichText, OLE 2.0, TreeView, and Graph presentation styles produce HTML tables based on the result set only and not on the presentation style. DataWindows with overlapping controls in them might not produce the desired results. Nested reports are ignored; they are not included in the generated HTML.

The generated HTML for `Data.HTMLTable` is a read-only HTML Table element that includes:

- All retrieved rows



- Hyperlinks for text, pictures, computed fields, and columns as defined in the HTML.property settings

Data.HTMLTable is not affected by the HTMLDW property and does not generate a client control with events and support for scripting in the Web page.

The values of HTMLGen.Browser and HTMLGen.Version affect the generated HTML. Setting these properties causes the generated HTML to be optimized for a specific level of HTML support or specific browser using style sheets and absolute positioning, if possible. For more information, see [HTMLGen.property](#).

The resulting HTML table does not allow data entry. To produce HTML forms, see the Data.HTML property and the [GenerateHTMLForm](#) method.

**An easy way to see a DataWindow in a Web browser** The HTML string that the Data.HTMLTable property returns is equivalent to the string that is saved when you use either the File>Save Rows As HTML Table option in the DataWindow painter workspace or the [SaveAs](#) method.

To see what a DataWindow will look like, save it as an HTML file and open the file in a Web browser such as Netscape.

**In the painter** When HTMLDW is not selected, the Design>HTML Preview displays the value of Data.HTMLTable. Save an HTML file that you can use later in a browser with File>Save Rows As; set the Save As Type to HTML Table.

### Examples

```
ls_html = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Data.HTMLTable
ls_html = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Data.HTMLTable")
```

## Data.XHTML

### Description

A string containing the row data content of the DataWindow object in XHTML format.

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### Obsolete property

[Data.XHTML](#) is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

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### Applies to

DataWindows

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Data.XHTML
```

Describe argument:

"DataWindow.Data.XHTML"

## Usage

If any of the `Export.XHTML` properties have been set, the string that is generated reflects the values of these properties.

The resulting XHTML string contains a `<form>` element that supports data input, which works with separate client scripts for data validation and events. This JavaScript is either dynamically generated and/or statically deployed. To generate static JavaScript, select HTML/XHTML from the Format to Configure drop-down list on the JavaScript Generation page in the DataWindow painter Properties view, specify names for the files you want to generate, and click the Generate File button.

The generated XHTML string also includes:

- XHTML input elements
- XHTML and JavaScript for navigation based on DataWindow button controls with scrolling actions
- State information about the modification status of data items

JavaScript for navigation passes the state of the DataWindow back to the page server in two variables: `objectname_action` and `objectname_context`. It also passes back any page parameters defined in the `HTMLGen.SelfLinkArgs` property. All applicable `HTMLGen.property` values also affect the way the XHTML is generated.

The resulting XML Web DataWindow is a client-side control for a Web page, such as a JSP page, with events and methods that can cooperate with a server component for a Web-based data entry application.

## Examples

The following statements set the template used by the DataWindow `dw1` to `t_report` and return the generated XHTML document to the string `is_XHTML`. To generate the string, the final statement invokes the XML Web DataWindow generator to generate the XHTML, CSS, and JavaScript components, applying the `t_report` template to the generated XHTML and CSS style sheet.

```
string strXHTML
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Export.XHTML.UseTemplate =
't_report'")
strXHTML = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Data.XHTML")
```

## Data.XML

**Description** A string containing the row data content of the DataWindow object in XML format.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Data.XML
```

**Describe** argument:

```
"DataWindow.Data.XML"
```

**Usage** If any of the `Export.XML` properties have been set, the string that is generated reflects the values of these properties.

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**Note** If `Export.XML.SaveMetaData` is set to `MetaDataExternal!`, no metadata is generated in the string.

---

### Examples

The following statements set the template used by the DataWindow `dw1` to `t_report`, specify that metadata in the `XMLSchema!` format should be included in the generated XML, and return the generated XML document to the string `ls_xml`.

```
string ls_xml
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Export.XML.UseTemplate =
't_report'")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Export.XML.SaveMetaData =
MetaDataInternal!")
dw1.Modify
("DataWindow.Export.XML.MetaDataType = XMLSchema!")
ls_xml = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Data.XML
```

## Data.XMLDTD

**Description** A string containing the full document type definition (DTD) of the XML output for a DataWindow object.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Data.XMLDTD
```

**Describe** argument:

```
"DataWindow.Data.XMLDTD"
```

**Usage** Use this property to return the full DTD of the XML output of a DataWindow object separately from the generated XML document itself. The export template used affects the generated DTD.

**Examples** The following statements set the template used by the DataWindow `dw1` to `t_report` and return the generated DTD to the string `ls_xml_dtd`.

```
string ls_xml_dtd
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Export.XML.UseTemplate =
't_report'
ls_xml_dtd = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Data.XMLDTD
```

## Data.XMLSchema

**Description** A string containing the full schema of the XML output of a DataWindow object.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Data.XMLSchema
```

Describe argument:

```
"DataWindow.Data.XMLSchema"
```

**Usage** Use this property to return the full schema of the XML output of a DataWindow object separately from the generated XML document itself. The export template used affects the generated schema.

**Examples** The following statements set the template used by the DataWindow `dw1` to `t_report` and return the XML schema to the string `ls_xml_schema`.

```
string ls_xml_schema
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Export.XML.UseTemplate =
't_report'
ls_xml_schema = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Data.XMLSchema
```

## Data.XMLWeb

**Description** A string containing browser-specific JavaScript that performs the XSLT transformation on the browser after the XML Web DataWindow generator generates all necessary components.

**Obsolete property**

`Data.XMLWeb` is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

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**Applies to**

DataWindows

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Data.XMLWeb
```

Describe argument:

```
"DataWindow.Data.XMLWeb"
```

**Usage**

If any of the `Export.XHTML` properties have been set, the string that is generated reflects the values of these properties.

The resulting XHTML string contains a `<form>` element that supports data input, which works with separate client scripts for data validation and events.

This JavaScript is either dynamically generated and/or statically deployed. To generate static JavaScript, select HTML/XHTML from the Format to Configure drop-down list on the JavaScript Generation page in the DataWindow painter Properties view, specify names for the files you want to generate, and click the Generate File button.

The generated XHTML string also includes:

- XHTML input elements
- XHTML and JavaScript for navigation based on DataWindow button controls with scrolling actions
- State information about the modification status of data items

JavaScript for navigation passes the state of the DataWindow back to the page server in two variables: `objectname_action` and `objectname_context`. It also passes back any page parameters defined in the `HTMLGen.SelfLinkArgs` property. All applicable `HTMLGen.property` values also affect the way the XHTML is generated.

The resulting XML Web DataWindow is a client-side control for a Web page, such as a JSP page, with events and methods that can cooperate with a server component for a Web-based data entry application.

**Examples** The following statements set the template used by the DataWindow `dw1` to `t_report` and return the generated XSLT transformation to the string `ls_transform`. To generate the string, the final statement invokes the XML Web DataWindow generator to generate the XML, XSLT, CSS, and JavaScript components, applying the `t_report` template to the generated XSLT and CSS style sheet.

```
string ls_transform
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Export.XHTML.UseTemplate =
't_report'")
ls_transform = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Data.XMLWeb
```

## Data.XSLFO

**Description** A string containing XSL Formatting Objects (XSL-FO) that represents the data and presentation of the DataWindow object.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Data.XSLFO
```

**Describe** argument:

```
"DataWindow.Data.XSLFO"
```

**Usage** Use this property to return the data and presentation of a DataWindow object in XSL-FO format. The export template associated with the DataWindow object does not affect the generated string.

**Examples** The following statements return the data and presentation of the DataWindow object `dw1` to the string `ls_xslfo` in XSL-FO format.

```
string ls_xslfo
ls_xslfo = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Data.XSLFO
```

## DataObject

**Description** The name of the DataWindow object that is the nested report within the main DataWindow object.

**Applies to** Report controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.reportname.DataObject
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"reportname.DataObject = ' dwname ' "
```

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                                                                       |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>reportname</i> | The name of the Report control in the main DataWindow object for which you want to get or set the nested DataWindow object                        |
| <i>dwname</i>     | A string naming a DataWindow object in the application's libraries that is the DataWindow object for the report within the main DataWindow object |

### Usage

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Report option.

### Examples

```
setting = dw1.Object.rpt_1.DataObject
dw1.Object.rpt_1.DataObject = "d_empdata"

setting = dw1.Describe("rpt_1.DataObject")
dw1.Modify("rpt_1.DataObject='d_empdata'")
```

## dbAlias

### Description

The name of the database column but with the table alias in place of the table name, if any. This value can be used to construct the update DataWindow syntax dynamically when an alias name is used for a table.

### Applies to

Column controls

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.columnname.dbAlias
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"columnname.dbAlias { = ' dbcolumname ' }
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                 |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>columnname</i>  | The name of the column for which you want the name of the corresponding database column qualified with the table alias name |
| <i>dbcolumname</i> | The name of the database column associated with <i>columnname</i> qualified with the alias of the table name                |

### Usage

DbAlias is the name of the database column in the format *tablealiasname.columnname*. The value of dbAlias does not include the quotes that can be part of the SQL syntax. This property can be used to construct update DataWindow syntax dynamically when an alias is used for a column name.

**In the painter** You can specify an alias for a table in the **SQL** Select painter if you convert the **SQL** statement for a DataWindow object to syntax. Select Design>Data Source to open the **SQL** Select painter, then select Design>Convert to Syntax. In the text window that displays, add the alias name to the **FROM** clause using the syntax:

**FROM** *tablename tablealiasname*

**Examples**

Suppose a DataWindow object has the following **SQL** Select syntax, with the alias “emp” for the table “employee”:

```
SELECT "emp"."emp_id",
 "emp"."emp_fname",
 "emp"."emp_lname"
 "emp"."dept_id"
 "emp"."salary"
FROM "employee" "emp"
WHERE ("emp"."salary" > 50000)
```

Then the following statements would return the string “employee.emp\_id” in *ls\_name* and the string “emp.emp\_id” in *ls\_alias*:

```
string strAlias, strName
strName = dw1.Object.emp_id.dbName
strAlias = dw1.Object.emp_id.dbAlias

strName = dw1.Describe("emp_id.dbName")
strName = dw1.Describe("emp_id.dbAlias")
```

**See also**

*dbName*

## dbName

**Description**

The name of the database column. PowerBuilder uses this value to construct the update syntax.

**Applies to**

Column controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

*dw\_control*.Object.*columnname*.dbName

Describe and Modify argument:

"*columnname*.dbName { = ' *dbcolumname* ' }"

| Parameter         | Description                                                                             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>columnname</i> | The name of the column for which you want the name of the corresponding database column |



| Parameter          | Description                                                       |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dbcolumname</i> | The name of the database column associated with <i>columnname</i> |

**Usage**

DbName is the name of the database column in the format *tablename.columnname*. The value of dbName does not include the quotes that can be part of the SQL syntax.

**In the painter** The Syntax view in the SQL Select painter displays the database column names (they can be shown with quotes).

**Examples**

```
dbcol = dw1.Object.emp_id.dbName
dw1.Object.emp_id.dbName = "emp_id"

dbcol = dw1.Describe("emp_id.dbName")
dw1.Modify("emp_id.dbName='emp_id'")
```

**See also**

dbAlias

**dddw.property****Description**

Properties that control the appearance and behavior of a column with the DropDownDataWindow edit style.

**Applies to**

Column controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.columnname.dddw.property
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"columnname.dddw.property { = value }"
```

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                                    |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>columnname</i> | The name of a column that has the DropDownDataWindow edit style.                                               |
| <i>property</i>   | A property for the DropDownDataWindow column. Properties and their settings are listed in the table below.     |
| <i>value</i>      | The value to be assigned to the property. For dddw properties, <i>value</i> cannot be a DataWindow expression. |

| Property for dddw | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AllowEdit         | <p>Whether the user can type a value as well as choose from the DropDownDataWindow's list.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Typing is allowed.</li> <li>No – (Default) Typing is not allowed.</li> </ul> <p>Call GetChild <i>after</i> setting dddw.AllowEdit to get a valid reference to the column's DropDownDataWindow.</p> <p>Painter: Allow Editing option.</p>                |
| AutoHScroll       | <p>Whether the DropDownDataWindow automatically scrolls horizontally when the user enters or deletes data.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – (Default) Scroll horizontally automatically.</li> <li>No – Do not scroll automatically.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Auto Horizontal Scroll option.</p>                                                                                       |
| AutoRetrieve      | <p>Whether the DropDownDataWindow data is retrieved when the parent DataWindow data is retrieved.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – (Default) Data is automatically retrieved.</li> <li>No – Data must be retrieved separately.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: AutoRetrieve option.</p>                                                                                                      |
| Case              | <p>The case of the text in the DropDownDataWindow.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any – Character of any case allowed.</li> <li>Upper – Characters converted to uppercase.</li> <li>Lower – Characters converted to lowercase.</li> </ul> <p>Call GetChild <i>after</i> setting dddw.Case to get a valid reference to the column's DropDownDataWindow.</p> <p>Painter: Case option.</p> |
| DataColumn        | <p>A string whose value is the name of the data column in the associated DropDownDataWindow. <i>Value</i> is quoted.</p> <p>Call GetChild <i>after</i> setting dddw.DataColumn to get a valid reference to the column's DropDownDataWindow.</p> <p>Painter: Data Column option, visible after selecting a DataWindow.</p>                                                                                              |
| DisplayColumn     | <p>A string whose value is the name of the display column in the associated DropDownDataWindow. <i>Value</i> is quoted.</p> <p>Call GetChild <i>after</i> setting dddw.DisplayColumn to get a valid reference to the column's DropDownDataWindow.</p> <p>Painter: Display Column option, visible after selecting a DataWindow.</p>                                                                                     |

| Property for dddw | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HScrollBar        | <p>Whether a horizontal scroll bar displays in the DropDownDataWindow.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Display a horizontal scroll bar.</li> <li>No – Do not display a horizontal scroll bar.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Horizontal Scroll Bar option.</p>                                                                                                   |
| HSplitScroll      | <p>Whether the horizontal scroll bar is split. The user can adjust the split position.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Split the horizontal scroll bar so the user can scroll the display and data columns separately.</li> <li>No – The horizontal scroll bar is not split.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Split Horizontal Scroll Bar option.</p>              |
| Limit             | <p>An integer from 0 to 32767 specifying the maximum number of characters that can be entered in the DropDownDataWindow. Zero means unlimited.</p> <p>Painter: Limit option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Lines             | <p>An integer from 0 to 32767 specifying the number of lines (values) to display in the DropDownDataWindow. This property does not apply in Web pages because the browser controls how the DropDownDataWindow displays.</p> <p>Painter: Lines in DropDown option.</p>                                                                                                                        |
| Name              | <p>A string whose value is the name of the DropDownDataWindow associated with the column.</p> <p>Call <a href="#">GetChild</a> <i>after</i> setting dddw.Name to get a valid reference to the column's DropDownDataWindow.</p> <p>Painter: DataWindow option.</p>                                                                                                                            |
| NullIsNull        | <p>Whether to set the data value of the DropDownDataWindow to null when the user leaves the edit box blank.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Make the Empty string null.</li> <li>No – Do not make the empty string null.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Empty String is null option.</p>                                                                         |
| PercentWidth      | <p>An integer specifying the width of the drop-down portion of the DropDownDataWindow as a percentage of the column's width. For example, 300 sets the display width to three times the column width.</p> <p>Call <a href="#">GetChild</a> <i>after</i> setting dddw.PercentWidth to get a valid reference to the column's DropDownDataWindow.</p> <p>Painter: Width of DropDown option.</p> |

| Property for dddw | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Required          | Whether the column is required.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – Required.<br>No – (Default) Not required.<br>Painter: Required option.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| ShowList          | Whether the ListBox portion of the DropDownDataWindow displays when the column has focus. A down arrow does not display at the right end of the DropDownDataWindow when dddw.ShowList is yes.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – Display the list whenever the column has the focus.<br>No – Do not display the list until the user selects the column.<br>Painter: Always Show List option. |
| UseAsBorder       | Whether a down arrow displays at the right end of the DropDownDataWindow.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – Display the arrow.<br>No – Do not display the arrow.<br>Note that if ShowList is set to Yes, the column ignores the UseAsBorder property and the arrow never displays.<br>Painter: Always Show Arrow option.                                                                    |
| VScrollBar        | Whether a vertical scroll bar displays in the DropDownDataWindow for long lists.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – Display a vertical scroll bar.<br>No – Do not display a vertical scroll bar..<br>Painter: Vertical Scroll Bar option.                                                                                                                                                    |

## Usage

**DropDownDataWindows and GetChild** When you set some of the dddw properties, as noted in the table, references to the DropDownDataWindow become invalid. Call `GetChild` again after changing these properties to obtain a valid reference.

To retrieve a DropDownDataWindow when the `AutoRetrieve` property is set to “false”, you can access the object data as follows:

```
DataWindowChild mgr_id
dw1.GetChild ("dept_head_id", mgr_id)
mgr_id.SetTransObject (SQLCA)
mgr_id.Retrieve ()
```

You can also pass a retrieval argument for the retrieve on the child DataWindow object.

**Doing a reset to clear the data** When a DropDownDataWindow is retrieved, its data is kept with its own Data Object. If you retrieve the DropDownDataWindow and then set the AutoRetrieve property on the parent to “false”, the data for the child is not cleared on a reset and re-retrieve of the parent.

To clear data from a DropDownDataWindow, you must call Reset on the child DataWindow object:

```
dw1.GetChild ("dept_head_id", mgr_id)
mgr_id.reset ()
```

**In the painter** Select the control and set values in the Properties view, Edit tab, when Style Type is DropDownDW.

### Examples

```
ls_data = dw1.Describe("emp_status.dddw.AllowEdit")
dw1.Modify("emp_status.dddw.Case='Any'")
dw1.Modify("emp_status.dddw.DataColumn='status_id'")
dw1.Modify("emp_status.dddw.Limit=30")
dw1.Modify("emp_status.dddw.Name='d_status'")
dw1.Modify("emp_status.dddw.PercentWidth=120")

dw1.Object.emp_status.dddw.Case = "Any"
string ls_data
ls_data = dw1.Object.emp_status.dddw.AllowEdit"
```

## ddlb.property

### Description

Properties that control the appearance and behavior of a column with the DropDownListBox edit style.

### Applies to

Column controls

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.columnname.ddlb.property
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"columnname.ddlb.property { = value }"
```

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                             |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>columnname</i> | The name of a column that has the DropDownListBox edit style.                                           |
| <i>property</i>   | A property for the DropDownListBox column. Properties and their settings are listed in the table below. |
| <i>value</i>      | The value to be assigned to the property. For ddlb properties, value cannot be a DataWindow expression. |

| Property for ddlb | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AllowEdit         | <p>Whether the user can type a value as well as choose from the DropDownListBox's list.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Typing is allowed.</li> <li>No – (Default) Typing is not allowed.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Allow Editing option.</p>                                                |
| AutoHScroll       | <p>Whether the DropDownListBox automatically scrolls horizontally when the user enters or deletes data.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – (Default) Scroll horizontally automatically.</li> <li>No – Do not scroll automatically.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Auto Horizontal Scroll option.</p> |
| Case              | <p>The case of the text in the DropDownListBox.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any – Character of any case allowed.</li> <li>Upper – Characters converted to uppercase.</li> <li>Lower – Characters converted to lowercase.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Case option.</p>                            |
| Limit             | <p>An integer from 0 – 32767 specifying the maximum number of characters that can be entered in the DropDownListBox. Zero means unlimited.</p> <p>Painter: Limit option.</p>                                                                                                                                                  |
| NullIsNull        | <p>Whether to set the data value of the DropDownListBox to null when the user leaves the edit box blank.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Make the empty string null.</li> <li>No – Do not make the empty string null.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Empty string is null option.</p>             |
| Required          | <p>Whether the column is required.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Required.</li> <li>No – (Default) Not required.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Required option.</p>                                                                                                                            |

| Property for ddlb | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ShowList          | <p>Whether the ListBox portion of the DropDownListBox displays when the column has focus. A down arrow does not display at the right end of the DropDownListBox when ddlb.ShowList is yes.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Display the list whenever the column has focus.</li> <li>No – Do not display the list until the user selects the column.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Always Show List option.</p> |
| Sorted            | <p>Whether the list in the DropDownListBox is sorted.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – The list is sorted.</li> <li>No – The list is not sorted.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Sorted option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| UseAsBorder       | <p>Whether a down arrow displays at the right end of the DropDownListBox.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Display the arrow.</li> <li>No – Do not display the arrow.</li> </ul> <p>Note that if ShowList is set to Yes, the column ignores the UseAsBorder property and the arrow never displays.</p> <p>Painter: Always Show Arrow option.</p>                                                         |
| VScrollBar        | <p>Whether a vertical scroll bar displays in the DropDownListBox for long lists.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Display a vertical scroll bar.</li> <li>No – Do not display a vertical scroll bar.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Vertical Scroll Bar option.</p>                                                                                                                                              |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Edit tab, when Style Type is DropDownListBox.

**Examples**

```
ls_data = dw1.Describe("emp_status.ddlb.AllowEdit")
dw1.Modify("emp_status.ddlb.Case='Any'")
dw1.Modify("emp_status.ddlb.Limit=30")

string ls_data
ls_data = dw1.Object.emp_status.ddlb.AllowEdit
dw1.Object.emp_status.ddlb.Case = "Any"
```

**DefaultPicture****Description**

Specifies whether a button displays a default picture for the button's action.

**Applies to**

Button controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.buttonname.DefaultPicture
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"buttonname.DefaultPicture { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                                                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>buttonname</i> | The name of the button to which you want to assign an action.                                                                          |
| <i>value</i>      | Whether the action's default picture is used.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – Use the default picture.<br>No – Do not use the default picture. |

**Usage**

Default pictures can be associated with all button action types.

You can add your own action pictures by setting the DefaultPicture property to False and setting the Filename property to the file name for the picture you want. You can use a URL instead of a complete path to qualify the file name, and you can leave off the URL server name, mapping prefix, and folder name if you set them in the HTMLGen.ResourceBase property.

A user-defined action does not have a default picture associated with it.

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Action Default Picture option. When the DefaultPicture is not set, you can specify a picture file name in the Picture File property. Button pictures can be BMP, GIF, or JPEG files.

**Examples**

```
dw1.Object.b_name.DefaultPicture = "Yes"

setting = dw1.Describe("b_name.DefaultPicture")
dw1.Modify("b_name.DefaultPicture ='No' ")
```

**See also**

HTMLGen.property  
DefaultPicture  
Filename

## Depth

**Description**

The depth of a 3D graph.

**Applies to**

Graph controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:



`dw_control.Object.graphname.Depth`

Describe and Modify argument:

`"graphname.Depth { = ' depthpercent ' }"`

| Parameter           | Description                                                                                                                                                                 |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>graphname</i>    | The graph control within the DataWindow for which you want to set the depth.                                                                                                |
| <i>depthpercent</i> | ( <i>exp</i> ) An integer whose value is the depth of the graph, specified as a percentage of the graph's width. <i>Depthpercent</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

### Usage

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Depth slider.

### Examples

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.graph_1.Depth
dw1.Object.graph_1.Depth = 70

setting = dw1.Describe("graph_1.Depth")
dw1.Modify("graph_1.Depth='70'")
```

## Detail\_Bottom\_Margin

### Description

The size of the bottom margin of the DataWindow's detail area.

### Applies to

Style keywords

### Syntax

SyntaxFromSql:

Style ( Detail\_Bottom\_Margin = *value* )

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                       |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | An integer specifying the size of the bottom margin of the detail area in the units specified for the DataWindow. |

### Examples

```
SQLCA.SyntaxFromSQL(sqlstring, &
 'Style(...Detail_Bottom_Margin = 25 ...)', &
 errstring)
```

## Detail\_Top\_Margin

### Description

The size of the top margin of the DataWindow's detail area.

### Applies to

Style keywords

**Syntax**

SyntaxFromSql:

Style ( Detail\_Top\_Margin = *value* )

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                    |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | An integer specifying the size of the top margin of the detail area in the units specified for the DataWindow. |

**Examples**

```
SQLCA.SyntaxFromSQL(sqlstring, &
'Style(...Detail_Top_Margin = 25 ...)', &
errstring)
```

**Detail.*property***

See [Bandname.property](#).

**DispAttr.*fontproperty***

**Description**

Settings for the appearance of various text components of a graph.

**Applies to**

Properties of Graph controls, as noted throughout this discussion

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

*dw\_control*.Object.*graphname.property*.DispAttr.*fontproperty*

Describe and Modify argument:

"*graphname.property*.DispAttr.*fontproperty* { = *value* }"

| Parameter           | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>graphname</i>    | The Graph control in a DataWindow for which you want to get or set font appearance values.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <i>property</i>     | A text component of the graph, such as an <i>Axis</i> keyword (Category, Series, or Values), Legend, Pie, or Title, specifying the graph component whose appearance you want to get or set. These properties have their own entries. These values are listed in the following table.<br><br>You can also set font properties for the label of an axis with the following syntax:<br><br>" <i>graphname.axis</i> .LabelDispAttr. <i>fontproperty</i> { = <i>value</i> }" |
| <i>fontproperty</i> | A property that controls the appearance of text in the graph. Properties and their settings are listed in the table below.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <i>value</i>        | The value to be assigned to <i>fontproperty</i> . <i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

| Property for DispAttr | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Alignment             | <p>(<i>exp</i>) The alignment of the text.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 – Left</li> <li>1 – Right</li> <li>2 – Center</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Alignment option.</p> <p>Alignment for axis labels and text not supported by Render3D graph style.</p>                                  |
| AutoSize              | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Whether the text element should be autosized according to the amount of text being displayed.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 – Do not autosize</li> <li>1 – Autosize</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Autosize check box.</p>                                                    |
| BackColor             | <p>(<i>exp</i>) A long value specifying the background color of the text.</p> <p>Painter: BackColor option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| DisplayExpression     | <p>An expression whose value is the label for the graph component. The default expression is the property containing the text for the graph component. The expression can include the text property and add other variable text.</p> <p>Painter: Display Expression option.</p>                                         |
| Font.CharSet          | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer specifying the character set to be used.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 – ANSI</li> <li>1 – The default character set for the specified font</li> <li>2 – Symbol</li> <li>128 – Shift JIS</li> <li>255 – OEM</li> </ul> <p>Painter: FontCharSet option.</p> |
| Font.Escapement       | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer specifying the rotation for the baseline of the text in tenths of a degree. For example, a value of 450 rotates the text 45 degrees. 0 is horizontal.</p> <p>Painter: Escapement option.</p>                                                                                                 |
| Font.Face             | <p>(<i>exp</i>) A string specifying the name of the font face, such as Arial or Courier.</p> <p>Painter: FaceName option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                           |

| Property for DispAttr | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Font.Family           | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer specifying the font family (Windows uses both face and family to determine which font to use).</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 – AnyFont</li> <li>1 – Roman</li> <li>2 – Swiss</li> <li>3 – Modern</li> <li>4 – Script</li> <li>5 – Decorative</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Family option.</p> |
| Font.Height           | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer specifying the height of the text in the unit of measure for the DataWindow. To specify size in points, specify a negative number. Not available when AutoSize is checked.</p> <p>Painter: Size option, specified in points.</p>                                                                                         |
| Font.Italic           | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Whether the text should be italic.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 – Not italic (default)</li> <li>1 – Italic</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Italic option.</p>                                                                                                                                             |
| Font.Orientation      | Same as Escapement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Font.Pitch            | <p>(<i>exp</i>) The pitch of the font.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 – The default pitch for your system</li> <li>1 – Fixed</li> <li>2 – Variable</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Pitch option.</p>                                                                                                                        |
| Font.Strikethrough    | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Whether the text should be crossed out.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 – Not crossed out (default)</li> <li>1 – Crossed out</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Strikeout option.</p>                                                                                                                           |
| Font.Underline        | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Whether the text should be underlined.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 – Not underlined (default)</li> <li>1 – Underlined</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Underline option.</p>                                                                                                                              |

| Property for DispAttr | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Font.Weight           | ( <i>exp</i> ) An integer specifying the weight of the text, for example, 400 for normal or 700 for bold.<br>Painter: Set indirectly using the Bold option.                                                                             |
| Font.Width            | ( <i>exp</i> ) An integer specifying the width of the font in the unit of measure specified for the DataWindow. Width is usually unspecified, which results in a default width based on the other properties.<br>Painter: Width option. |
| Format                | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string containing the display format for the text.<br>Painter: Format option.                                                                                                                                          |
| TextColor             | ( <i>exp</i> ) A long specifying the color to be used for the text.<br>Painter: TextColor option.                                                                                                                                       |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set values in the Properties view, Text tab. Settings apply to the selected item in the Text Object list box.

**Examples**

```
setting = dw1.Object.Category.LabelDispAttr.Font.Face
dw1.Object.Category.LabelDispAttr.Font.Face = "Arial"

setting = &
 dw1.Describe("Category.LabelDispAttr.Font.Face")

dw1.Modify("gr_1.Category.LabelDispAttr.Font.Face= &
 'Arial'")
dw1.Modify("gr_1.Title.DispAttr.DisplayExpression=" &
 "'Title + ~"~n~" + Today()'")
```

**DisplayType****Description**

The way the OLE Object control displays the OLE object it contains. It can display an icon or an image of the object's contents. The image is reduced to fit inside the OLE container.

Both the icon and the image are provided by the OLE server. If the OLE server does not support a contents view, PowerBuilder displays an icon even if DisplayType is set to contents.

**Applies to**

OLE Object controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.olecontrolname.DisplayType
```

Describe and Modify argument:

"olecontrolname.DisplayType { = ' type ' }"

| Parameter             | Description                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>olecontrolname</i> | The name of the OLE Object control for which you want to get or set the type of display.                                                                                                         |
| <i>type</i>           | A number specifying whether the user will see an icon or an image of the OLE object's contents. <i>Type</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression.<br><br>Values are:<br>0 – Icon<br>1 – Content |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Options tab.

**Examples**

```
string ls_data
ls_data = dw1.Object.ole_report.DisplayType
dw1.Object.ole_report.DisplayType = 1

ls_data = dw1.Describe("ole_report.DisplayType")
dw1.Modify("ole_report.DisplayType='1'")
```

## Edit.property

**Description**

Settings that affect the appearance and behavior of columns whose edit style is Edit.

**Applies to**

Column controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

*dw\_control*.Object.*columnname*.Edit.*property*

Describe and Modify argument:

"*columnname*.Edit.*property* { = *value* }"

SyntaxFromSql:

Column ( Edit.*property* = *value* )

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>columnname</i> | The column with the Edit edit style for which you want to get or set property values. You can specify the column name or a pound sign (#) and the column number.                 |
| <i>property</i>   | A property for the column's Edit style. Properties and their settings are listed in the table below. The table identifies the properties you can use with <b>SyntaxFromSql</b> . |

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | The value to be assigned to the property. For most Edit properties, you cannot specify a DataWindow expression. The exception is Edit.Format. |

| Property for Edit | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| AutoHScroll       | <p>Whether the edit control scrolls horizontally automatically when data is entered or deleted.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Scroll horizontally automatically.</li> <li>No – Do not scroll horizontally automatically.</li> </ul> <p>You can use AutoHScroll with <b>SyntaxFromSql</b>. The setting applies to all the columns in the generated syntax.</p> <p>Painter: Auto Horizontal Scroll option.</p> |
| AutoSelect        | <p>Whether to select the contents of the edit control automatically when it receives focus.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Select automatically.</li> <li>No – Do not select automatically.</li> </ul> <p>You can use AutoSelect with <b>SyntaxFromSql</b>. The setting applies to all the columns in the generated syntax.</p> <p>Painter: Auto Selection option.</p>                                        |
| AutoVScroll       | <p>Whether the edit box scrolls vertically automatically when data is entered or deleted.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Scroll vertically automatically.</li> <li>No – Do not scroll vertically automatically.</li> </ul> <p>You can use AutoVScroll with <b>SyntaxFromSql</b>. The setting applies to all the columns in the generated syntax.</p> <p>Painter: Auto Vertical Scroll option.</p>             |
| Case              | <p>The case of the text in the edit control.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any – Character of any case allowed.</li> <li>Upper – Characters converted to uppercase.</li> <li>Lower – Characters converted to lowercase.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Case option.</p>                                                                                                                                                    |

| Property for Edit | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| CodeTable         | <p>Whether the column has a code table.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Code table defined.</li> <li>No – No code table defined.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Use Code Table option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| DisplayOnly       | <p>Whether the column is display only.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Do not allow the user to enter data; make the column display only.</li> <li>No – (Default) Allow the user to enter data.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Display Only option.</p> <p>For conditional control over column editing, use the Protect property.</p>                                                                                              |
| FocusRectangle    | <p>Whether a dotted rectangle (the focus rectangle) surrounds the current row of the column when the column has focus.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Display the focus rectangle.</li> <li>No – Do not display the focus rectangle.</li> </ul> <p>You can use FocusRectangle with <b>SyntaxFromSql</b>. The setting applies to all the columns in the generated syntax.</p> <p>Painter: Show Focus Rectangle option.</p> |
| Format            | <p>(<i>exp</i>) A string containing the display format of the edit control. The value for Format is quoted and can be a DataWindow expression.</p> <p>Painter: Format option (do not use quotes around the value).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| HScrollBar        | <p>Whether a horizontal scroll bar displays in the edit control.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Display the horizontal scroll bar.</li> <li>No – Do not display the horizontal scroll bar.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Horizontal Scroll Bar option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Limit             | <p>A number specifying the maximum number of characters (0 to 32,767) that the user can enter. 0 means unlimited.</p> <p>Painter: Limit option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Name              | <p>A string whose value is the name of the predefined edit style associated with the column. Named styles are defined in the Database painter and can be reused. Specifying a name that has not been previously defined associates the name with the column but does not define a new edit style.</p> <p>Painter: Style Name option.</p>                                                                                                                       |



| Property for Edit | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| NullIsNull        | <p>Whether to set the value of the edit control to null when the user leaves it blank.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Make the empty string null.</li> <li>No – Do not make the empty string null.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Empty String is Null option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Password          | <p>Whether to assign secure display mode to the column. When the user enters characters, they display as asterisks (*).</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Assign secure display mode to the column.</li> <li>No – Do not assign secure-display mode to the column.</li> </ul> <p>If you change the Password property, you should also change the Format property to display the results you want (for example, *****).</p> <p>Painter: Password option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Required          | <p>Whether the column is required.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – It is required.</li> <li>No – It is not required.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Required option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Style             | <p>(<i>Describe only</i>) Returns the edit style of the column.</p> <p>Painter: Style Type option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| UseEllipsis       | <p>Whether an ellipsis (three dots) displays when a column with the Edit edit style contains character data that is too long for the display column in the DataWindow. The ellipsis does not display when the column has focus.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Truncate the data and add an ellipsis.</li> <li>No – Truncate the data. Do not add an ellipsis.</li> </ul> <p>The property is ignored if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check Autosize Height on the Position page or set the Height.Autosize property in a script.</li> <li>• Specify an expression for the Escapement property on the Font page or set the Font.Escapement property in a script to rotate the text.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Use Ellipsis check box on the Format page.</p> |
| ValidateCode      | <p>Whether the code table will be used to validate user-entered values.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Use the code table.</li> <li>No – Do not use the code table.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Validate option, available when Use Code Table is selected.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

| Property for Edit | Value                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| VScrollBar        | Whether a vertical scroll bar displays in the line edit.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – Display vertical scroll bars.<br>No – Do not display vertical scroll bars.<br>Painter: Vertical Scroll Bar option. |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the control and set values in the Properties view, Edit tab, when Style Type is Edit.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.emp_name.Edit.AutoHScroll
dw1.Object.emp_name.Edit.Required = "no"

setting = dw1.Describe("emp_name.Edit.AutoHScroll")
dw1.Modify("emp_name.Edit.Required=no")

dw1.Object.col1.Edit.UseEllipsis = Yes
dw1.Modify("col1.Edit.UseEllipsis=Yes")
```

## EditMask.property

**Description** Settings that affect the appearance and behavior of columns with the EditMask edit style.

**Applies to** Column controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

*dw\_control.Object.columnname.EditMask.property*

Describe and Modify argument:

"*columnname.EditMask.property* { = *value* }"

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                                                                                          |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>columnname</i> | The column with the EditMask edit style for which you want to get or set property values. You can specify the column name or a pound sign (#) and the column number. |
| <i>property</i>   | A property for the column's EditMask style. Properties and their settings are listed in the table below.                                                             |
| <i>value</i>      | The value to be assigned to the property. For EditMask properties, you cannot specify a DataWindow expression.                                                       |

| <b>Property for EditMask</b> | <b>Value</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| AutoSkip                     | <p>Whether the EditMask will automatically skip to the next field when the maximum number of characters has been entered.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Skip automatically.</li> <li>No – Do not skip automatically.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: AutoSkip option.</p>                                                 |
| CodeTable                    | <p>Whether the column has a code table.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Code table defined.</li> <li>No – No code table defined.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Code Table option. When selected, Display Value and DataValue are displayed for specifying code table entries.</p>                                         |
| DDCalendar                   | <p>Whether a drop-down calendar control displays when a user clicks in a column with a Date or DateTime edit mask.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Drop-down calendar control displays.</li> <li>No – (Default) Drop-down calendar control does not display.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Drop-down Calendar option.</p> |
| DDCal_AlignRight             | <p>Whether the drop-down calendar is aligned with the right side of the column.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Column is right aligned.</li> <li>No – (Default) Column is left aligned.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Drop Align Right option on Other page.</p>                                                         |
| DDCal_BackColor              | <p>The background color of the drop-down calendar. The default is Window Background. This property is not supported on the Windows 7/8.1/10 operating system.</p> <p>Painter: CalendarBackColor option on Other page.</p>                                                                                                                              |
| DDCal_TextColor              | <p>The color of text in the drop-down calendar. The default is Window Text. This property is not supported on the Windows 7/8.1/10 operating system.</p> <p>Painter: CalendarTextColor option on Other page.</p>                                                                                                                                       |
| DDCal_TitleBackColor         | <p>The background color of the title in the drop-down calendar. The default is Highlight. This property is not supported on the Windows 7/8.1/10 operating system.</p> <p>Painter: CalendarTitleBackColor option on Other page.</p>                                                                                                                    |
| DDCal_TitleTextColor         | <p>The color of text in the title of the drop-down calendar. The default is Highlight Text. This property is not supported on the Windows 7/8.1/10 operating system.</p> <p>Painter: CalendarTitleTextColor option on Other page.</p>                                                                                                                  |

| Property for EditMask   | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| DDCal_TrailingTextColor | <p>The color of trailing text (days in the previous and next months) in the drop-down calendar. The default is Disabled Text. This property is not supported on the Windows 7/8.1/10 operating system.</p> <p>Painter: CalendarTrailingTextColor option on Other page.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| FocusRectangle          | <p>Whether a dotted rectangle (the focus rectangle) will surround the current row of the column when the column has focus.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – (Default) Display the focus rectangle.</li> <li>No – Do not display the focus rectangle.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Show Focus Rectangle option.</p>                                                                                                                                  |
| Mask                    | <p>A string containing the edit mask for the column.</p> <p>Painter: Mask option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| ReadOnly                | <p>Whether the column is read-only. This property is valid only if EditMask.Spin is set to Yes.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Do not allow the user to enter data; make the column read-only.</li> <li>No – (Default) Allow the user to enter data.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Read Only option.</p>                                                                                                                                           |
| Required                | <p>Whether the column is required.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – It is required.</li> <li>No – It is not required.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Required option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Spin                    | <p>Whether the user can scroll through a list of possible values for the column with a spin control.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Display a spin control.</li> <li>No – (Default) Do not display a spin control.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Spin Control option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                          |
| SpinIncr                | <p>An integer indicating the amount to increment the spin control's values. The default for numeric values is 1; for dates, 1 year; and for time, 1 minute. Available for numeric, date, and time columns.</p> <p>For columns that are not numeric, date, or time, the spin control scrolls through values in an associated code table. If the EditMask.CodeTable property is No, the spin increment has no effect for these columns.</p> <p>Painter: Spin Increment option.</p> |

| Property for EditMask | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| SpinRange             | <p>A string containing the maximum and minimum values for the column that will display in the spin control. The two values are separated by a tilde (~). This property is effective only if EditMaskSpin is True. Available for numeric, date, and time columns.</p> <p>Because the SpinRange string is within another quoted string, the tilde separator becomes four tildes in PowerBuilder, which reduces to a single tilde when parsed. The format for the string is:</p> <pre>"EditMask.SpinRange = ' minval~~~~maxval '"</pre> <p>Painter: Spin Range group, Spin Min and Spin Max options.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| UseEllipsis           | <p>Whether an ellipsis (three dots) displays when a column with the EditMask edit style contains character data that is too long for the display column in the DataWindow. The ellipsis does not display when the column has focus.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Truncate the data and add an ellipsis.</li> <li>No – Truncate the data. Do not add an ellipsis.</li> </ul> <p>The property is ignored if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check Autosize Height on the Position page or set the Height.Autosize property in a script.</li> <li>• Specify an expression for the Escapement property on the Font page or set the Font.Escapement property in a script to rotate the text.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Use Ellipsis check box on the Format page.</p> |
| UseFormat             | <p>Whether a Format Display mask is used for a column's display. A Format Display mask is used only when the column does not have focus.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Use a Format Display mask.</li> <li>No – (Default) Do not use a Format Display mask.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Use Format option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set values in the Properties view, Edit tab, when Style is EditMask.

**Examples**

```
setting = dw1.Describe("emp_status.EditMask.Spin")
dw1.Modify("empBonus.EditMask.SpinIncr=1000")
dw1.Modify("empBonus.EditMask.SpinRange='0~~~~5000'")

string setting
setting = dw1.Object.emp_status.EditMask.Spin
dw1.Object.emp_bonus.EditMask.SpinIncr = 1000
dw1.Object.id.EditMask.SpinRange = "0~~~~10"

dw1.Object.coll.EditMask.UseEllipsis = Yes
dw1.Modify("coll.EditMask.UseEllipsis=Yes")
```

## Elevation

**Description** The elevation in a 3D graph.

**Applies to** Graph controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

`dw_control.Object.graphname.Elevation`

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

`"graphname.Elevation { = ' integer ' }"`

| Parameter        | Description                                                                                                       |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>graphname</i> | The name of the graph control in the DataWindow for which you want to get or set the elevation.                   |
| <i>integer</i>   | ( <i>exp</i> ) An integer specifying the elevation of the graph. Elevation can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Elevationscroll bar (enabled when a 3D graph type is selected).

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.graph_1.Elevation
dw1.Object.graph_1.Elevation = 35

setting = dw1.Describe("graph_1.Elevation")
dw1.Modify("graph_1.Elevation=35")
dw1.Modify("graph_1.Elevation='10~tIf(...,20,30) '")
```

## EllipseHeight

**Description** The radius of the vertical part of the corners of a RoundedRectangle.

**Applies to** RoundedRectangle controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

`dw_control.Object.rrectname.EllipseHeight`

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

`"rrectname.EllipseHeight { = ' integer ' }"`

| Parameter        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>rrectname</i> | The name of the RoundedRectangle control in the DataWindow for which you want to get or set the ellipse height.                                                                                     |
| <i>integer</i>   | ( <i>exp</i> ) An integer specifying the radius of the vertical part of the corners of a RoundedRectangle in the DataWindow's unit of measure. EllipseHeight can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.rrect_1.EllipseHeight
dw1.Object.rrect_1.EllipseHeight = 35

setting = dw1.Describe("rrect_1.EllipseHeight")
dw1.Modify("rrect_1.EllipseHeight=35")
dw1.Modify("rrect_1.EllipseHeight='10~tIf(...,20,30)'"
)
```

## EllipseWidth

**Description**

The radius of the horizontal part of the corners of a RoundedRectangle.

**Applies to**

RoundRectangle controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.rrectname.EllipseWidth
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"rrectname.EllipseWidth { = 'integer' }"
```

| Parameter        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>rrectname</i> | The name of the RoundedRectangle control in the DataWindow for which you want to get or set the ellipse width.                                                                                       |
| <i>integer</i>   | ( <i>exp</i> ) An integer specifying the radius of the horizontal part of the corners of a RoundedRectangle in the DataWindow's unit of measure. EllipseWidth can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.rrect_1.EllipseWidth
```

```
dw1.Object.rrect_1.EllipseWidth = 35

setting = dw1.Describe("rrect_1.EllipseWidth")
dw1.Modify("rrect_1.EllipseWidth=35")
dw1.Modify("rrect_1.EllipseWidth='10~tIf(...,20,30)'")
```

## Enabled

### Description

Determines whether a control in a DataWindow is enabled.

### Applies to

Button, Computed Field, Graph, InkPicture, OLE Database Blob, OLE Object, Picture, and Text controls

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.buttonname.Enabled
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"buttonname.Enabled { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                                             |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>buttonname</i> | The name of the button that you want to enable or disable.                                                              |
| <i>value</i>      | Whether the button is enabled.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – (Default) The button is enabled.<br>No – The button is disabled. |

### Usage

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view General tab, Enabled option.

When the Enabled check box is cleared, or the Enabled property is otherwise set to false, the button control is grayed and its actions are not performed.

### Examples

```
dw1.Object.b_name.Enabled = "No"

setting = dw1.Describe("b_name.Enabled")
dw1.Modify("b_name.Enabled = 'No'")
```

## Export.PDF.Distill.CustomPostScript

### Description

Setting that enables you to specify the PostScript printer driver settings used when data is exported to PDF using the Distill! method.

### Applies to

DataWindow objects

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:



`dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Export.PDF.Distill.CustomPostScript`

Describe and Modify argument:

"DataWindow.Export.PDF.Distill.CustomPostScript { = 'value' }"

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Whether the printer specified in the DataWindow.Printer property is used when data is exported to PDF.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 – The printer specified in DataWindow.Printer is used for PDF export.</li> <li>• 0 – The default printer is used for PDF export (default).</li> </ul> |

### Usage

The Distill! method performs a PostScript “print to file” before distilling to PDF. This property can be set to specify that you want to use a custom PostScript printer before you call the SaveAs method with PDF! as the SaveAsType or select File>Save Rows As with the file type PDF in the DataWindow painter.

Set this property if you want to use a PostScript printer driver for which you have set specific print options such as options for font and graphic handling. If this property is not set, a default PostScript printer driver specifically designed for distilling purposes is used.

This property has no effect if the Export.PDF.Method property is set to NativePDF! or XSLFOP!.

**In the painter** In the Data Export tab in the Properties view for the DataWindow object, select PDF from the Format to Configure list and Distill! from the Method list, and then select Distill Custom PostScript.

### Examples

This example specifies an HP LaserJet PostScript printer as the printer to be used to export PDF with customized settings, and saves the data to a file called *custom.pdf*:

```
int li_ret

dw1.Object.DataWindow.Export.PDF.Method = Distill!

dw1.Object.DataWindow.Printer = &
 "HP LaserJet 4Si/4Si MX PostScript"
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Export.PDF. &
 Distill.CustomPostScript="1"

li_ret = dw1.SaveAs("custom.pdf", PDF!, true)
```

This example uses **Modify** to set the PDF export properties and specify a network printer:

```
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Export.PDF.Method = Distill!")
dw1.Modify("Printer = '\\\print-server\pr-18' ")
dw1.Modify &
("DataWindow.Export.PDF.Distill.CustomPostScript='1'")
```

See also

[Export.PDF.Method](#)

## Export.PDF.Method

### Description

Setting that determines whether data is exported to PDF from a DataWindow object by printing to a PostScript file and distilling to PDF, by saving to PDF via PDFlib, or by saving in XSL Formatting Objects (XSL-FO) format and processing to PDF.

### Applies to

DataWindow objects

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Export.PDF.Method
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"DataWindow.Export.PDF.Method { = 'value' }"
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                             |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | A string specifying a value of the <b>PDFMethod</b> enumerated datatype |

### Usage

This property can be set to specify the method used to export data to PDF before you call the **SaveAs** method with **PDF!** as the **SaveAsType** or select File>Save Rows As with the file type PDF in the DataWindow painter. If this property is not set, the distill method is used by default.

**PDFMethod** is an enumerated datatype that can hold the following values:

| Enumerated value  | Numeric value | Meaning                                                              |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Distill!</b>   | 0             | Data is printed to a PostScript file and distilled to PDF (default). |
| <b>XSLFOP!</b>    | 1             | Data is saved as XSL-FO and processed to PDF.                        |
| <b>NativePDF!</b> | 2             | Data is saved to PDF using PDFlib.                                   |

The `distill` method and the `PDFlib` method provides a robust solution that can save all types of `DataWindow` objects on the Windows platform. The `XSL-FO` method uses a platform-independent Java process, and is particularly useful for printing `DataWindow` objects in the server on a UNIX operating system.

### **Saving as XSL-FO**

You can also save the data in a `DataWindow` object in `XSL-FO` format and customize the filters used to convert it to PDF and other output formats. To do so, use `XSLFO!` as the `SaveAsType` parameter when you call `SaveAs`, or select `XSL-FO` as the file type when you save rows in the `DataWindow` painter.

**Deployment requirements** If your application uses the `distill` method, you must distribute the GNU Ghostscript files and default PostScript printer driver and related files (if using the default printer) with your application. If your application uses the `XSL-FO` method, you must distribute Apache FOP files and the Java Runtime Environment (JRE) with your application. For more information, see the chapter on deploying your application in *Application Techniques*.

**In the painter** On the `Data Export` page in the `Properties` view for the `DataWindow` object, select `PDF` from the `Format to Configure` list and `Distill!`, `NativePDF!`, or `XSLFOP!` from the `Method` list.

### **Examples**

This statement specifies that data is exported to PDF using `XSL-FO`:

```
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Export.PDF.Method = XSLFOP! ")
```

### **See also**

`Export.PDF.Distill.CustomPostScript`  
`Export.PDF.XSLFOP.Print`  
`Export.PDF.NativePDF.CustomOrientation`  
`Export.PDF.NativePDF.CustomSize`

## **Export.PDF.NativePDF.CustomOrientation**

### **Description**

Setting that enables you to specify the page orientation when you use the `PDFlib` method to save data from a `DataWindow` object to a PDF file.

### **Applies to**

`DataWindow` objects

### **Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Export.PDF.NativePDF.CustomOrientation
```

`Describe` argument:

"DataWindow.Export.PDF.NativePDF.CustomOrientation { = 'value' }"

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer indicating the page orientation.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 - The orientation which is set in the Print Specification page in the DataWindow object's Properties view.</li> <li>• 1 - Landscape</li> <li>• 2 - Portrait</li> </ul> |

**Examples**

This example exports PDF in portrait mode, and saves the data to a file called custom.pdf:

```
int li_ret
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Export.PDF.Method = NativePDF!
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Export.PDF.NativePDF.CustomOrientation=2
li_ret = dw1.SaveAs("custom.pdf", PDF!, true)
```

**See also**

Export.PDF.Method  
Export.PDF.NativePDF.CustomSize

## Export.PDF.NativePDF.CustomSize

**Description**

Setting that enables you to specify the paper size when you use the PDFlib method to save data from a DataWindow object to a PDF file.

**Applies to**

DataWindow objects

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Export.PDF.NativePDF.CustomSize
```

Describe argument:

```
"DataWindow.Export.PDF.NativePDF.CustomSize { = 'value' }"
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer indicating the paper size.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 - Default paper size which is A4 by default.</li> <li>• 1 - A1 594 x 841 mm</li> <li>• 2 - A2 420 x 594 mm</li> <li>• 3 - A3 297 x 420 mm</li> <li>• 4 - A4 210 x 297 mm</li> <li>• 5 - Letter 8 1/2 x 11 in</li> <li>• 6 - Legal 8 1/2 x 14 in</li> </ul> |

**Examples**

This example exports PDF with A4 paper size, and saves the data to a file called custom.pdf:

```
int li_ret
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Export.PDF.Method = NativePDF!
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Export.PDF.NativePDF.CustomSize=
0
li_ret = dw1.SaveAs("custom.pdf", PDF!, true)
```

This example uses Modify to set the PDF export properties:

```
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Export.PDF.Method =
NativePDF!")

dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Export.PDF.NativePDF.CustomOrie
ntation = 1")

dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Export.PDF.NativePDF.CustomSize
= 1")
```

**See also**

[Export.PDF.Method](#)  
[Export.PDF.NativePDF.CustomOrientation](#)

**Export.PDF.XSLFOP.Print****Description**

Setting that enables you to send a DataWindow object directly to a printer using platform-independent Java printing when using the XSL-FO method to export to PDF. This is an option of the Apache FOP processor.

**Applies to**

DataWindow objects

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Export.PDF.XSLFOP.Print
```

Describe argument:

"DataWindow.Export.PDF.XSLFOP.Print { = 'value' }"

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Whether the exported PDF is sent directly to the default printer.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – The DataWindow object is exported to a PDF file and sent directly to a printer.</li> <li>• No – The DataWindow object is exported to a PDF file but is not printed (default).</li> </ul> |

**Usage**

Set this property if you are using the XSL-FO method to export a DataWindow object to a PDF file and you want to send the PDF file directly to a printer. The PDF file is always printed to the default system printer. The DataWindow.Printer property setting is ignored.

This property has no effect if the Export.PDF.Method property is set to NativePDF! or Distill!.

**In the painter** On the Data Export page in the Properties view for the DataWindow object, select PDF from the Format to Configure list and XSLFOP! from the Method list, and then select Print Using XSLFOP.

**Examples**

This example specifies the XSLFOP! method for PDF export, sets the XSLFOP.Print property, and saves the data to a file called *printed.pdf*, which is sent directly to the default printer:

```
int li_ret

dw1.Object.DataWindow.Export.PDF.Method = XSLFOP!
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Export.PDF.xslfop.print='Yes'
li_ret = dw1.SaveAs("printed.pdf", PDF!, true)
```

**See also**

Export.PDF.Method

## Export.XHTML.TemplateCount

**Description**

The number of XHTML export templates associated with a DataWindow object.

**Applies to**

DataWindow objects

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Export.XHTML.TemplateCount
```

Describe argument:

"DataWindow.Export.XHTML.TemplateCount"

### Usage

This property is used to get a count of the XHTML export templates associated with a DataWindow object. It returns a long specifying the number of XHTML export templates previously saved in the DataWindow painter for the specified DataWindow object. The count is used with the

`DataWindow.Export.XHTML.Template[ ].Name` property to enable an application to select an export template at runtime.

### Examples

This code in the open event of a window uses the `TemplateCount` property to get the number of templates associated with `dw1`. It then uses the number returned as the upper limit in a FOR loop that populates a drop-down list box with the template names, using the

`DataWindow.Export.XHTML.Template[ ].Name` property.

```
string ls_template_name
long l_template_count, i

l_template_count = Long &
 (dw1.Object.DataWindow.Export.XHTML.TemplateCount)

for i=1 to l_template_count)
 ls_template_name = &
 dw1.Object.DataWindow.Export.XHTML.Template[i].Name
 ddlb_1.AddItem(ls_template_name)
next
```

Before generating the XHTML, set the export template using the text in the drop-down list box:

```
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Export.XHTML.UseTemplate=
 ddlb_1.text
```

### See also

`Export.XHTML.Template[ ].Name`  
`Export.XHTML.UseTemplate`

## Export.XHTML.Template[ ].Name

### Description

The name of an XHTML export template associated with a DataWindow object.

### Applies to

DataWindow objects

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Export.XHTML.Template[num].Name
```

Describe argument:

"DataWindow.Export.XHTML.Template[ *num* ]Name"

| Parameter  | Description                                                       |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>num</i> | ( <i>exp</i> ) A long specifying the index of the export template |

**Usage**

This property returns the names of the XHTML export templates associated with a DataWindow object by index. The index can range from 1 to the value of the [DataWindow.Export.XHTML.TemplateCount](#) property. The order reflects the serialized storage order of all templates, which is a read-only setting. These properties, with [DataWindow.Export.XHTML.UseTemplate](#), enable an application to select an export template dynamically at runtime.

**Examples**

See [Export.XHTML.TemplateCount](#).

**See also**

[Export.XHTML.TemplateCount](#)  
[Export.XHTML.UseTemplate](#)

## Export.XHTML.UseTemplate

**Description**

Setting that optionally controls the logical structure of the XHTML generated by a DataWindow object from a DataWindow data expression using dot notation.

**Applies to**

DataWindow objects

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

*dw\_control*.Object.DataWindow.Export.XHTML.UseTemplate

Describe and Modify argument:

"DataWindow.Export.XHTML.UseTemplate { = '*value* ' }"

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string specifying the name of an XHTML export template previously saved in the DataWindow painter for the specified DataWindow object |

**Usage**

This property uses a template defined in the DataWindow painter to specify the logical structure and attribute overrides that PowerBuilder should use to generate XHTML from a DataWindow object. It is designed to be used with the data expression for the DataWindow object, and should be set before a data expression statement.



**In the painter** In the Data Export tab in the Properties view for the DataWindow object, select XHTML from the Format to Configure list and select a template from the Use Template list.

**Examples**

This example stores the name of the export template used in `dw1` in the string `ls_template`. If no template is selected in `dw1`, an empty string is returned.

```
string ls_template_name
ls_template_name =
dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Export.XHTML.UseTemplate")
```

This example sets the name of the current XHTML export template used in `dw1` to `t_report`. If `t_report` does not exist, the current template is not changed.

```
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Export.XHTML.UseTemplate =
't_report' ")
```

**See also**

`Export.XHTML.TemplateCount`  
`Export.XHTML.Template[ ].Name`

## Export.XML.HeadGroups

**Description**

Setting that causes elements, attributes, and all other items above the Detail Start element in an XML export template for a group DataWindow to be iterated for each group in the exported XML.

**Applies to**

DataWindow objects

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Export.XML.HeadGroups
```

`Describe` and `Modify` argument:

```
"DataWindow.Export.XML.HeadGroups { = 'value' }"
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Whether the contents of the header section in an export template iterate in the generated XML.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – The header section is repeated for each group (default).</li> <li>• No – The header section is not repeated.</li> </ul> |

**Usage** This property must be set for group DataWindow objects if you want elements and other items added to the header section of an XML export template to be repeated before each group in the exported XML. For DataWindow objects with multiple groups, each XML fragment in the header section between a Group Header element and the next Group Header element or Detail Start element is iterated.

**In the painter** In the Data Export tab in the Properties view for the DataWindow object, select XML from the Format to Configure list and select Iterate header for Groups.

**Examples**

```
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Export.XML.HeadGroups = "Yes"
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Export.XML.HeadGroups = 'No' ")
```

## Export.XML.IncludeWhitespace

**Description** Setting that determines whether the XML document is formatted by inserting whitespace characters (carriage returns, linefeeds, tabs, and spacebar spaces).

**Applies to** DataWindow objects

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Export.XML.IncludeWhitespace
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"DataWindow.Export.XML.IncludeWhitespace { = 'value' }"
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Whether the generated XML is formatted with whitespace characters.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – Whitespace characters are inserted.</li> <li>• No – Whitespace characters are not inserted (default).</li> </ul> |

**Usage** This property should be set before you export a DataWindow object if you want to view or verify the exported XML using a text editor.

**In the painter** In the Data Export tab in the Properties view for the DataWindow object, select XML from the Format to Configure list and select Include Whitespace.

**Examples**

```
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Export.XML.IncludeWhitespace = "No"
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Export.XML.IncludeWhitespace = 'Yes' ")
```

## Export.XML.MetaDataType

**Description** Setting that controls the type of metadata generated with the XML exported from a DataWindow object using the `SaveAs` method or a `.Data.XML` expression.

**Applies to** DataWindow objects

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Export.XML.MetaDataType
```

`Describe` and `Modify` argument:

```
"DataWindow.Export.XML.MetaDataType { = 'value' }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>value</code> | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string specifying a value of the <code>Export.XML.MetaDataType</code> enumerated datatype |

### Usage

This property must be set to specify the type of metadata generated before you call the `SaveAs` method with XML! as the `SaveAsType` to save data as an XML document, or use the `.Data.XML` expression to save data as an XML string. The metadata is saved into the exported XML itself or into an associated file, depending on the value of the `Export.XML.SaveMetaData` property.

The `Export.XML.MetaDataType` property is an enumerated datatype that can hold the following values:

| Enumerated value        | Numeric value | Meaning                                                            |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>XMLNone!</code>   | 0             | Metadata (XML Schema or DTD) is not generated when XML is exported |
| <code>XMLSchema!</code> | 1             | XML Schema is generated when XML is exported                       |
| <code>XMLDTD!</code>    | 2             | DTD is generated when XML is exported                              |

If the data item for a column is null or an empty string, an empty element is created when you export XML. If you select `XMLSchema!`, child elements with null data items are created with the content `"xmlns:nil='true'"`.

**In the painter** In the Data Export tab in the Properties view for the DataWindow object, select XML from the Format to Configure list and select a value from the Meta Data Type list.

### Examples

This statement specifies that no metadata will be generated when the DataWindow is exported to XML:

```
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Export.XML.MetaDataType =
```

XMLNone!

These statements export the contents of dw1 to the file *c:\myxml.xml* using the XML export template called t\_schema, and generate an external XML schema file at *c:\myxml.xsd*:

```
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Export.XML.UseTemplate = 't_schema'")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Export.XML.MetaDataType = 1")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Export.XML.SaveMetaData = 1")
dw1.SaveAs("c:\myxml.xml", XML!, false)
```

See also [Export.XML.SaveMetaData](#)

## Export.XML.SaveMetaData

**Description** Setting that controls the storage format for the metadata generated with the XML exported from a DataWindow object using the [SaveAs](#) method or a [.Data.XML](#) expression.

**Applies to** DataWindow objects

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Export.XML.SaveMetaData
```

[Describe](#) and [Modify](#) argument:

```
"DataWindow.Export.XML.SaveMetaData { = 'value' }"
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                   |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string specifying a value of the <a href="#">Export.XML.SaveMetaData</a> enumerated datatype |

**Usage** This property must be set to specify how to store the generated metadata before you call the [SaveAs](#) method with XML! as the [SaveAsType](#) to save data as an XML document, or use the [.Data.XML](#) expression to save data as an XML string. The metadata can be saved into the exported XML document or string or into an associated file.

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### Note

If [Export.XML.MetaDataType](#) is set to XMLNone!, the value of the [Export.XML.SaveMetaData](#) property is not used.

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The [Export.XML.SaveMetaData](#) property is an enumerated datatype that can hold the following values:

| Enumerated value               | Numeric value | Meaning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>MetaDataInternal!</code> | 0             | The metadata is saved into the generated XML document or string. To save metadata using the <code>.Data.XML</code> expression syntax, you must use this value.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <code>MetaDataExternal!</code> | 1             | With the <code>SaveAs</code> method, metadata is saved as an external file with the same name as the XML document but with the extension <code>.xsd</code> (for <code>XMLSchema!</code> type) or <code>.dtd</code> (for <code>XMLDTD!</code> type). A reference to the name of the metadata file is included in the output XML document.<br><br>With <code>.Data.XML</code> , no metadata is generated in the XML string. |

**In the painter** In the Data Export tab in the Properties view for the DataWindow object, select XML from the Format to Configure list and select a value from the Save Meta Data list.

**Examples**

```
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Export.XML.SaveMetaData = 0
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Export.XML.SaveMetaData = &
 MetaDataExternal!")
```

**See also**

`Export.XML.MetaDataType`

## Export.XML.TemplateCount

**Description**

The number of XML export templates associated with a DataWindow object.

**Applies to**

DataWindow objects

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Export.XML.TemplateCount
```

**Describe** argument:

```
"DataWindow.Export.XML.TemplateCount"
```

**Usage**

This property is used to get a count of the XML export templates associated with a DataWindow object. It returns a long specifying the number of XML export templates previously saved in the DataWindow painter for the specified DataWindow object. The count is used with the `DataWindow.Export.XML.Template[ ].Name` property to enable an application to select an export template at runtime.

**Examples**

This code in the open event of a window uses the TemplateCount property to get the number of templates associated with `dw1`. It then uses the number returned as the upper limit in a FOR loop that populates a drop-down list box with the template names, using the `DataWindow.Export.XML.Template[ ].Name` property.

```
string ls_template_count, ls_template_name
long i

ls_template_count=dw1.Describe
("DataWindow.Export.XML.TemplateCount")

for i=1 to Long(ls_template_count)
 ls_template_name=
 dw1.Object.DataWindow.Export.XML.Template[i].Name
 ddlb_1.AddItem(ls_template_name)
next
```

Before generating the XML, set the export template using the text in the drop-down list box:

```
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Export.XML.UseTemplate=
 ddlb_1.text
```

**See also**

`Export.XML.Template[ ].Name`  
`Export.XML.UseTemplate`

## Export.XML.Template[ ].Name

**Description**

The name of an XML export template associated with a DataWindow object.

**Applies to**

DataWindow objects

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Export.XML.Template[num].Name
```

**Describe** argument:

```
"DataWindow.Export.XML.Template[num]Name"
```

| Parameter  | Description                                                       |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>num</i> | ( <i>exp</i> ) A long specifying the index of the export template |

- Usage** This property is used to get the names of the XML export templates associated with a DataWindow object. It returns a string specifying the name of an export template previously saved in the DataWindow painter for the specified DataWindow object. The property is used with the `DataWindow.Export.XML.TemplateCount` property to enable an application to select an export template at runtime.
- Examples** See `Export.XML.TemplateCount`.
- See also** `Export.XML.TemplateCount`  
`Export.XML.UseTemplate`

## Export.XML.UseTemplate

- Description** Setting that optionally controls the logical structure of the XML exported from a DataWindow object using the `SaveAs` method or the `.Data.XML` property.
- Applies to** DataWindow objects
- Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Export.XML.UseTemplate
```

`Describe` and `Modify` argument:

```
"DataWindow.Export.XML.UseTemplate { = 'value' }"
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string specifying the name of an export template previously saved in the DataWindow painter for the specified DataWindow object |

- Usage** This property should be set to specify the logical structure of the XML generated before you call the `SaveAs` method with `XML!` as the `SaveAsType` to save data as an XML document, or use the `.Data.XML` expression to save data as an XML string.
- In the painter** In the Data Export tab in the Properties view for the DataWindow object, select XML from the Format to Configure list and select a template from the Use Template list.
- Examples** This example stores the name of the export template used in `dw1` in the string `ls_template`. If no template is selected in `dw1`, an empty string is returned.

```
string ls_template_name
ls_template_name =
dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Export.XML.UseTemplate")
```

This example sets the name of the current XML export template used in `dw1` to `t_report`. If `t_report` does not exist, the current template is not changed.

```
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Export.XML.UseTemplate =
't_report' ")
```

See also

`Export.XML.MetadataType`  
`Export.XML.SaveMetaData`

## Expression

Description

The expression for a computed field control in the DataWindow. The expression is made up of calculations and DataWindow expression functions. The DataWindow evaluates the expression to get the value it will display in the computed field.

Applies to

Computed field controls

Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.computename.Expression
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"computename.Expression { = 'string ' }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                              |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>computename</i> | The name of the computed field control in the DataWindow for which you want to get or set the expression |
| <i>string</i>      | A string whose value is the expression for the computed field                                            |

Usage

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Expression option. The More button displays the Modify Expression dialog, which provides help in specifying the expression. The Verify button tests the expression.

Examples

```
setting = dw1.Object.comp_1.Expression
dw1.Object.comp_1.Expression = "avg(salary for all)"

setting = dw1.Describe("comp_1.Expression")
dw1.Modify("comp_1.Expression='avg(salary for all)'")
```



## Filename

**Description** The file name containing the image for a Picture or Button control in the DataWindow. If no image is specified for a Button control, only text is used for the button label.

**Applies to** Picture and Button controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.Filename
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"controlname.Filename { = ' filestring ' }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the Picture or Button control in the DataWindow for which you want to get or set the image file name.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>filestring</i>  | <p>(<i>exp</i>) A string containing the name of the file that contains the image. <i>Filestring</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression.</p> <p>Button pictures can be BMP, GIF, or JPEG files. You can use a URL instead of a full path name, and if you set the HTMLGen.ResourceBase property to the URL address, you need to specify only a relative file name for this string.</p> <p>If you include the name of the file containing the image in the executable for the application, PowerBuilder will always use that image; you cannot use <b>Modify</b> to change the image.</p> |

**Usage** **In the painter** For a Picture control, select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab, File Name option. For a Button control, select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Picture File option. The Action Default Picture check box must be cleared to set the value for the picture file.

**Examples** Example for a Picture control:

```
setting = dw1.Object.bitmap_1.Filename
dw1.Object.bitmap_1.Filename = "exclaim.bmp"

setting = dw1.Describe("bitmap_1.Filename")
dw1.Modify("bitmap_1.Filename='exclaim.bmp'")
```

Example for a Button control:

```
dw1.Object.b_name.FileName = "logo.gif"
ls_data = dw1.Describe("b_name.FileName")
dw1.Modify("b_name.FileName = 'logo.jpg'")
```

**See also** [DefaultPicture](#)

## FirstRowOnPage

**Description** The first row currently visible in the DataWindow.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.FirstRowOnPage
```

**Describe** argument:

```
"DataWindow.FirstRowOnPage"
```

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.FirstRowOnPage
setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.FirstRowOnPage")
```

## FocusRectangle

**Description** Whether a rectangle displays around the selected control.

**Applies to** Column, Computed Field, Graph, OLE Object, OLE Database Blob, Picture, and Text controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.FocusRectangle
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"controlname.FocusRectangle = value"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the control for which you want to show or hide the focus rectangle                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>value</i>       | Whether the focus rectangle appears when the control has focus. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yes – The focus rectangle displays</li><li>• No – The focus rectangle does not display</li></ul> |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Edit tab, Show Focus Rectangle option.

**Examples**

```
String ls_DataObject
string ls_focus, ls_focus1

ls_DataObject= dw_1.DataObject
If ls_DataObject = "d_dept" Then
```

```

dw_1.Modify("t_1.focusrectangle = " + "yes")
ls_focus = dw_1.describe("t_1.focusrectangle")
ls_focus1 = dw_1.object.t_1.focusrectangle
Else
dw_1.Modify("gr_1.focusrectangle = " + "yes")
ls_focus = dw_1.describe("gr_1.focusrectangle")
ls_focus1 = dw_1.object.gr_1.focusrectangle
End If

messagebox(ls_focus, ls_focus1)

```

## Font.Bias

### Description

The way fonts are manipulated in the DataWindow at runtime.

### Applies to

DataWindows

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Font.Bias
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"DataWindow.Font.Bias { = biasvalue }"
```

| Parameter        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>biasvalue</i> | An integer indicating how the fonts will be manipulated at execution. <i>Biasvalue</i> cannot be a DataWindow expression.<br>Values are:<br>0 – As display fonts<br>1 – As printer fonts<br>2 – Neutral; no manipulation will take place |

### Examples

```

string setting
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Font.Bias
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Font.Bias = 1

setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Font.Bias")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Font.Bias=1")

```

## Font.property

### Description

Settings that control the appearance of fonts within a DataWindow, except for graphs, which have their own settings (see DispAttr).

### Applies to

Button, Column, Computed Field, GroupBox, and Text controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

*dw\_control.Object.controlname.Font.property*

Describe and Modify argument:

"*controlname.Font.property { = ' value ' }*"

SyntaxFromSql:

Column(*Font.property = value*)

Text(*Font.property = value*)

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of a column, computed field, or text control for which you want to get or set font properties. For a column, you can specify the column name or a pound sign (#) followed by the column number.<br><br>When you generate DataWindow syntax with <b>SyntaxFromSql</b> , the Font settings apply to all columns or all text controls. |
| <i>property</i>    | A property of the text. The properties and their values are listed in the table below.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>value</i>       | The value to be assigned to the property. <i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

| Property for Font | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CharSet           | ( <i>exp</i> ) An integer specifying the character set to be used.<br>Values are:<br>0 – ANSI<br>1 – The default character set for the specified font<br>2 – Symbol<br>128 – Shift JIS<br>255 – OEM<br><br>Painter: Font tab, CharSet option. |
| Escapement        | ( <i>exp</i> ) An integer specifying the rotation for the baseline of the text in tenths of a degree. For example, a value of 450 rotates the text 45 degrees. 0 is horizontal.<br><br>Painter: Font tab, Escapement option.                  |
| Face              | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string specifying the name of the font face, such as Arial or Courier.<br><br>Painter: Font tab, FaceName option or StyleBar.                                                                                                |

| Property for Font | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Family            | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer specifying the font family (Windows uses both face and family to determine which font to use).</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 – AnyFont</li> <li>1 – Roman</li> <li>2 – Swiss</li> <li>3 – Modern</li> <li>4 – Script</li> <li>5 – Decorative</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Font tab, Family option.</p> |
| Height            | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer specifying the height of the text in the unit measure for the DataWindow. To specify size in points, specify a negative number.</p> <p>Painter: Font tab, Size option (specified in points) or StyleBar or Expressions tab.</p>                                                                                                    |
| Italic            | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Whether the text should be italic. The default is no.</p> <p>Painter: Font tab, Italic check box or StyleBar.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Pitch             | <p>(<i>exp</i>) The pitch of the font.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 – The default pitch for your system</li> <li>1 – Fixed</li> <li>2 – Variable</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Font tab, Pitch option.</p>                                                                                                                        |
| Strikethrough     | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Whether the text should be crossed out. The default is no.</p> <p>Painter: Font tab, Strikeout check box.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Underline         | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Whether the text should be underlined. The default is no.</p> <p>Painter: Font tab, Underline check box or StyleBar.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Weight            | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer specifying the weight of the text; for example, 400 for normal or 700 for bold.</p> <p>Painter: Set indirectly using the Font tab, Bold option or the StyleBar, Bold button.</p>                                                                                                                                                   |
| Width             | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer specifying the average character width of the font in the unit of measure specified for the DataWindow. Width is usually unspecified, which results in a default width based on the other properties.</p> <p>Painter: Set indirectly using the font selection.</p>                                                                 |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value using the:

- Properties view, Font tab
- For some font settings, StyleBar

**Examples**

```
dw1.Object.emp_name_t.Font.Face
dw1.Object.emp_name_t.Font.Face = "Arial"
```

```
dw1.Describe("emp_name_t.Font.Face")
dw1.Modify("emp_name_t.Font.Face='Arial'")
```

See also [Transparency \(columns and controls\)](#)

## Footer.property

See [Bandname.property](#).

## Format

### Description

The display format for a column.

You can use the [GetFormat](#) and [SetFormat](#) methods instead of [Describe](#) and [Modify](#) to get and change a column's display format. The advantage to using [Modify](#) is the ability to specify an expression.

### Applies to

Column and Computed Field controls

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.Format
```

[Describe](#) and [Modify](#) argument:

```
"controlname.Format { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the column or computed field for which you want to get or set the display format.                                                                                                   |
| <i>value</i>       | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string specifying the display format. See the <a href="#">Users Guide</a> for information on constructing display formats. <i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

### Usage

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Format tab.

If you want to add text to a numeric display format and use a color attribute, you must include the escape character (\) before each literal in the mask. For example:

```
[red]\D\e\p\t\: ###
```

### Examples

```
setting = dw1.Object.phone.Format
dw1.Object."phone.Format = "[red](@@@)@@@-@@@@; 'None'"
setting = dw1.Describe("phone.Format")
```

```
dw1.Modify(&
"phone.Format=' [red] (@@@) @@@-@@@@;~~~'None~~~' '")
```

See also

GetFormat function in the *PowerScript Reference*  
 SetFormat function in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Gradient.*property*

Description

Settings that control the gradient display in a DataWindow object. Gradient display properties are not supported in RichText, Graph, or OLE DataWindow presentation styles.

Applies to

DataWindows

Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.datawindow.gradient.property
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"DataWindow.gradient.property { = value }"
```

| Parameter       | Description                                                                                                            |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>property</i> | A property for the gradient. Properties and their settings are listed in the table that follows.                       |
| <i>value</i>    | The value to be assigned to the property. For gradient properties, <i>value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

| Property for Gradient | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Angle                 | An integer indicating the angle in degrees (values are 0 to 360) used to offset the color and transparency gradient. This property is used only when datawindow.brushmode takes values of 3 or 4.<br>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group.                                                                                                                                                  |
| Color                 | The gradient color of the DataWindow. This property is only in effect when datawindow.brushmode takes values 1 through 5.<br>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Focus                 | An integer in the range 0 to 100, specifying the distance (as a percentage) from the center where the background color is at its maximum. (For example, if the radial gradient is used and the value is set to 0, the color will be at the center of the background; if the value is set to 100, the color will be at the edges of the background.)<br>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group |

| Property for Gradient | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Repetition.Mode       | <p>Specifies the mode for determining the number of gradient transitions.</p> <p>Permitted values and their meanings are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>0</b> Gradient.repetition.count determines the number of gradient transitions</li> <li>• <b>1</b> Gradient.repetition.length determines the number of gradient transitions</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group.</p>                      |
| Repetition.Count      | <p>An integer specifying the number of gradient transitions for background color and transparency. A value of 0 indicates 1 transition. A value of 3 indicates 4 transitions. This property is used only when the datawindow.brushmode property takes values from 1 to 4 and when the when the datawindow.gradient.repetition.mode value is 0 (by count). The maximum is 10,000.</p> <p>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group.</p> |
| Repetition.Length     | <p>A long specifying the number of gradient transitions. This property is used only when the datawindow.brushmode property takes values from 1 to 4 and the datawindow.gradient.repetition.mode property takes the value of 1 (by length). The units for the length that you assign for gradient transitions are set by the datawindow.units property.</p> <p>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group.</p>                           |
| Scale                 | <p>An integer in the range 0 to 100 specifying the rate of transition to the gradient color (as a percentage).</p> <p>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Spread                | <p>An integer in the range 0 to 100 indicating the contribution of the second color to the blend (as a percentage).</p> <p>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Tranparency           | <p>An integer in the range 0 to 100, where 0 means that the secondary (gradient) background is opaque and 100 that it is completely transparent. The gradient defines transitions between the primary and secondary transparency settings.</p> <p>Painter: Background tab, Gradient group</p>                                                                                                                                        |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the DataWindow object and set the value on the Background tab of the Properties view.

If you save to an EMF or WMF, the properties on the Background tab are not saved with the DataWindow.

**Examples**

```
string ls_data
ls_data = dw_1.Object.datawindow.brushmode
dw_1.Object.datawindow.Brushmode = 5
ls_data = dw_1.Describe("datawindow.brushmode")
dw_1.Modify("datawindow.Brushmode=6")
dw_1.Modify("datawindow.Gradient.Transparency=75")
```

**See also**

[Brushmode](#)



Picture.property

## GraphType

**Description**

The type of graph, such as bar, pie, column, and so on.

**Applies to**

Graph controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.graphname.GraphType
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"graphname.GraphType { = ' typeinteger ' }"
```

| Parameter           | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |          |                 |         |                      |           |           |              |          |                |              |                     |             |         |             |           |            |              |  |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|---------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|----------|----------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|-----------|------------|--------------|--|
| <i>graphname</i>    | The graph control for which you want to get or change the type.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |          |                 |         |                      |           |           |              |          |                |              |                     |             |         |             |           |            |              |  |
| <i>typeinteger</i>  | <p>(<i>exp</i>) An integer identifying the type of graph in the DataWindow object. <i>Typeinteger</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>1 – Area</td> <td>10 – ColStacked</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 – Bar</td> <td>11 – ColStacked3DObj</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 – Bar3D</td> <td>12 – Line</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 – Bar3DObj</td> <td>13 – Pie</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5 – BarStacked</td> <td>14 – Scatter</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6 – BarStacked3DObj</td> <td>15 – Area3D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7 – Col</td> <td>16 – Line3D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8 – Col3D</td> <td>17 – Pie3D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9 – Col3DObj</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | 1 – Area | 10 – ColStacked | 2 – Bar | 11 – ColStacked3DObj | 3 – Bar3D | 12 – Line | 4 – Bar3DObj | 13 – Pie | 5 – BarStacked | 14 – Scatter | 6 – BarStacked3DObj | 15 – Area3D | 7 – Col | 16 – Line3D | 8 – Col3D | 17 – Pie3D | 9 – Col3DObj |  |
| 1 – Area            | 10 – ColStacked                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |          |                 |         |                      |           |           |              |          |                |              |                     |             |         |             |           |            |              |  |
| 2 – Bar             | 11 – ColStacked3DObj                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |          |                 |         |                      |           |           |              |          |                |              |                     |             |         |             |           |            |              |  |
| 3 – Bar3D           | 12 – Line                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |          |                 |         |                      |           |           |              |          |                |              |                     |             |         |             |           |            |              |  |
| 4 – Bar3DObj        | 13 – Pie                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |          |                 |         |                      |           |           |              |          |                |              |                     |             |         |             |           |            |              |  |
| 5 – BarStacked      | 14 – Scatter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |          |                 |         |                      |           |           |              |          |                |              |                     |             |         |             |           |            |              |  |
| 6 – BarStacked3DObj | 15 – Area3D                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |          |                 |         |                      |           |           |              |          |                |              |                     |             |         |             |           |            |              |  |
| 7 – Col             | 16 – Line3D                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |          |                 |         |                      |           |           |              |          |                |              |                     |             |         |             |           |            |              |  |
| 8 – Col3D           | 17 – Pie3D                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |          |                 |         |                      |           |           |              |          |                |              |                     |             |         |             |           |            |              |  |
| 9 – Col3DObj        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |          |                 |         |                      |           |           |              |          |                |              |                     |             |         |             |           |            |              |  |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.graph_1.GraphType
dw1.Object.graph_1.GraphType = 17

setting = dw1.Describe("graph_1.GraphType")
dw1.Modify("graph_1.GraphType=17")
```

## Grid.ColumnMove

**Description**

Whether the user can rearrange columns by dragging.

Applies to

DataWindows

Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Grid.ColumnMove
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"DataWindow.Grid.ColumnMove { = value } "
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                      |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | Whether the user can rearrange columns.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – The user can drag columns.<br>No – The user cannot drag columns. |

Usage

**In the painter** Select the DataWindow object by deselecting all controls; then set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Grid group, Column Moving check box (available when the presentation style is Grid, Crosstab, or TreeView with the Grid Style option selected).

Examples

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Grid.ColumnMove
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Grid.ColumnMove = No

setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Grid.ColumnMove")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Grid.ColumnMove=No")
```

## Grid.Lines

Description

The way grid lines display and print in a DataWindow whose presentation style is Grid, Crosstab, or TreeView.

Applies to

DataWindows

Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Grid.Lines
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"DataWindow.Grid.Lines { = value } "
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | An integer specifying whether grid lines are displayed on the screen and printed.<br><br>Values are:<br>0 – Yes, grid lines are displayed and printed.<br>1 – No, grid lines are not displayed and printed.<br>2 – Grid lines are displayed, but not printed.<br>3 – Grid lines are printed, but not displayed. |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the DataWindow object by deselecting all controls; then set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Grid group, Display option (available when the presentation style is Grid, Crosstab, or TreeView with the Grid Style option selected).

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Grid.Lines
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Grid.Lines = 2

setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Grid.Lines")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Grid.Lines=2")
```

## GroupBy

**Description** A comma-separated list of the columns or expressions that control the grouping of the data transferred from the DataWindow to the OLE object. When there is more than one grouping column, the first one is the primary group and the columns that follow are nested groups.

**Applies to** OLE Object controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.olecontrolname.GroupBy
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"olecontrolname.GroupBy { = ' columnlist ' }"
```

| Parameter             | Description                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>olecontrolname</i> | The name of the OLE Object control for which you want to get or set the grouping columns.                                                                                                     |
| <i>columnlist</i>     | ( <i>exp</i> ) A list of the columns or expressions that control the grouping. If there is more than one, separate them with commas. <i>Columnlist</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

**Usage** Target and Range also affect the data that is transferred to the OLE object.

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Data tab, Group By option.

**Examples**

```
ls_data = dw1.Object.ole_report.GroupBy
dw1.Object.ole_report.GroupBy = "emp_state, emp_office"

dw1.Object.ole_report.GroupBy = "year"
ls_data = dw1.Describe("ole_report.GroupBy")

dw1.Modify(" &
ole_report.GroupBy='emp_state, emp_office'")
dw1.Modify("ole_report.GroupBy='year'")
```

## Header\_Bottom\_Margin

**Description**

The size of the bottom margin of the DataWindow's header area. Header\_Bottom\_Margin is meaningful only when type is Grid or Tabular.

**Applies to**

Style keywords

**Syntax**

SyntaxFromSql:

Style ( Header\_Bottom\_Margin = *value* )

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | An integer specifying the size of the bottom margin of the header area in the units specified for the DataWindow. The bottom margin is the distance between the bottom of the header area and the last line of the header. |

**Examples**

```
SQLCA.SyntaxFromSQL(sqlstring, &
'Style(...Header_Bottom_Margin = 25 ...)', &
errstring)
```

## Header\_Top\_Margin

**Description**

The size of the top margin of the DataWindow's header area. Header\_Top\_Margin is meaningful only when type is Grid or Tabular.

**Applies to**

Style keywords

**Syntax**

SyntaxFromSql:

Style ( Header\_Top\_Margin = *value* )

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | An integer specifying the size of the top margin of the header area in the units specified for the DataWindow. The top margin is the distance between the top of the header area and the first line of the header. |

**Examples**

```
SQLCA.SyntaxFromSQL(sqlstring, &
'Style(...Header_Top_Margin = 500 ...)', errstring)
```

**Header.property**

See [Bandname.property](#).

**Header.#.property**

See [Bandname.property](#).

**Height****Description**

The height of a control in the DataWindow.

**Applies to**

Button, Column, Computed Field, Graph, GroupBox, OLE, Oval, Picture, Rectangle, Report, RoundedRectangle, TableBlob, and Text controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.Height
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"controlname.Height { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                             |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The control within the DataWindow whose height you want to get or set.                                                                                                  |
| <i>value</i>       | ( <i>exp</i> ) An integer specifying the height of the control in the unit of measure specified for the DataWindow. <i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Position tab.

**Examples**

```
string setting
```

```

setting = dw1.Object.empname.Height
dw1.Object.empname.Height = 50

setting = dw1.Describe("empname.Height")
dw1.Modify("empname.Height=50")

```

## Height.AutoSize

### Description

Whether the control's width should be held constant and its height adjusted so that all the data is visible. This property is for use with read-only controls and printed reports. It should not be used with data entry fields or controls.

### Applies to

Column, Computed Field, Report, and Text controls

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.Height.AutoSize
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"controlname.Height.AutoSize { = value }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The control for which you want to get or set the AutoSize property.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <i>value</i>       | Whether the width or height of the control will be adjusted to display all the data. The height is limited to what can fit on the page.<br>Values are:<br>No – Use the height defined in the painter.<br>Yes – Calculate the height so that all the data is visible. |

### Usage

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Position tab, Autosize Height check box.

**Minimum height** The height of the column, computed field, or text will never be less than the minimum height (the height selected in the painter).

When the band has Autosize Height set to true, you should avoid using the RowHeight DataWindow expression function to set the height of any element in the row. Doing so can result in a logical inconsistency between the height of the row and the height of the element. For more information, see the RowHeight function description.

### Examples

```

string setting
setting = dw1.Object.empname.Height.AutoSize
dw1.Object.empname.Height.AutoSize = "Yes"

```

```
setting = dw1.Describe("empname.Height.AutoSize")
dw1.Modify("empname.Height.AutoSize=Yes")
```

See also

[Bandname.property](#)

## Help.property

### Description

Settings for customizing the Help topics associated with DataWindow dialog boxes.

For more information about Help, see the ShowHelp function in the *PowerScript Reference*.

### Applies to

DataWindows

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Help.property
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"DataWindow.Help.property { = value }"
```

| Parameter       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>property</i> | A property for specifying DataWindow Help. Help properties and their settings are listed in the table below. The File property must have a valid file name before the rest of the Help property settings can become valid. |
| <i>value</i>    | The value to be assigned to the property. For Help properties, <i>value</i> cannot be a DataWindow expression.                                                                                                             |

| Property for Help | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Command           | An integer specifying the type of Help command that is specified in the following TypeID properties.<br>Values are:<br>0 – Index<br>1 – TopicID<br>2 – Search keyword                                             |
| File              | A string containing the fully qualified name of the compiled Help file (for example, <i>C:\proj\MYHELP.HLP</i> ). When this property has a value, Help buttons display on the DataWindow dialog boxes at runtime. |
| TypeID            | A string specifying the default Help command to be used when a Help topic is not specified for the dialog using one of the following eight dialog-specific properties listed in this table.                       |

| Property for Help            | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TypeID.ImportFile            | A string specifying the Help topic for the Import File dialog box, which might display when the <b>ImportFile</b> method is called in code.                                                                                       |
| TypeID.Retrieve.<br>Argument | A string specifying the Help topic for the Retrieval Arguments dialog box, which displays when retrieval arguments expected by the DataWindow's <b>SELECT</b> statement are not specified for the <b>Retrieve</b> method in code. |
| TypeID.Retrieve.Criteria     | A string specifying the Help topic for the Prompt for Criteria dialog box, which displays when the Criteria properties have been turned on for at least one column and the <b>Retrieve</b> method is called in code.              |
| TypeID.SaveAs                | A string specifying the Help topic for the Save As dialog box, which might display when the <b>SaveAs</b> method is called in code.                                                                                               |
| TypeID.SetCrosstab           | A string specifying the Help topic for the Crosstab Definition dialog box, which might display when the <b>CrosstabDialog</b> method is called in code.                                                                           |
| TypeID.SetFilter             | A string specifying the Help topic for the Set Filter dialog box, which might display when the <b>SetFilter</b> and <b>Filter</b> methods are called in code.                                                                     |
| TypeID.SetSort               | A string specifying the Help topic for the Set Sort dialog box, which might display when the <b>SetSort</b> and <b>Sort</b> methods are called in code.                                                                           |
| TypeID.SetSortExpr           | A string specifying the Help topic for the Modify Expression dialog, which displays when the user double-clicks on a column in the Set Sort dialog.                                                                               |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Can be set only in code, not in the painter.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Help.Command
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Help.File = "myhelp.hlp"
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Help.Command = 1

setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Help.Command")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Help.File='myhelp.hlp'")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Help.Command=1")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Help.TypeID.SetFilter =
'filter_topic'")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Help.TypeID.Retrieve.Criteria =
'criteria_topic'")
```

## HideGrayLine

**Description**

Shows or hides a gray line to indicate that a fixed page has been crossed when scrolling in a DataWindow with group headers.

**Applies to**

DataWindow control

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.HideGrayLine
```



Describe and Modify argument:

```
"DataWindow.HideGrayLine { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Whether a gray line displays in the Preview view and at runtime.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – The gray line is hidden.</li> <li>No – The gray line displays (default).</li> </ul> <p><i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression.</p> |

### Usage

This property can be set in the open event for the window in which the DataWindow displays. Note that you cannot suppress the display of repeating group headers.

**In the painter** Select the DataWindow object by deselecting all controls; then set the value in the Properties view, General tab. This option is enabled only for DataWindows with group headers.

### Examples

```
dw1.Object.DataWindow.HideGrayLine = yes
```

## HideSnaked

### Description

Whether the control appears only once per page when you print the DataWindow using the newspaper columns format.

### Applies to

Button, Column, Computed Field, Graph, GroupBox, Line, OLE, Oval, Picture, Rectangle, Report, RoundRectangle, TableBlob, and Text controls

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.HideSnaked
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"controlname.HideSnaked { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the control for which you want to get or set the HideSnaked setting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>value</i>       | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Whether the control appears once or multiple times in the printed output when the output has multiple columns (like a newspaper).</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 – The control will appear only once on a page.</li> <li>0 – The control will appear in each column on a page.</li> </ul> <p><i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression.</p> |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab, HideSnaked check box.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.graph_1.HideSnaked
dw1.Object.text_title.HideSnaked = "1"

setting = dw1.Describe("graph_1.HideSnaked")
dw1.Modify("text_title.HideSnaked=1")
```

## Horizontal\_Spread

**Description**

The space between columns in the detail area of the DataWindow object. Horizontal\_Spread is meaningful *only* when type is Grid or Tabular.

**Applies to**

Style keywords

**Syntax**

SyntaxFromSql:

```
Style (Horizontal_Spread = value)
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | An integer specifying the space between columns in the detail area of the DataWindow object area in the units specified for the DataWindow |

**Examples**

```
SQLCA.SyntaxFromSQL(sqlstring, &
'Style(...Horizontal_Spread = 25 ...)', errstring)
```

## HorizontalScrollMaximum

**Description** The maximum width of the scroll box of the DataWindow's horizontal scroll bar. This value is set by PowerBuilder based on the layout of the DataWindow object and the size of the DataWindow control. Use HorizontalScrollMaximum with HorizontalScrollPosition to synchronize horizontal scrolling in multiple DataWindow objects.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.HorizontalScrollMaximum
```

**Describe** argument:

```
"DataWindow.HorizontalScrollMaximum"
```

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting =
dw1.Object.DataWindow.HorizontalScrollMaximum

setting =
dw1.Describe("DataWindow.HorizontalScrollMaximum")
```

## HorizontalScrollMaximum2

**Description** The maximum width of the second scroll box when the horizontal scroll bar is split (HorizontalScrollSplit is greater than 0). This value is set by PowerBuilder based on the content of the DataWindow. Use HorizontalScrollMaximum2 with HorizontalScrollPosition2 to synchronize horizontal scrolling in multiple DataWindow objects.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.HorizontalScrollMaximum2
```

**Describe** argument:

```
"DataWindow.HorizontalScrollMaximum2"
```

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting =
dw1.Object.DataWindow.HorizontalScrollMaximum2

setting =
dw1.Describe("DataWindow.HorizontalScrollMaximum2")
```

## HorizontalScrollPosition

**Description** The position of the scroll box in the horizontal scroll bar. Use HorizontalScrollMaximum with HorizontalScrollPosition to synchronize horizontal scrolling in multiple DataWindow objects.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

`dw_control.Object.DataWindow.HorizontalScrollPosition`

**Describe and Modify argument:**

"DataWindow.HorizontalScrollPosition { = *scrollvalue* }"

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                         |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>scrollvalue</i> | An integer specifying the position of the scroll box in the horizontal scroll bar of the DataWindow |

**Examples**

```
string spos1
spos1 = dw1.Object.DataWindow.HorizontalScrollPosition

string smax1, smax2, spos1, modstring
integer pos2
smax1 = dw1.Describe(&
"DataWindow.HorizontalScrollMaximum")
spos1 = dw1.Describe(&
"DataWindow.HorizontalScrollPosition")
smax2 = dw_2.Describe(&
"DataWindow.HorizontalScrollMaximum")
pos2 = Integer(spos1) * Integer(smax2) / Integer(smax1)
modstring = "DataWindow.HorizontalScrollPosition=" &
+ String(pos2)
dw1.Modify(modstring)
```

## HorizontalScrollPosition2

**Description** The position of the scroll box in the second portion of the horizontal scroll bar when the scroll bar is split (HorizontalScrollSplit is greater than 0). Use HorizontalScrollMaximum2 with HorizontalScrollPosition2 to synchronize horizontal scrolling in multiple DataWindow objects.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

`dw_control.Object.DataWindow.HorizontalScrollPosition2`

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"DataWindow.HorizontalScrollPosition2 { = scrollvalue }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>scrollvalue</i> | An integer specifying the position of the scroll box in the second portion of a split horizontal scroll bar of the DataWindow |

### Examples

```
string spos
spos =dw1.Object.DataWindow.HorizontalScrollPosition2
dw1.Object.DataWindow.HorizontalScrollPosition2 = 200

spos = dw1.Describe(&
 "DataWindow.HorizontalScrollPosition2")
dw1.Modify(&
 "DataWindow.HorizontalScrollPosition2=200")
```

## HorizontalScrollSplit

### Description

The position of the split in the DataWindow's horizontal scroll bar. If HorizontalScrollSplit is zero, the scroll bar is not split.

### Applies to

DataWindows

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.HorizontalScrollSplit
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"DataWindow.HorizontalScrollSplit { = splitdistance }"
```

| Parameter            | Description                                                                                                                                                     |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>splitdistance</i> | An integer indicating where the split will occur in the horizontal scroll bar in a DataWindow object in the unit of measure specified for the DataWindow object |

### Examples

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.HorizontalScrollSplit
dw1.Object.DataWindow.HorizontalScrollSplit = 250

str = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.HorizontalScrollSplit")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.HorizontalScrollSplit=250")
```

## HTextAlign

**Description** The way text in a button is horizontally aligned.

**Applies to** Button controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.buttonname.HTextAlign
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"buttonname.HTextAlign { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                                              |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>buttonname</i> | The name of the button for which you want to align text.                                                                 |
| <i>value</i>      | An integer indicating how the button text is horizontally aligned.<br>Values are:<br>0 – Center<br>1 – Left<br>2 – Right |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Horizontal Alignment option.

**Examples**

```
dw1.Object.b_name.HTextAlign = "1"

setting = dw1.Describe("b_name.HTextAlign")
dw1.Modify("b_name.HTextAlign = '1'")
```

## HTML.property

**Description** Settings for adding user-defined HTML syntax and hyperlinks to controls in a Web DataWindow.

---

### Obsolete property

**HTML.property** is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

---

**Applies to** Column, Computed Field, Picture, and Text controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.HTML.property
```

Describe and Modify argument:

"controlname.HTML.property { = ' value ' }"

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the control whose HTML properties you want to get or set.                                                                |
| <i>property</i>    | A property for generating HTML syntax and hyperlinks in a Web DataWindow. Properties and their values are listed in the table below. |
| <i>value</i>       | The value to be assigned to the property. <i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression only where noted.                       |

| Property for HTML                                   | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AppendedHTML                                        | HTML you want to append to the generated syntax for the rendering of a DataWindow control before the closing bracket of the HTML element for that control.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Link                                                | <p>(<i>exp</i>) A URL that is the target of a link (HTML anchor element) generated for each data item in the column or for the specified control. The text or user-visible part of the link will be the data value in the column, the value of the computed field, the text in the Text control, or the image of a Picture control.</p> <p>The URL can include parameters. Other properties, such as LinkArgs, can cause additional parameters to be added when the HTML is generated.</p>                       |
| LinkArgs                                            | <p>A string in the form:</p> <p><i>argname='exp' {   argname = 'exp' } ...</i></p> <p><i>Argname</i> is a page parameter to be passed to the server.</p> <p><i>Exp</i> is a DataWindow expression whose value is a string. It is evaluated and converted using URL encoding and included in the <i>linkargs</i> string.</p> <p>The evaluated LinkArgs string is appended to the HTML.Link property when HTML is generated to produce a hyperlink for each data item in a column or other DataWindow control.</p> |
| LinkTarget                                          | <p>(<i>exp</i>) The name of a target frame or window for the hyperlink (HTML A element) specified in the Link property. The target is included using the TARGET attribute.</p> <p>You can use the LinkTarget property to direct the new page to a detail window or frame in a master/detail page design.</p> <p>If LinkTarget is null or an empty string (""), then no TARGET attribute is generated.</p>                                                                                                        |
| ValueIsHTML<br>(does not apply to Picture controls) | <p>(<i>exp</i>) A boolean that, if true, allows the control contents (data value in a read-only column, the value of a computed field that is not calculated on the client, or the text in a Text control) to be generated as HTML. For XHTML, the control contents must be well-formed XHTML.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

### Usage

The Link properties are typically used to create master/detail Web pages where a link on a data item jumps to a detail DataWindow for that item. LinkArgs is used to pass a retrieval argument identifying the particular item.

The AppendedHTML property is used to specify attributes and event actions to add to the HTML rendered for Web DataWindow controls.

**ScrollToRow emulation** The ValueIsHTML property allows you to include standalone HTML syntax or tags in the generated Web DataWindow. You can use this feature to add horizontal rules (<HR>) and anchor tags (<A HREF="home.htm">home</A>) to Web DataWindows. If you add row-specific anchor tags, you can use the Modify method or DataWindow expressions to generate conditional HTML for each row.

The HTML generator does not validate the HTML you append to or include in controls in DataWindow objects. If the HTML is invalid, the DataWindow might not display correctly. You must also be careful not to append an event name that is already generated for the control as a coded client-side event.

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, HTML tab.

### Examples

```
// EMPID and PAGE are page parameters for the
// page server's session object
dw1.Object.empid.HTML.Link = "empform.html"
dw1.Object.empid.HTML.LinkArgs = "EMPID = 'empid'"
dw1.Object.empid.HTML.LinkTarget = "detail_win"
dw1.Object.empid.HTML.ValueIsHTML = "true"
dw1.Object.helpicon.HTML.Link = "help.html"
dw1.Object.helpicon.LinkArgs = "PAGE = 'empform'"

setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.HTML.Link")
dw1.Modify("empid.HTML.Link = 'empform.html'")
```

## HTMLDW

### Description

Specifies whether HTML generated for the DataWindow object provides updates and interactivity.

---

### Obsolete property

HTMLDW is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

---

### Applies to

DataWindow objects



**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.HTMLDW = value
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"DataWindow.HTMLDW { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | <p>The value to be assigned to the property. <i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – DataWindow HTML generation uses the HTMLGen properties.</li> <li>• No – DataWindow HTML generation is a read-only table as described for the Data.HTMLTable property.</li> </ul> |

**Usage**

When HTMLDW is set to Yes, the generated HTML supports data entry and takes advantage of browser features that enable user interaction when used with a page server (as described for the Data.HTML property). The generated HTML can be used to produce a page that displays a subset of retrieved rows and can include JavaScript code requesting additional pages with other subsets of the retrieved rows.

The resulting HTML can be used as a Web DataWindow control, which is a cooperation between a server component, a page server, and a client Web browser. The server component produces the HTML and the page server incorporates it into a Web page.

The user interacts with the DataWindow in the client browser, and actions produced by buttons in the DataWindow object are sent back to the page server. The page server calls methods of the server component to request processing for the data in the DataWindow object, including applying actions, updating data, and scrolling to other subsets.

To affect the level of DataWindow features in the resulting HTML, or to produce master/detail links between two Web DataWindow controls, see [HTMLGen.property](#).

DataWindow features that will not be rendered into HTML include:

- Graph, OLE, and RichText presentation styles and controls.
- Client-side expressions that include aggregate functions. Aggregate functions cannot be evaluated in the browser. Instead, they will be evaluated on the server and the resulting value included in the HTML.
- Resizable and movable controls.

- Sliding of controls to fill empty space.
- Autosizing of height or width.
- EditMasks for column data entry.

**In the painter** Select the DataWindow object by deselecting all controls; then select or clear the Web DataWindow check box on the General tab in the Properties view.

**Examples**

```
dw1.Object.DataWindow.HTMLDW = "yes"

setting = dw1.Describe
 ("DataWindow.HTMLDW")

dw1.Modify("DataWindow.HTMLDW = 'yes'")
```

## HTMLGen.property

**Description**

Settings that control the level of features incorporated into HTML generated for the DataWindow.

---

**Obsolete property**

HTMLGen.property is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

---

**Applies to**

DataWindow objects

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.HTMLGen.property
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"DataWindow.HTMLGen.property { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter | Description                                                                                                                 |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| property  | A property that controls how HTML is generated for a DataWindow. Properties and their values are listed in the table below. |
| value     | The value to be assigned to the property. Value can be a quoted DataWindow expression where noted.                          |

| Property for HTMLGen | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Browser              | <p>(<i>exp</i>) A string identifying the browser in which you want to display the generated HTML. The value should match the browser identifier part of the text string that the browser specifies in the HTTP header it sends to the server. This property is usually set dynamically on the server according to the HTTP header returned from the client. Recognized strings are listed in <a href="#">Browser recognition on page 300</a>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| ClientComputedFields | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Whether computed fields that reference column data are translated into JavaScript and computed in the client browser.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – (Default) Computed fields are translated to JavaScript where possible.</li> <li>• No – Computed fields are always calculated on the server.</li> </ul> <p>Regardless of this setting, if the computed field includes aggregation functions, the computed field is calculated on the server. For more information about this and the following properties, see <a href="#">Client properties on page 301</a></p> |
| ClientEvents         | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Whether JavaScript code to trigger events is included in the generated HTML.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – (Default) JavaScript for triggering events is generated.</li> <li>• No – JavaScript for events is not generated.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| ClientFormatting     | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Whether display formats are applied to data items that do not have focus. JavaScript for formatting the data is translated from display formats specified in the DataWindow painter. If you want to use regional settings, such as a period as a date separator and a comma as a decimal separator, you must set ClientFormatting to Yes.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – (Default) Display formats are applied to data.</li> <li>• No – Display formats are not used.</li> </ul>                                                                                     |
| ClientScriptable     | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Whether client-side JavaScript can interact with the control.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – Client-side JavaScript can call methods of the control.</li> <li>• No – (Default) Client-side JavaScript cannot call methods.</li> </ul> <p>This option adds approximately 20K to the size of the generated HTML.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| ClientValidation     | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Whether JavaScript code to perform validation of user-entered data is included in the generated HTML. The validation code is translated from validation expressions specified in the DataWindow painter.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – (Default) Validation expressions are generated.</li> <li>• No – Validation expressions are not generated.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

| Property for HTMLGen | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CommonJSFile         | ( <i>exp</i> ) Cache file name for common JavaScript functions required by Web DataWindows at runtime. If you set this property, the file is downloaded to the browser client once per session for use by all Web DataWindows. You can prefix the file name to a URL, or you can use the URL that you set with the HTMLGen.ResourceBase property. See <a href="#">JavaScript caching on page 301</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| DateJSFile           | ( <i>exp</i> ) Cache file name for common Web DataWindow functions that use a date format. If you set this property, the file is downloaded to the browser client once per session for use by all Web DataWindows. You can prefix the file name with a URL, or you can use the URL that you set with the HTMLGen.ResourceBase property. See <a href="#">JavaScript caching on page 301</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| EncodeSelfLinkArgs   | ( <i>exp</i> ) A switch to disable HTML 4 encoding of the evaluated HTMLGen.SelfLinkArgs expressions that are generated as hidden fields. The standard encoding limits character replacement to: <i>&amp;quot;</i> , <i>&amp;amp;</i> , <i>&amp;lt;</i> , and <i>&amp;gt;</i> . Disabling the standard encoding allows you to encode additional characters, but you must encode the argument expressions yourself.<br><br>Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – (Default) Encoding performed by PowerBuilder.</li> <li>• No – Encoding not performed.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                        |
| GenerateDDDWFrames   | ( <i>exp</i> ) Specifies whether drop-down DataWindows are generated using inline frames (iFrames). The use of iFrames enhances the display so that the drop-down DataWindow displays in a Web application as it would in a Windows application. Using iFrames increases the volume of markup generated.<br><br>Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – (Default) Drop-down DataWindows are generated in formatted div elements over an iFrame.</li> <li>• No – Drop-down DataWindows are generated in HTML select elements.</li> </ul> The use of the GenerateDDDWFrames option for drop-down DataWindows is supported only in the Internet Explorer browser. In other browsers, the HTML select element is always used. |
| GenerateJavaScript   | ( <i>exp</i> ) Specifies whether to generate JavaScript if the browser is not recognized. Keep in mind that without JavaScript, updating of data is not available. Navigation links are still supported.<br><br>Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – (Default) JavaScript is generated even if the browser is not recognized. The resulting JavaScript is portable and does not use browser-specific features.</li> <li>• No – JavaScript is not generated unless the browser is recognized</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

| Property for HTMLGen | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HTMLVersion          | <p>(<i>exp</i>) The version of HTML to generate.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.2 – (Default) The HTML will include style sheets, but no absolute positioning or regular expressions.</li> <li>4.0 – The HTML will include style sheets, absolute positioning, and regular expressions.</li> </ul> <p>If the browser is recognized, this property is ignored and browser-specific HTML is generated.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| NetscapeLayers       | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Formats the Web DataWindow for Netscape 4.0 or later using absolute positioning (in a manner similar to the formatting for Internet Explorer). See <a href="#">NetscapeLayers property on page 303</a>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| NumberJSFile         | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Cache file name for common Web DataWindow functions that use a number format. If you set this property, the file is downloaded to the browser client once per session for use by all Web DataWindows. You can prefix the file name with a URL, or you can use the URL that you set with the HTMLGen.ResourceBase property. See <a href="#">JavaScript caching on page 301</a>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| ObjectName           | <p>(<i>exp</i>) A string specifying a name used in generated code for the Web DataWindow client control, page parameters, and client-side events.</p> <p>You must specify a unique object name when there will be more than one Web DataWindow on a Web page so that names will not conflict.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| PageSize             | <p>(<i>exp</i>) The number of rows of data to include in a generated Web page. If the Web page does not include all available rows, you can include button controls to navigate to the rest of the data. To include all available rows in the page, specify 0 for PageSize.</p> <p>If the HTMLDW property is set to Yes, PageSize is used.</p> <p>If it is set to No, PageSize is ignored and all rows in the result set are generated in a single page.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| PagingMethod         | <p>A value of the WebPagingMethod enumerated variable that determines how paging is handled.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>PostBack!</b> (0) – (default) The control posts back to the server to perform paging operations.</li> <li><b>Callback!</b> (1) – The control calls a service on the client to perform paging operations.</li> <li><b>XMLClientSide!</b> (2) – The control retrieves the entire XML result set and performs paging operations on the client. This option is only available when the XML rendering format is used.</li> </ul> <p>See <a href="#">PagingMethod on page 302</a>.</p> |
| ResourceBase         | <p>(<i>exp</i>) The URL for included JavaScript files. If you set this property, you do not need to include a URL in the values for these other HTMLGen properties: CommonJSFile, DateJSFile, NumberJSFile, and StringJSFile.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

| Property for HTMLGen | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SelfLink             | <p>(<i>exp</i>) A string specifying the URL for the current page. It cannot include parameters. Parameters specified in SelfLinkArgs can be added when HTML is generated.</p> <p>SelfLink is used to generate URLs for navigation buttons that obtain additional rows from the result set and for other buttons that reload the page, such as Update and Retrieve.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| SelfLinkArgs         | <p>A string in the form:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>argname</i>='exp'{   <i>argname</i> = 'exp' } ...</p> <p><i>Argname</i> is a page parameter to be passed to the server.</p> <p><i>Exp</i> is a DataWindow expression whose value is a string. The DataWindow in the server component evaluates it, converts it using URL encoding, and includes it in the SelfLinkArgs string.</p> <p>The evaluated SelfLinkArgs expressions are included in the generated HTML as hidden fields. The arguments supply information that the server needs to render additional pages of the result set, such as retrieval arguments.</p> |
| StringJSFile         | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Cache file name for common Web DataWindow functions that use a string format. If you set this property, the file is downloaded to the browser client once per session for use by all Web DataWindows. You can prefix the file name with a URL, or you can use the URL that you set with the HTMLGen.ResourceBase property. See <a href="#">JavaScript caching on page 301</a>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| TabIndexBase         | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Sets the starting tab order number for a Web DataWindow. This property is useful for a Web page with multiple Web DataWindows when you can tab between columns of the DataWindows. Setting this property has no effect on page functionality when the page is viewed in a browser that does not support the tab index attribute. The maximum tab index allowed for a page is 32767. See <a href="#">TabIndexBase property on page 303</a>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                         |
| UserJSFile           | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Cache file name for user-defined Web DataWindow functions. If you set this property, the file is downloaded to the browser client once per session for use by all Web DataWindows. You can prefix the file name to a URL, or you can use the URL that you set with the HTMLGen.ResourceBase property. See <a href="#">JavaScript caching on page 301</a>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

### Usage

Most of these properties are considered only when the HTMLDW property is set to Yes.

**Browser recognition** The Browser and HTMLVersion properties are always considered when HTML is generated, regardless of the HTMLDW setting.

Browser identification strings are sent by the client to the server in the HTTP header. The server component can assign the HTTP\_USER\_AGENT value from the HTTP header to the Browser property. If the string specifies a browser that the DataWindow engine supports, the DataWindow will generate HTML optimized for that browser. Browser-specific HTML is generated only for Microsoft Internet Explorer and Netscape browsers.

If the browser is not recognized or not specified, then the generated HTML will use the HTMLVersion and GenerateJavaScript properties to decide what features to include. DataWindow HTML generation recognizes these browsers:

| Browser                     | HTTP header string                                                                                             | HTML features used                                                                       |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Netscape                    | Mozilla/1.x (                                                                                                  | No style sheets, no absolute positioning, no JavaScript.                                 |
|                             | Mozilla/2.x (                                                                                                  | JavaScript.                                                                              |
|                             | Mozilla/3.x (                                                                                                  | No style sheets, no absolute positioning, no regular expressions.                        |
|                             | Mozilla/4.x (                                                                                                  | Style sheets, JavaScript, regular expressions.<br>No absolute positioning.               |
| Microsoft Internet Explorer | Mozilla/1.22 (compatible; MSIE 2.x;                                                                            | No style sheets, no absolute positioning, no tab order, no JavaScript.                   |
|                             | Mozilla/2.0 (compatible; MSIE 3.x;                                                                             | Style sheets, tab order, JavaScript.<br>No absolute positioning, no regular expressions. |
|                             | Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.x,<br>Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 5.x;<br>Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.x; | Style sheets, absolute positioning, tab order, regular expressions.                      |
| Opera                       | Mozilla/3.0 (compatible; Opera 3.x;                                                                            | JavaScript, regular expressions.<br>No style sheets, no absolute positioning.            |

### Columns with RichText edit style

To save rich text formatting in columns with the RichText edit style, the HTMLGen.Browser property must be set to "Microsoft Internet Explorer" and the HTMLGen.HTMLVersion property to "4.0".

**Client properties** The ClientEvents, ClientFormatting, ClientValidation, ClientComputedFields, and ClientScriptable properties control the amount of JavaScript that is generated for the Web DataWindow, which impacts the size of the page that is downloaded to the browser. You can reduce the size of the generated HTML by setting one or more of the properties to No.

**JavaScript caching** You can also reduce the size of the generated HTML by setting up cache files for common Web DataWindow client-side methods. You can generate these files using the JavaScript Generation wizard that you launch from a button on the JavaScript Generation tab of the Properties view in the DataWindow painter.

Once you generate these files, you can set the file names as values for the CommonJSFile, DateJSFile, NumberJSFile, and/or StringJSFile properties. When you set these properties, the methods defined in the referenced files will not be generated with the HTML in any Web DataWindow pages that are sent to the page server and client browser.

With JavaScript caching, you improve performance after the first Web DataWindow page is generated—as long as the browser on the client computer is configured to use cached files. With caching enabled, the browser loads the JS files from the Web server into its cache, and these become available for all the Web DataWindow pages in your application. There is no performance gain if the browser does not find the JS files in its cache since, in this case, it reloads the files from the Web server.

**PagingMethod** The PagingMethod property determines whether the control uses the client-side script callback mechanism introduced in the .NET Framework 2.0 to execute server-side code without posting and refreshing the current page.

The default is to post back to the server (PostBack!).

The Callback! option uses script callbacks to retrieve the next page of XML data. It corresponds to the Microsoft GridView control's EnableSortingAndPagingCallback property, but applies only to paging. Client-side sorting is handled by another mechanism.

For the XML rendering format, the design of the Callback! option requires that a reusable XSLT stylesheet be generated so that the browser can cache it. The benefit from this requirement is that only the XML data for the next requested page need be returned by the callback. This XML data is always trivial in size (about a 1 to 20 ratio), resulting in significant bandwidth savings. This is unlike other implementations, where the entire presentation is always regenerated and downloaded again from every callback.

The generated XSLT stylesheet is not reusable, and therefore cannot be cached by the browser, if the DataWindow layout is inconsistent page-to-page, or it does not contain a complete first page of data. In these scenarios, the Callback! option defers to PostBack! until a stylesheet can be generated that is reusable, and can therefore be cached in the browser.

The XMLClientSide! option is only available with the XML rendering format. It retrieves the entire XML result set and uses XSLT re-transformation of the cached stylesheet to perform paging on the client. This option can currently be used only if the presentation style is uniform from page to page. For example, it cannot handle a summary band on the last page.



When `PagingMethod` is set to `XMLClientSide!`, `InsertRow`, `AppendRow`, and `DeleteRow` actions do not require a postback or callback to the server. However, computed fields in the `DataWindow` that are dependent on the `RowCount` method are not refreshed until an action such as `Update` or `Retrieve` forces a postback to the server.

**NetscapeLayers property** Even if you set the `NetscapeLayers` property to `true`, certain functionality in a Netscape browser using absolute positioning might not be identical to the functionality available with Internet Explorer. For example, you cannot tab between `DataWindow` columns using a Netscape browser on an NT machine (although you can do this using a Netscape browser on a Solaris machine).

**TabIndexBase property** If you add Web `DataWindows` to a page that already has a Web `DataWindow` on it, you can set the `TabIndexBase` property for each Web `DataWindow` you add.

For a page with two Web `DataWindows`, setting the tab index base for the second `DataWindow` to a number greater than the tab index for the last column of the first `DataWindow` allows the user (using an Internet Explorer browser) to tab through all the columns of the first `DataWindow` before tabbing to the second `DataWindow`. Otherwise, pressing the Tab key could cause the cursor and focus to jump from one `DataWindow` to another instead of tabbing to the next column in the `DataWindow` that initially had focus.

**In the painter** Select the `DataWindow` object by deselecting all controls; then set the values in the Properties view, Web Generation tab or JavaScript Generation tab. Select HTML/XHTML from the Format to Configure list to display the properties.

### Examples

```
dw1.Object.DataWindow.HTMLGen.HTMLVersion = "4.0"
setting = dw1.Describe
 ("DataWindow.HTMLGen.Browser")

dw1.Modify ("DataWindow.HTMLGen.ClientValidation =
'no'")

dw1.Modify ("DataWindow.HTMLGen.PublishPath=
'C:\Inetpub\wwwroot\MyWebApp\generatedfiles'")
dw1.Modify ("DataWindow.HTMLGen.ResourceBase=
'/MyWebApp/generatedfiles'")
```

This statement sets the `XMLGen.Paging` property so that the complete result set is downloaded to the client and paging takes place on the client:

```
dw1.Modify ("DataWindow.HTMLGen.PagingMethod=XMLClientS
ide!")
```

This statement sets the HTMLGen.PagingMethod property to use script callbacks:

```
dw1.Object.DataWindow.HTMLGen.PagingMethod=1
```

## HTMLTable.*property*

### Description

Settings for the display of DataWindow data when displayed in HTML table format. These settings simplify the transfer of data from a database to an HTML page. They are particularly useful when used to create HTML pages dynamically.

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### Obsolete property

*HTMLTable.property* is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

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### Applies to

DataWindow objects

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.HTMLTable.property
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"DataWindow.HTMLTable.property { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter       | Description                                                                                                                  |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>property</i> | A property for a DataWindow to be displayed in HTML table format. Properties and their values are listed in the table below. |
| <i>value</i>    | The value to be assigned to the property. <i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression.                                |

| Property for HTMLTable | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Border                 | ( <i>exp</i> ) Border attribute for the HTMLTable element. The default is 1 (line around the table).                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| CellPadding            | ( <i>exp</i> ) CellPadding attribute for the HTMLTable element. The default is 0.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| CellSpacing            | ( <i>exp</i> ) CellSpacing attribute for the HTMLTable element. The default is 0.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| GenerateCSS            | ( <i>exp</i> ) Controls whether the DataWindow HTMLTable property's Table element contains border, cellpadding, cellspacing, nowrap, and width attributes. Also controls whether elements within the table contain CLASS references that control style sheet use. The default is no. |

| Property for HTMLTable | Value                                                                                                |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| NoWrap                 | ( <i>exp</i> ) NoWrap attribute for the HTMLTable element. The default is to include this attribute. |
| StyleSheet             | ( <i>exp</i> ) HTML cascading style sheet generated for the DataWindow.                              |
| Width                  | Width attribute for the HTMLTable element. The default is 0.                                         |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Set the value using the Properties view, HTML Table tab.

**Examples**

```
dw1.Object.DataWindow.HTMLTable.Border = "2"
setting = dw1.Describe
("DataWindow.HTMLTable.StyleSheet")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.HTMLTable.NoWrap = 'yes'")
```

**ID****Description**

The number of the column or TableBlob.

**Applies to**

Column and TableBlob controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.ID
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"controlname.ID"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                          |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the column or TableBlob for which you want the ID number |

**Examples**

```
setting = dw1.Object.empname.ID
setting = dw1.Describe("empname.ID")
```

**Identity****Description**

Whether the database is to supply the value of the column in a newly inserted row. If so, the column is not updatable; the column is excluded from the INSERT statement.

Not all DBMSs support the identity property. For more information see the documentation for your DBMS.

**Applies to** Column controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.columnname.Identity
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"columnname.Identity { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>columnname</i> | A string containing the name of the column for which you want to get or set the identity property.                                                                                                                                             |
| <i>value</i>      | A string indicating whether a column's value in a newly inserted row is supplied by the DBMS:<br><br>Yes – The DBMS will supply the value of the column in a newly inserted row; the column is not updatable.<br>No – The column is updatable. |

**Examples**

```
dw1.Object.empid.Identity = "yes"
dw1.Modify("empid.Identity='yes'")
```

## Import.XML.Trace

**Description** Setting that determines whether import trace information is written to a log file.

**Applies to** DataWindow objects

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Import.XML.Trace
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"DataWindow.Import.XML.Trace { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | Whether trace information is written to a log file.<br>Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yes – Trace information is written to a log file.</li><li>• No – Trace information is not written to a log file (default).</li></ul> |

**Usage**

If you want to collect trace information, this property should be set before you call the `ImportClipboard`, `ImportFile`, or `ImportString` method to import data from an XML document. The trace information is appended to the file you specify using the `Import.XML.TraceFile` property. If no trace file is specified, trace information is appended to a file named *pbxmltrc.log* in the current directory.

**In the painter** In the Data Import tab in the Properties view for the DataWindow object, select XML from the Format to Configure list, and type a file name in the Trace File Name text box.

**Examples** This example specifies that trace information should be written to a file called *xmltrace.log* in the *C:\temp* directory.

```
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Import.XML.Trace = 'yes' ")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Import.XML.TraceFile =
'C:\temp\xmltrace.log' ")
```

**See also** `Import.XML.TraceFile`

## Import.XML.TraceFile

**Description** Specifies the name and location of an import trace file.

**Applies to** DataWindow objects

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Import.XML.TraceFile
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"DataWindow.Import.XML.TraceFile { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                           |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | A string whose value is the name of the trace output file. If the file does not exist, it is created. |

**Usage** If you want to collect trace information, the `Import.XML.Trace` property should be set before you call the `ImportClipboard`, `ImportFile`, or `ImportString` method to import data from an XML document. The trace information is appended to the file you specify using the `Import.XML.TraceFile` property. If no trace file is specified, trace information is appended to a file named *pbxmltrc.log* in the current directory.

**In the painter** In the Data Import tab in the Properties view for the DataWindow object, select XML from the Format to Configure list, and type a file name in the Trace File Name text box.

**Examples** This example specifies that trace information should be written to a file called *xmltrace.log* in the *C:\temp* directory.

```
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Import.XML.Trace = 'yes'
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Import.XML.TraceFile =
'C:\temp\xmltrace.log'
```

See also [Import.XML.Trace](#)

## Import.XML.UseTemplate

**Description** Setting that optionally controls the logical structure of the XML imported from an XML file into a DataWindow object using the [ImportFile](#) method.

**Applies to** DataWindow objects

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Import.XML.UseTemplate
```

[Describe](#) and [Modify](#) argument:

```
"DataWindow.Import.XML.UseTemplate { = ' value ' }
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string specifying the name of an import template previously saved in the DataWindow painter for the specified DataWindow object |

**Usage** This property should be set to specify the logical structure of the XML imported before you call the [ImportFile](#) method to import data from an XML document. An import template is not required if the XML document from which data is imported corresponds to the DataWindow column definition.

If an export template for a DataWindow object exists, it can be used as an import template. Only the mapping of column names to element attribute names is used for import. The order of elements within the template is not significant, because import values are located by name match and nesting depth within the XML document. All other information in the template, such as controls and comments, is ignored.

**In the painter** In the Data Import tab in the Properties view for the DataWindow object, select XML from the Format to Configure list and select a template from the Use Template list.

**Examples** This example sets the name of the current XML import template used in `dw1` to `t_import_report`. If `t_import_report` does not exist, the current template is not changed.

```
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Import.XML.UseTemplate =
't_import_report' ")
```

See also [Import.XML.UseTemplate](#)

## Initial

**Description** The initial value of the column in a newly inserted row.

**Applies to** Column controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.columnname.Initial
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"columnname.Initial { = ' initialvalue ' }"
```

| Parameter           | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>columnname</i>   | A string containing the name of the column for which you want to get or set the initial property.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>initialvalue</i> | A string containing the initial value of the column. Special values include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Empty – A string of length 0</li> <li>Null – No value</li> <li>Spaces – All blanks</li> <li>Today – Current date, time, or date and time</li> </ul> |

**Examples**

```
setting = dw1.Object.empname.Initial
dw1.Object.empname.Initial = "empty"

setting = dw1.Describe("empname.Initial")
dw1.Modify("empname.Initial='empty'")
dw1.Modify("empstatus.Initial='A'")
```

## Ink.property

**Description** Properties that control the attributes of ink in an InkPicture control or a column with the InkEdit edit style.

**Applies to** Column and InkPicture controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.inkpicname.Ink.property
```

```
dw_control.Object.columnname.Ink.property
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"inkpicname.Ink.property { = value }"
```

```
"columnname.Ink.property { = value }"
```

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                                           |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>inkpicname</i> | The name of an InkPicture control.                                                                                    |
| <i>columnname</i> | The name of a column that has the InkEdit edit style.                                                                 |
| <i>property</i>   | A property for the InkPicture control or InkEdit column. Properties and their settings are listed in the table below. |
| <i>value</i>      | The value to be assigned to the property.                                                                             |

| Property for Ink | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AntiAliased      | <p>A drawing attribute that specifies whether the foreground and background colors along the edge of the drawn ink are blended (antialiased) to make the stroke smoother and sharper.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>true</code> – The ink stroke appears smoother and sharper (default)</li> <li><code>false</code> – The ink stroke is not antialiased</li> </ul> <p>Painter: InkAntiAliased option.</p> |
| Color            | <p>A drawing attribute that specifies the current ink color. The default color is black.</p> <p>Painter: InkColor option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Height           | <p>A drawing attribute that specifies the height of the side of the rectangular pen tip in HIMETRIC units (1 HIMETRIC unit = .01mm). The default is 1.</p> <p>Painter: InkHeight option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| IgnorePressure   | <p>A drawing attribute that specifies whether the drawn ink gets wider as the pressure of the pen tip on the tablet surface increases.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>true</code> – Pressure from the pen tip is ignored</li> <li><code>false</code> – The width of the ink increases with the pressure of the pen tip (default)</li> </ul> <p>Painter: IgnorePressure option.</p>                         |
| Pentip           | <p>A drawing attribute that specifies whether the pen tip is round or rectangular.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ball (0) – The pen tip is round (default)</li> <li>Rectangle (1) – The pen tip is rectangular</li> </ul> <p>Painter: PenTip option.</p>                                                                                                                                                        |
| Transparency     | <p>A drawing attribute that specifies the transparency of drawn ink. The range of values is from 0 for totally opaque (the default) to 255 for totally transparent.</p> <p>Painter: InkTransparency option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Width            | <p>A drawing attribute that specifies the width of the side of the rectangular pen tip in HIMETRIC units (1 HIMETRIC unit = .01mm). The default is 53.</p> <p>Painter: InkWidth option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |



**Usage** **In the painter** Select the control and set values in the Properties view, Ink or InkPicture tab, InkAttributes section.

**Examples**

```
dw1.Object.inkpic1.Ink.Antialiased = true
li_color = dw1.Describe("emp_status.Ink.Color")
```

**See also** [InkEdit.property](#)  
[InkPic.property](#)

## InkEdit.property

**Description** Properties that control the behavior of a column with the InkEdit edit style.

**Applies to** Column controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.columnname.InkEdit.property
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"columnname.InkEdit.property { = value }"
```

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                     |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>columnname</i> | The name of a column that has the InkEdit edit style.                                           |
| <i>property</i>   | A property for the InkEdit column. Properties and their settings are listed in the table below. |
| <i>value</i>      | The value to be assigned to the property.                                                       |

| Property for InkEdit | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AutoSelect           | Whether to select the contents of the edit control automatically when it receives focus. Values are:<br>Yes – Select automatically (default).<br>No – Do not select automatically.<br>You can use AutoSelect with <b>SyntaxFromSql</b> . The setting applies to all the columns in the generated syntax.<br>Painter: Auto Selection option. |
| DisplayOnly          | Specifies whether the text is display-only and cannot be changed by the user. Values are:<br>true – Text cannot be changed by user.<br>false – Text can be changed by user (default).<br>Painter: Display Only option.                                                                                                                      |

| Property for InkEdit | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Factoid              | <p>Specifies a context for ink recognition. Set this property if the input data is of a known type, such as a date or Web address, to constrain the search for a recognition result. Possible values include digit, e-mail, Web, date, time, number, currency, percent, and telephone. For a list of values, see the table that follows.</p> <p>Painter: Factoid option.</p>                                                                                                    |
| FocusRectangle       | <p>Whether a dotted rectangle (the focus rectangle) will surround the current row of the column when the column has focus. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – (Default) Display the focus rectangle.</li> <li>No – Do not display the focus rectangle (default).</li> </ul> <p>You can use FocusRectangle with <b>SyntaxFromSql</b>. The setting applies to all the columns in the generated syntax.</p> <p>Painter: Show Focus Rectangle option.</p> |
| HScrollbar           | <p>Whether a horizontal scroll bar displays in the edit control. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Display the horizontal scroll bar.</li> <li>No – Do not display the horizontal scroll bar (default).</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Horizontal Scroll Bar option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| InkMode              | <p>Specifies whether ink collection is enabled and whether ink only or ink and gestures are collected. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>InkDisabled (0) – Ink collection is disabled.</li> <li>CollectInkOnly (1) – Only ink is collected.</li> <li>CollectInkAndGestures (2) – Ink and gestures are collected (default).</li> </ul> <p>Painter: InkMode option.</p>                                                                                      |
| Limit                | <p>A number specifying the maximum number of characters (0 to 32,767) that the user can enter. 0 means unlimited.</p> <p>Painter: Limit option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| NullsNull            | <p>Whether to set the data value of the InkEdit to null when the user leaves the edit box blank. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Make the Empty string null.</li> <li>No – Do not make the empty string null (default).</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Empty String is null option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                    |
| RecognitionTimer     | <p>Specifies the time period in milliseconds between the last ink stroke and the start of text recognition. The default is 2000 (two seconds).</p> <p>Painter: RecognitionTimer option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Required             | <p>Whether the column is required. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Required.</li> <li>No – (Default) Not required.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Required option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

| Property for InkEdit | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| UseMouseForInput     | Specifies whether the mouse can be used for input on a Tablet PC. Values are:<br><i>true</i> – The mouse can be used for input<br><i>false</i> – The mouse cannot be used for input (default)<br>Painter: UseMouseForInput option. |
| VScrollbar           | Whether a vertical scroll bar displays in the edit control. Values are:<br>Yes – Display a vertical scroll bar.<br>No – Do not display a vertical scroll bar (default).<br>Painter: Vertical Scroll Bar option.                    |

**Usage**

The following values for Factoid are available. After the Default and None factoids, the drop-down list in the Properties view displays factoids for special formats in alphabetical order, followed by single-character factoids and Asian-language factoids. You can set multiple factoids by separating them with the pipe ( | ) character.

| Factoid           | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Default           | Returns recognizer to the default setting. For Western languages, the default setting includes the user and system dictionaries, various punctuation marks, and the Web and Number factoids. For Eastern languages, the default setting includes all characters supported by the recognizer. |
| None              | Disables all factoids, dictionaries, and the language model.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Currency          | Currency in pounds, dollars, euros, and yen.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Date              | Dates written in English; for example 8/19/2005, Aug 19, 2005, or Friday, August 19, 2005.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| E-mail            | E-mail addresses.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Filename          | Windows file name paths. The name cannot include the following characters: / : " < >                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Number            | Numeric values, including ordinals, decimals, separators, common suffixes, and mathematical symbols. This factoid includes the Currency and Time factoids.                                                                                                                                   |
| Percent           | A number followed by the percent symbol.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Postal Code       | Postal codes as written in English, for example 01730 or CT17 9PW.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| System Dictionary | Words in the system dictionary only.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Telephone         | Telephone numbers as written in English, for example (555) 555 5555 or +44 1234 123456.                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Time              | Times as written in English, for example 15:05 or 3:05 pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Web               | Various URL formats.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

| Factoid    | Description                                                         |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Word List  | Words on the word list associated with the recognizer context only. |
| Digit      | A single digit (0–9).                                               |
| One Char   | A single ANSI character.                                            |
| Upper Char | A single uppercase character.                                       |

In addition, the following Asian-language factoids are available:

|                 |                            |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Bopomofo        | Kanji Common               |
| Hangul Common   | Katakana                   |
| Hiragana        | Korean Common              |
| Jamo            | Simplified Chinese Common  |
| Japanese Common | Traditional Chinese Common |

**In the painter** Select the control and set values in the Properties view, Ink tab for properties relating to Ink, or the Edit tab for properties common to other edit styles. The Style Type on the Edit tab must be set to InkEdit.

### Examples

```
string str
str = dw1.Object.emp_name.InkEdit.Factoid
dw1.Object.emp_name.InkEdit.Factoid = EMAIL

str = dw1.Describe("emp_bd.InkEdit.Factoid")
dw1.Modify("emp_bd.InkEdit.Factoid=EMAIL")

string str
str = dw1.Object.emp_name.InkEdit.AutoHScroll
dw1.Object.emp_name.InkEdit.Required = "no"
```

### See also

[Ink.property](#)

## InkPic.property

### Description

Properties that control the behavior of ink in an InkPicture control.

### Applies to

InkPicture controls

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.inkpicname.InkPic.property
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"inkpicname.InkPic.property { = value }"
```

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                         |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>inkpicname</i> | The name of an InkPicture control.                                                                  |
| <i>property</i>   | A property for the InkPicture control. Properties and their settings are listed in the table below. |
| <i>value</i>      | The value to be assigned to the property.                                                           |

| Property for InkPic | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AutoErase           | Specifies whether the auto erase feature available on some styluses is turned on.<br>Values are:<br><b>true</b> – AutoErase is turned on.<br><b>false</b> – AutoErase is turned off (default).<br>Painter: AutoErase option.                                                            |
| BackColor           | Specifies the numeric value of the background color: –2 to 16,777,215. For more information about color, see the <b>RGB</b> function.<br>Painter: BackColor option.                                                                                                                     |
| CollectionMode      | Specifies whether ink only, gestures only, or ink and gestures are collected. Values are:<br>InkOnly (0) – Only ink is collected (default).<br>GestureOnly (1) – Only gestures are collected.<br>InkAndGesture (2) – Ink and gestures are collected.<br>Painter: CollectionMode option. |
| DynamicRendering    | Specifies whether the ink is rendered (displayed in the control) as it is drawn. The default is true.<br>Painter: DynamicRendering option.                                                                                                                                              |
| EditMode            | Specifies whether the editing mode of the control is set for drawing, deleting, or selecting ink. Values are:<br>InkMode (0) – Ink is drawn (default).<br>DeleteMode (1) – Ink is deleted.<br>SelectMode (2) – Ink is selected.<br>Painter: EditMode option.                            |
| EraserMode          | Specifies whether ink is removed by stroke or point. Values are:<br>StrokeErase (0) – The entire ink stroke under the stylus is removed (default).<br>PointErase (1) – Only the ink under the stylus is removed.<br>Painter: EraserMode option.                                         |
| EraserWidth         | Specifies the width of the eraser pen tip in HIMETRIC units (1 HIMETRIC unit = .01mm). The default is 212. This property applies when EditMode is set to DeleteMode and EraserMode is set to PointErase.<br>Painter: EraserWidth option.                                                |

| Property for InkPic | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HighContrastInk     | <p>Specifies whether ink is rendered in a single color when the system is in high contrast mode and draws the selection rectangle and handles in high contrast. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>true</code> – Ink is rendered in a single color in high contrast mode (default).</li> <li><code>false</code> – Ink is not rendered in a single color in high contrast mode.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: HighContrastInk option.</p>                   |
| InkEnabled          | <p>Specifies whether the InkPicture control collects pen input. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>true</code> – The control collects pen input (default).</li> <li><code>false</code> – The control does not collect pen input and no pen-related events fire.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: InkEnabled option.</p>                                                                                                                                       |
| MarginX             | <p>Specifies the x-axis margin around the control in PowerBuilder units. The default value is 0.</p> <p>Painter: MarginX option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| MarginY             | <p>Specifies the y-axis margin around the control in PowerBuilder units. The default value is 0.</p> <p>Painter: MarginY option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| PictureSizeMode     | <p>Specifies how the picture is displayed in the control. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Center Image (1) – The picture is centered in the control.</li> <li>Normal (2) – The picture is displayed in the upper-left corner of the control and any part of the picture that does not fit in the control is clipped (default).</li> <li>Stretch (3) – The picture is stretched to fill the control.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: PictureSizeMode option.</p> |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the control and set values in the Properties view, InkPicture tab.

**Examples**

```
dw1.Object.inkpic1.InkPic.InkEnabled = true
li_color = dw1.Describe("inkpic1.InkPic.BackColor")
```

**See also** [Ink.property](#)

## Invert

**Description** The way the colors in a Picture control are displayed, either inverted or normal.

**Applies to** Picture controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.bitmapname.Invert
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"bitmapname.Invert { = ' number' }"
```

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>bitmapname</i> | The name of the Picture control in the DataWindow for which you want to invert the colors.                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <i>number</i>     | ( <i>exp</i> ) A boolean number indicating whether the colors of the picture will display inverted. Values are:<br>0 – (Default) No; do not invert the picture's colors.<br>1 – Yes; display the picture with colors inverted.<br><i>Number</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Invert Image check box.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.bitmap_1.Invert
dw1.Object.bitmap_1.Invert="0~tIf(empstatus='A',0,1)"

setting = dw1.Describe("bitmap_1.Invert")
dw1.Modify(&
"bitmap_1.Invert='0~tIf(empstatus=~~~'A~~~',0,1)'")
```

**JSGen.property****Description**

Settings that specify the physical path to which generated JavaScript is published and the URL indicating the location of the generated JavaScript.

**Obsolete property**

*JSGen.property* is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

**Applies to**

DataWindow objects

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.JSGen.property
```

*Describe* and *Modify* argument:

```
"DataWindow.JSGen.property { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter       | Description                                                                                               |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>property</i> | One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PublishPath</li> <li>ResourceBase</li> </ul> |

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | <p>(<i>exp</i>) PublishPath – A string that specifies the physical path of the Web site folder to which PowerBuilder publishes the generated JavaScript.</p> <p>(<i>exp</i>) ResourceBase – A string that specifies the URL of the generated JavaScript for performing client-side XSLT transformation and instantiation of client-side data.</p> |

**Usage**

The PublishPath folder must correspond to the URL specified in the ResourceBase property. At runtime, after PowerBuilder generates JavaScript to the PublishPath folder, it includes it in the final XHTML page by referencing it with the value of the ResourceBase property in a `<script>` element.

**In the painter** In the JavaScript Generation tab in the Properties view for the DataWindow object, select XHTML from the Format to Configure list and specify the ResourceBase and Publish Path locations.

**Examples**

These statements set the JSGen.ResourceBase and JSGen.PublishPath properties:

```
dw1.Object.DataWindow.JSGen.ResourceBase= &
'http://www.myserver.com/xmlsource'
dw1.Object.DataWindow.JSGen.PublishPath= &
'C:\work\outputfiles\xmlsource'
```

**Key**

**Description**

Whether the column is part of the database table’s primary key.

**Applies to**

Column controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.columnname.Key
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"columnname.Key { = value }"
```

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                                                                                        |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>columnname</i> | The column for which you want to get or set primary key status.                                                                                                    |
| <i>value</i>      | <p>Whether the column is part of the primary key. Values are:</p> <p>Yes – The column is part of the primary key</p> <p>No – The column is not part of the key</p> |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Set the value using the Rows menu, Update Properties.



**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.empid.Key
dw1.Object.empid.Key = "Yes"

setting = dw1.Describe("empid.Key")
dw1.Modify("empid.Key=Yes")
```

**KeyClause****Description**

An expression to be used as the key clause when retrieving the blob.

**Applies to**

TableBlob controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.tblobname.KeyClause
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"tblobname.KeyClause { = ' keyclause ' }"
```

| Parameter        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>tblobname</i> | The name of the TableBlob for which you want to specify a key clause.                                                                                                                                |
| <i>keyclause</i> | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string that will be built into a key clause using the substitutions provided. The key clause can be any valid WHERE clause. <i>Keyclause</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Definition tab, Key Clause option.

**Examples**

With the following setting, the value of key\_col will be put in col2 when PowerBuilder constructs the WHERE clause for the SELECTBLOB statement:

```
dw1.Modify(blob_1.KeyClause='Key_col = :col2')
```

**Label.property****Description**

Settings for a DataWindow whose presentation style is Label.

**Applies to**

DataWindows

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Label.property
```

Describe and Modify argument:

"DataWindow.Label.*property* { = *value* }"

SyntaxFromSql:

DataWindow(Label.*property* = *value*)

| Parameter       | Description                                                                                                     |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>property</i> | A property for the Label presentation style. Properties and their settings are listed in the table below.       |
| <i>value</i>    | The value to be assigned to the property. For Label properties, <i>value</i> cannot be a DataWindow expression. |

| Property for Label | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Columns            | An integer indicating the number of columns of labels on a sheet.<br>Painter: Label group, Labels Across option.                                                                                                                                         |
| Columns.Spacing    | An integer indicating the space between columns of labels in the units specified for the DataWindow object.<br>Painter: Arrangement group, Between Columns option.                                                                                       |
| Ellipse_Height     | An integer specifying the height of the rounded corners of a RoundedRectangle label. This property is not valid for any other label shape. This value uses the same unit of measure specified for the DataWindow object.<br>Painter: Not set in painter. |
| Ellipse_Width      | An integer specifying the width of the rounded corners of a RoundedRectangle label. This property is not valid for any other label shape. This value uses the same unit of measure specified for the DataWindow object.<br>Painter: Not set in painter.  |
| Height             | An integer specifying the height of a label in the units specified for the DataWindow object.<br>Painter: Label group, Height option.                                                                                                                    |
| Name               | A string containing the name of a label.<br>Painter: Predefined Label option.                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Rows               | An integer indicating the number of rows of labels on a sheet.<br>Painter: Label group, Labels Down option.                                                                                                                                              |
| Rows.Spacing       | An integer indicating the space between rows of labels on a sheet in the units specified for the DataWindow object.<br>Painter: Arrangement group, Between Rows option.                                                                                  |

| Property for Label | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Shape              | A string specifying the shape of a label.<br>Values are:<br>Rectangle<br>RoundRectangle<br>Oval<br>Painter: Not set in painter.                                                                                                                          |
| Sheet              | ( <i>Describe only</i> ) Whether the paper is sheet fed or continuous.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – Sheet fed<br>No – Continuous<br>Painter: Arrangement group, Paper option.                                                                                 |
| TopDown            | ( <i>Describe only</i> ) Whether the labels will be printed from the top to the bottom or across the page.<br>Values are:<br>No – Print labels across the page.<br>Yes – Print labels from top to bottom.<br>Painter: Arrangement group, Arrange option. |
| Width              | An integer specifying the width of a label in the units specified for the DataWindow object.<br>Painter: Label group, Width option.                                                                                                                      |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the DataWindow object by deselecting all controls; then set the value in the Properties view, General tab (when presentation style is Label).

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Label.Sheet
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Label.Width = 250

setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Label.Sheet")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Label.Width=250")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Label.Height=150")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Label.Columns=2")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Label.Width=250")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Label.Name='Address1'")
```

**LabelDispAttr.fontproperty**

See [DispAttr.fontproperty](#).

## LastRowOnPage

**Description** The last row currently visible in the DataWindow.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.LastRowOnPage
```

Describe argument:

```
"DataWindow.LastRowOnPage"
```

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.LastRowOnPage
setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.LastRowOnPage")
```

## Left\_Margin

**Description** The size of the left margin of the DataWindow object.

**Applies to** Style keywords

**Syntax** SyntaxFromSql:

```
Style (Left_Margin = value)
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                 |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | An integer specifying the size of the left margin in the units specified for the DataWindow |

**Examples**

```
SQLCA.SyntaxFromSQL(sqlstring, &
'Style(... LeftMargin = 500 ...)', errstring)
```

## Legend

**Description** The location of the legend in a Graph control in a DataWindow.

**Applies to** Graph controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.graphname.Legend
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"graphname.Legend { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>graphname</i> | The name of the graph control for which you want to specify the location of the legend.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>value</i>     | <p>(<i>exp</i>) A number indicating the location of the legend of a graph.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 – None</li> <li>1 – Left</li> <li>2 – Right</li> <li>3 – Top</li> <li>4 – Bottom</li> </ul> <p><i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression.</p> |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Legend option (applicable when the graph has more than one series).

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.graph_1.Legend
dw1.Object.graph_1.Legend = 2

setting = dw1.Describe("graph_1.Legend")
dw1.Modify("graph_1.Legend=2")
dw1.Modify("graph_1.Legend='2~tIf(dept_id=200,0,2) '")
```

**Legend.DispAttr.*fontproperty***

See [DispAttr.fontproperty](#).

**Level****Description**

The grouping level.

Level is used in DataWindow syntax only for the Create method.

**Applies to**

Group keywords

**Syntax**

Group ( BY( *colnum1*, *colnum2*, ... ) ... Level = *n* ... )

## LineRemove

**Description**

(RichText presentation style only) Whether the line of text that contains the input field for the column or computed field is removed when the input field is empty. LineRemove is similar to the SlideUp property for controls in other presentation styles.

**Applies to**

Column and Computed Field controls in the RichText presentation style

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

`dw_control.Object.controlname.LineRemove`

Describe and Modify argument:

`"controlname.LineRemove { = ' value ' }"`

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the column or computed field whose line of text you want removed when the input field is empty.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>value</i>       | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the line of text is removed so that the rest of the text slides up when the input field for <i>controlname</i> is empty. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – The line of text will be removed when the input field is empty.</li> <li>• No – The line of text will not be removed.</li> </ul> <i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.emp_street2.LineRemove
dw1.Object.emp_street2.LineRemove = true

setting = dw1.Describe("emp_street2.LineRemove")
dw1.Modify("emp_street2.LineRemove=yes")
```

## LinkUpdateOptions

**Description**

When the OLE Object control is linked, the method for updating the link information. If the user tries to activate the OLE object and PowerBuilder cannot find the linked file, which breaks the link, LinkUpdateOptions controls whether PowerBuilder automatically displays a dialog box prompting the user to find the file. If you turn off the automatic dialog box, you can reestablish the link by calling the LinkTo or LinkUpdateDialog in code.

**Applies to**

OLE Object controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.olecontrolname.LinkUpdateOptions
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"olecontrolname.LinkUpdateOptions { = ' updatetype ' }"
```

| Parameter             | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>olecontrolname</i> | The name of the OLE Object control for which you want to get or set the link update method.                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>updatetype</i>     | A number specifying how broken links will be reestablished. <i>Updatetype</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression.<br>Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LinkUpdateAutomatic!</li> <li>LinkUpdateManual!</li> </ul> |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Options tab, Link Update option.

**Examples**

```
string ls_data
ls_data = dw1.Object.ole_report.LinkUpdateOptions
dw1.Object.ole_report.LinkUpdateOptions = 0

ls_data = dw1.Describe("ole_report.LinkUpdateOptions")
dw1.Modify("ole_report.LinkUpdateOptions='0'")
```

## Message.Title

**Description**

The title of the dialog box that displays when an error occurs.

**Applies to**

DataWindows

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Message.Title
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"DataWindow.Message.Title { = ' titlestring ' }"
```

SyntaxFromSql:

```
DataWindow(Message.Title = ' titlestring ')
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                     |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>titlestring</i> | A string containing the title for the title bar of the DataWindow dialog box that displays when an error occurs |

**Examples**

```

setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Message.Title
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Message.Title = "Mistake!"

setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Message.Title")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Message.Title='Bad, Bad, Bad'")

SQLCA.SyntaxFromSQL(sql_syntax, &
"Style(...) &
DataWindow(Message.Title='Sales Report' ...) ...", &
ls_Errors)

```

**Moveable**

**Description**

Whether the specified control in the DataWindow can be moved at runtime. Moveable controls should be in the DataWindow’s foreground.

**Applies to**

Button, Column, Computed Field, Graph, GroupBox, Line, OLE, Oval, Picture, Rectangle, Report, RoundedRectangle, TableBlob, and Text controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.Moveable
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"controlname.Moveable { = number }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                  |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The control within the DataWindow for which you want to get or set the Moveable property that governs whether the user can move the control                                  |
| <i>number</i>      | A boolean number specifying whether the control is moveable.<br>Values are:<br>0 – <b>False</b> , the control is not moveable.<br>1 – <b>True</b> , the control is moveable. |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Position tab.

**Examples**

```

string setting
setting = dw1.Object.bitmap_1.Moveable
dw1.Object.bitmap_1.Moveable = 1

setting = dw1.Describe("bitmap_1.Moveable")
dw1.Modify("bitmap_1.Moveable=1")

```



## Multiline

**Description** (RichText presentation style) Whether the column or computed field can contain multiple lines. Multiline is effective only when Width.Autosize is set to No.

**Applies to** Column and Computed Field controls in the RichText presentation style

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.Multiline
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"controlname.Multiline { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the column or computed field that will contain multiple lines.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>value</i>       | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Whether the input field can contain multiline lines. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – The input field can contain multiple lines.</li> <li>• No – The input field cannot contain multiple lines.</li> </ul> <p><i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression.</p> |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Input Field or Compute tab, MultiLine option.

To display the property sheet, click the input field (column or computed field) to select it. Then right-click and select Properties from the pop-up menu.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.emp_street2.Multiline
dw1.Object.emp_street2.Multiline = true

setting = dw1.Describe("emp_street2.Multiline")
dw1.Modify("emp_street2.Multiline=yes")
```

## Name

**Description** The name of the control.

**Applies to** Button, Column, Computed Field, Graph, GroupBox, InkPicture, Line, OLE, Oval, Picture, Rectangle, Report, RoundRectangle, TableBlob, and Text controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

`dw_control.Object.controlname.Name`

Describe argument:

`"controlname.Name"`

| Parameter                | Description                                                                                            |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>controlname</code> | The control for which you want the name. For columns, you can specify the column number preceded by #. |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Name option.

**Examples**

```
setting = dw1.Object.#4.Name
setting = dw1.Describe("#4.Name")
```

## Nest\_Arguments

**Description**

The values for the retrieval arguments of a nested report. The number of values in the list should match the number of retrieval arguments defined for the nested report.

**Applies to**

Report controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

`dw_control.Object.reportname.Nest_Arguments`

Describe and Modify argument:

`"reportname.Nest_Arguments { = list }"`

| Parameter               | Description                                                                                                                                                 |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>reportname</code> | The name of the nested report for which you want to supply retrieval argument values.                                                                       |
| <code>list</code>       | A list of values for the retrieval arguments of the nested report. The format for the list is:<br><code>( ("arg1") {("arg2") {("arg3") {,... } } } )</code> |

**Usage**

The list is not a quoted string. It is surrounded by parentheses, and each argument value within the list is parenthesized, surrounded with double quotes, and separated by commas. If an argument is a literal string, use single quotes within the double quotes.

When changing the values for the retrieval arguments, you must supply values for all the retrieval arguments defined for the report. If you specify fewer or more arguments, an error will occur at runtime when the DataWindow retrieves its data.

To remove the report's retrieval arguments, specify empty parentheses. If no arguments are specified, the user is prompted for the values at runtime.

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab.

### Examples

```
setting = dw1.Object.rpt_1.Nest_Arguments
dw1.Object.rpt_1.Nest_Arguments = &
"((~"cust_id~"), (~"Eastern'~"))"

setting = dw1.Describe("rpt_1.Nest_Arguments")
dw1.Modify("rpt_1.Nest_Arguments" "= (~"cust_id~"),
(~"Eastern'~"))"
dw1.Modify("rpt_1.Nest_Arguments=()")
```

## Nested

### Description

Whether the DataWindow contains nested DataWindows. Values returned are Yes or No.

### Applies to

DataWindows

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Nested
```

**Describe** argument:

```
"DataWindow.Nested"
```

### Examples

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Nested
setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Nested")
```

## NewPage (Group keywords)

### Description

Whether a change in the value of a group column causes a page break.

### Applies to

Group keywords

### Syntax

**SyntaxFromSql:**

```
Group (colnum1, colnum2 NewPage)
```

Examples

```
SQLCA.SyntaxFromSQL(sql_syntax, &
"Style(Type=Group) " + &
"Group(#3 NewPage ResetPageCount)", &
ls_Errors)
```

## NewPage (Report controls)

Description

Whether a nested report starts on a new page. NewPage applies only to reports in a composite DataWindow. Note that if the Trail\_Footer property of the preceding report is set to No, the current report will be forced to begin on a new page regardless of the NewPage value.

Applies to

Report controls

Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.reportname.NewPage
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"reportname.NewPage { = value } "
```

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                                                                  |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>reportname</i> | The name of the report control for which you want to get or set the NewPage property.                                                        |
| <i>value</i>      | Whether the report begins a new page.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – Start the report on a new page.<br>No – Do not start the report on a new page. |

Usage

**In the painter** Select the Report control in the Composite presentation style and set the value in the Properties view, General tab, New Page check box.

Examples

```
string newpage_setting
newpage_setting = dw1.Object.rpt_1.NewPage
dw1.Object.rpt_1.NewPage = "Yes"

newpage_setting = dw1.Describe("rpt_1.NewPage")
dw1.Modify("rpt_1.NewPage=Yes")
```

## NoUserPrompt

Description

Determines whether message boxes are displayed to the user during DataWindow processing.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.NoUserPrompt
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"DataWindow.NoUserPrompt { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | <p>A string specifying whether any message box requiring user intervention displays during DataWindow processing.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – No message box displays.</li> <li>No – (Default) Message boxes display when invoked during DataWindow processing.</li> </ul> |

**Usage** Set the NoUserPrompt property to yes if the DataWindow is to be used in a batch process when there is no possibility of end-user intervention. Dialog boxes you can prevent from displaying include the Error, Print, Retrieve, CrossTab, Expression, SaveAs, Import, Query, RichText, Filter, and Sort dialog boxes.

**Examples**

```
dw1.Object.DataWindow.NoUserPrompt = "yes"
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.NoUserPrompt=no")
```

## Objects

**Description** A list of the controls in the DataWindow object. The names are returned as a tab-separated list.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Objects
```

**Describe** argument:

```
"DataWindow.Objects"
```

**Examples**

```
setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Objects")
```

## OLE.Client.*property*

**Description** Settings that some OLE server applications use to identify the client's information. The property values can be used to construct the title of the server window.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

*dw\_control*.Object.DataWindow.OLE.Client.*property*

Describe and Modify argument:

"DataWindow.OLE.Client.*property* { = ' *value* ' }"

| Parameter       | Description                                                                                             |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>property</i> | An OLE client property, as shown in the table below.                                                    |
| <i>value</i>    | Values for the properties are shown in the table below. <i>Value</i> cannot be a DataWindow expression. |

| Property for OLE.Client | Value                                                           |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Class                   | The client class for the DataWindow. The default is DataWindow. |
| Name                    | The client name for the DataWindow. The default is Untitled.    |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Definition tab.

**Examples**

```

ls_data = dw1.Object.DataWindow.OLE.Client.Class
dw1.Object.DataWindow.OLE.Client.Class = "PB"

ls_data = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.OLE.Client.Class")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.OLE.Client.Class = 'PB'")

```

## OLEClass

**Description** The name of the OLE class for the TableBlob control.

**Applies to** TableBlob controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

*dw\_control*.Object.*tblobname*.OLEClass

Describe and Modify argument:

"*tblobname*.OLEClass { = ' *oleclassname* ' }"

| Parameter           | Description                                                                                                                                                         |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>tblobname</i>    | The TableBlob column for which you want to get or set the class of server application.                                                                              |
| <i>oleclassname</i> | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string specifying a class of an OLE server application installed on your system. <i>Oleclassname</i> is quoted and can be a DataWindow expression. |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Definition tab, OLE Class: Description option.

**Examples**

```
setting = dw1.Object.blob_1.OLEClass
dw1.Object.blob_1.OLEClass = 'Word.Document'

setting = dw1.Describe("blob_1.OLEClass")
dw1.Modify("blob_1.OLEClass='Word.Document'")
```

## OriginalSize

**Description**

The property specifies whether the width and height of the picture are set to their original values.

**Applies to**

Button and Bitmap controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.OriginalSize
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"controlname.OriginalSize { = 'value' }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The control for which you want to set the value.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>value</i>       | A string specifying whether the control's image is set to its original size.<br>Values are:<br>True – The image displays at its original size.<br>False – The image height and width can be set to other measurements. |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and then set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Original Size check box.

**In scripts** The OriginalSize property takes a boolean value. The following line sets the OriginalSize property to false:

```
dw_1.Object.p_empphoto.originalsize="false"
```

You should not try to change the width or height of a picture control when OriginalSize is set to true, because it can lead to unexpected behavior.

Examples

```
dw_1.Modify("p_empphoto.originalsize='true'")
dw_1.Modify("p_product.originalsize='false'")
dw_1.Modify("p_product.height='250'")
dw_1.Modify("p_product.width='250'")
```

## OverlapPercent

Description

The percentage of overlap for the data markers (such as bars or columns) in different series in a graph.

Applies to

Graph controls

Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.graphname.OverlapPercent
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"graphname.OverlapPercent { = ' integer ' }"
```

| Parameter        | Description                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>graphname</i> | The name of the graph control in the DataWindow object for which you want to get or set the percentage of overlap.                                         |
| <i>integer</i>   | ( <i>exp</i> ) An integer specifying the percent of the width of the data markers that will overlap. <i>Integer</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

Usage

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab, OverlapPercent option (applicable when a series has been specified).

Examples

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.graph_1.OverlapPercent
dw1.Object.graph_1.OverlapPercent = 25

setting = dw1.Describe("graph_1.OverlapPercent")
dw1.Modify("graph_1.OverlapPercent=25")
```

## Pen.property

Description

Settings for a line or the outline of a control.

Applies to

Line, Oval, Rectangle, and RoundedRectangle controls



**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.Pen.property
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"controlname.Pen.property { = value }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the control whose Pen property you want to get or set.                                          |
| <i>property</i>    | A property that applies to the Pen characteristics of <i>controlname</i> , as listed in the table below.    |
| <i>value</i>       | The value of the property, as shown in the table below. <i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

| Property for Pen | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Color            | ( <i>exp</i> ) A long specifying the color (the red, green, and blue values) to be used as the control's line color.<br>Painter: Pen Color option.                                                                              |
| Style            | ( <i>exp</i> ) A number specifying the style of the line.<br>Values are:<br>0 – Solid<br>1 – Dash<br>2 – Dotted<br>3 – Dash-dot pattern<br>4 – Dash-dot-dot pattern<br>5 – Null (no visible line)<br>Painter: Pen Style option. |
| Width            | ( <i>exp</i> ) A number specifying the width of the line in the unit of measure specified for the DataWindow.<br>Painter: Pen Width option (not available when Style is a value other than Solid).                              |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set values in the Properties view, General tab.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.line_1.Pen.Width
dw1.Object.line_1.Pen.Width = 10
setting = dw1.Describe("line_1.Pen.Width")
dw1.Modify("line_1.Pen.Width=10")
```

## Perspective

**Description** The distance from the front of the window at which the graph appears.

**Applies to** Graph controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

`dw_control.Object.graphname.Perspective`

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

`"graphname.Perspective { = ' integer ' }"`

| Parameter        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>graphname</i> | The name of the graph control in the DataWindow object for which you want to get or set the perspective.                                                                                                                        |
| <i>integer</i>   | ( <i>exp</i> ) An integer between 1 and 100 specifying how far away the graph appears. The larger the number, the greater the distance and the smaller the graph appears. <i>Integer</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Perspective scroll bar (available when a 3D graph type is selected).

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.graph_1.Perspective
dw1.Object.graph_1.Perspective = 20
setting = dw1.Describe("graph_1.Perspective")
dw1.Modify("graph_1.Perspective=20")
```

## Picture.*property*

**Description** Settings that control the background picture displayed in a DataWindow object. Picture properties are not supported in RichText, Graph, or OLE DataWindow presentation styles.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

`dw_control.Object.datawindow.picture.property`

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

`"DataWindow.picture.property { = value }"`

| Parameter       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>property</i> | A property for the picture background. Properties and their settings are listed in the table that follows. Picture properties are used only when the datawindow.brushmode value is 6. These properties are not available for RichText, Graph, or OLE DataWindow objects. |
| <i>value</i>    | The value to be assigned to the property. For picture properties, <i>value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression.                                                                                                                                                    |

| Property for Picture | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Clip.Bottom          | An integer specifying the percentage to clip from the bottom edge of the background picture.<br>Painter: Background tab, Picture group.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Clip.Left            | An integer specifying the percentage to clip from the left edge of the background picture.<br>Painter: Background tab, Picture group.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Clip.Right           | An integer specifying the percentage to clip from the right edge of the background picture.<br>Painter: Background tab, Picture group.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Clip.Top             | An integer specifying the percentage to clip from the top edge of the background picture.<br>Painter: Background tab, Picture group.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| File                 | Painter: Background tab, Picture group.<br>A string indicating the pathname for the picture file to be used for the DataWindow background. Supported formats are BMP, GIF, JPEG, RLE, WMF, and PNG.                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Mode                 | An integer indicating the orientation and size of the background picture, and whether it is tiled. Tiling also depends on the Scale.X and Scale.Y values.<br>Values are:<br>0 – Original Size<br>1 – Fit to Width<br>2 – Fit to Height<br>3 – Preserve Aspect Ratio/Max to Rect<br>4 – Stretch to Fit<br>5 – Tile<br>6 – Flip X<br>7 – Flip Y<br>8 – Flip XY<br>Painter: Background tab, Picture group. |

| Property for Picture | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Scale.X              | An integer from 0 to 100 that indicates the horizontal size of the bitmap in relation to the horizontal size of the DataWindow object. If you set the Scale.X and Scale.Y properties to 100, the background picture will cover the entire DataWindow object. This property is used only when picture.tilemode is set to 5, 6, 7, or 8.<br>Painter: Background tab, Picture group. |
| Scale.Y              | An integer from 0 to 100 that indicates the vertical size of the bitmap in relation to the vertical size of the DataWindow object. If you set the Scale.X and Scale.Y properties to 100, the background picture will cover the entire DataWindow object. This property is used only when picture.tilemode is set to 5, 6, 7, or 8.<br>Painter: Background tab, Picture group.     |
| Tranparency          | An integer in the range 0 to 100, where 0 means that the background bitmap is opaque and 100 that it is completely transparent.<br>Painter: Background tab, Picture group.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the DataWindow object and set the value on the Background tab of the Properties view.

If you save to an EMF or WMF, the properties on the Background tab are not saved with the DataWindow.

This table explains the values for Picture.Mode:

| Value                                 | Description                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0 - Original Size                     | The image is centered and not tiled to fit the DataWindow.                                                                                                                                        |
| 1 - Fit to Width                      | The image is stretched or compressed (depending on the aspect ratio) until its width matches that of the DataWindow control).                                                                     |
| 2 - Fit to Height                     | The image is stretch or compressed (depending on the the aspect ratio) until its height matches that of the DataWindow control.                                                                   |
| 3 - Preserve Aspect Ratio/Max to Rect | The image is stretched or compressed (without distortion) until its width or height matches that of the DataWindow control without either of them exceeding the bounds of the DataWindow control. |
| 4 - Stretch to Fit                    | The image is stretched to fill the DataWindow control, without preserving the aspect ratio.                                                                                                       |
| 5 - Tile                              | The image is tiled to fill the DataWindow. The number of repetitions will be affected by the values of picture.scale.x, picture.scale.y, and the picture.clip properties.                         |

| Value       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6 - Flip X  | The image is used to fill the DataWindow by tiling and then it is flipped horizontally as you move from one tile to the next in a row. The number of repetitions will be affected by the values of picture.scale.x, picture.scale.y, and the picture.clip properties.                          |
| 7 - Flip Y  | The image is used to fill the DataWindow by tiling and then it is flipped vertically as you move from one tile to the next in a column. The number of repetitions will be affected by the values of picture.scale.x, picture.scale.y, and the picture.clip properties.                         |
| 8 - Flip XY | The image is used to fill the DataWindow by tiling and then it is flipped horizontally as you move along the rows and vertically as you move along the columns. The number of repetitions will be affected by the values of picture.scale.x, picture.scale.y, and the picture.clip properties. |

**Examples**

```
dw_1.Modify("datawindow.brushmode=6")
dw_1.Object.datawindow.picture.File="MyPic.bmp"
```

**Pie.DispAttr.fontproperty**

See [DispAttr.fontproperty](#).

**PlotNullData****Description**

Whether a continuous line is drawn between tics in a line graph when there is no data on the X and Y axes.

**Applies to**

Graph controls, Graph DataWindow objects

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.graphname.PlotNullData
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"graphname.PlotNullData { = 'value' }"
```

| Parameter        | Description                                                                                              |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>graphname</i> | The name of the graph control in the DataWindow object for which you want to get or set the perspective. |

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | A boolean number indicating whether a continuous line is drawn between tics in a line graph when there is no data.<br>Values are:<br>0 – (False) The line is broken when there is no data.<br>1 – (True) The line is continuous. |

**Usage** **In the painter** Set the value in the Properties view, General tab, PlotNullData check box (available when a line graph type is selected).

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.graph_1.PlotNullData

dw1.Object.graph_1.PlotNullData = 1

setting = dw1.Describe("graph_1.PlotNullData")

dw1.Modify("graph_1.PlotNullData=1")
```

**Pointer**

**Description** The image to be used for the mouse pointer when the pointer is over the specified control. If you specify a pointer for the whole DataWindow, PowerBuilder uses that pointer except when the pointer is over a control that also has a Pointer setting.

**Applies to** DataWindow, Button, Column, Computed Field, Graph, GroupBox, Line, OLE, Oval, Picture, Rectangle, Report, RoundRectangle, TableBlob, and Text controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.Pointer
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"controlname.Pointer { = ' pointername ' }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the control in the DataWindow for which you want to get or set the pointer. Specify DataWindow to specify the pointer for the whole DataWindow.                                                                                                              |
| <i>pointername</i> | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string specifying a value of the Pointer enumerated datatype or the name of a cursor file (.CUR) to be used for the pointer. (See the <b>SetPointer</b> method for a list of Pointer values.) <i>Pointername</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Pointer tab.

**Examples**

```
setting = dw1.Object.graph_1.Pointer
dw1.Object.graph_1.Pointer = 'Cross!'
setting = dw1.Describe("graph_1.Pointer")
dw1.Modify("graph_1.Pointer = 'Cross!'")
dw1.Modify("graph_1.Pointer = 'c:\pb040\mycurs.cur'")
```

**Print.Preview.property****Description**

Properties that control the print preview of a DataWindow.

**Applies to**

DataWindows

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Print.Preview.property
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"DataWindow.Print.Preview.property { = value }"
```

SyntaxFromSql:

```
DataWindow (Print.Preview.property = value)
```

| Parameter       | Description                                                                                |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>property</i> | A property for print preview. Properties and their settings are listed in the table below. |
| <i>value</i>    | The value to be assigned to the property. <i>Value</i> cannot be a DataWindow expression.  |

**Property for Print.Preview****Value**

Buttons

Whether buttons display in print preview.

Values are:

Yes – Buttons are displayed.

No – (Default) Buttons are not displayed.

Painter: Display Buttons – Print Preview.

| Property for Print.Preview | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Outline                    | <p>Whether a blue line displays to show the location of the margins.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – (Default) Margin outline is displayed.</li> <li>No – Margin outline is not displayed.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Print Preview Shows Outline</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Rulers                     | <p>Whether the rulers display when the DataWindow object displays in preview mode.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Display the rulers.</li> <li>No – (Default) Do not display the rulers.</li> </ul> <p>You can view rulers in Preview mode in the DataWindow painter. With the Preview view selected, select File&gt;Print Preview, then File&gt;Print Preview Rulers. However, the setting is not used at runtime. To see rulers at runtime, set Print.Preview.Rulers in code..</p> |
| Zoom                       | <p>An integer indicating the zoom factor of the print preview. The default is 100%.</p> <p>You can view different zoom percentages in Preview mode in the DataWindow painter. With the Preview view selected, select File&gt;Print Preview, then File&gt;Print Preview Zoom. However, the setting is not used at runtime. To change the zoom factor at runtime, set Print.Preview.Zoom in code..</p>                                                                                                                      |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the DataWindow by deselecting all controls; then set values in the Properties view, Print Specifications tab.

**Examples**

```

dw1.Object.DataWindow.Print.Preview.Buttons = 'Yes'
setting = dw1.Describe
 ("DataWindow.Print.Preview.Buttons")

dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Print.Preview.Buttons = 'Yes'")
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Print.Preview.Rulers = 'Yes'
setting = dw1.Describe
 ("DataWindow.Print.Preview.Rulers")

dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Print.Preview.Rulers = 'Yes'")

```

**See also** [Print.property](#)

## Print.property

**Description** Properties that control the printing of a DataWindow.

**Applies to** DataWindows



**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Print.property
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"DataWindow.Print.property { = value }"
```

SyntaxFromSql:

```
DataWindow (Print.property = value)
```

| Parameter       | Description                                                                               |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>property</i> | A property for printing. Properties and their settings are listed in the table below.     |
| <i>value</i>    | The value to be assigned to the property. <i>Value</i> cannot be a DataWindow expression. |

| Property for Print    | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Background            | <p>Whether the background settings of the DataWindow and controls display on the printed report.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Display background on report. This feature is not supported when you use a picture as the DataWindow background.</li> <li>No – (Default) Do not display background on report.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Print Shows Background option.</p>                                                                                                              |
| Buttons               | <p>Whether buttons display on the printed output.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Buttons are displayed.</li> <li>No – Buttons are not displayed.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Display Buttons – Print.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| CanUseDefault Printer | <p>Whether a report can be printed on the default system printer if the printer specified by the PrinterName property is not valid.</p> <p>Painter: Can Use Default Printer option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| ClipText              | <p>Whether the text of a static text field on a printed page is clipped to the dimensions of the text field when the text field has no visible border setting.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – The printed text does not overrun the text field.</li> <li>No – (Default) The entire text can overrun the text field.</li> </ul> <p>Text is automatically clipped for text fields with visible border settings even if this property is not set.</p> <p>Painter: Clip Text option.</p> |

| Property for Print | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Collate            | <p>Whether printing is collated. Note that collating is usually slower since the print is repeated to produce collated sets.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – (Default) Collate the pages of the print job.</li> <li>No – Do not collate.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Collate Copies option.</p>                                                                         |
| Color              | <p>An integer indicating whether the printed output will be color or monochrome.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 – Color</li> <li>2 – Monochrome</li> </ul> <p>The user can specify the value in the system’s Print dialog box if the printer driver supports it.</p>                                                                                                  |
| Columns            | <p>An integer specifying the number of newspaper-style columns the DataWindow will print on a page. For purposes of page fitting, the whole DataWindow is a single column. The default is 1.</p> <p>Painter: Newspaper Columns Across option.</p>                                                                                                                                                      |
| Columns.Width      | <p>An integer specifying the width of the newspaper-style columns in the units specified for the DataWindow.</p> <p>Painter: Newspaper Columns Width option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Copies             | <p>An integer indicating the number of copies to be printed.</p> <p>The user can also specify this value in the system’s Print Setup dialog box if the printer driver supports it.</p> <p>If you use <i>both</i> the Print.Copies property and the Print Setup dialog box to indicate that multiple copies should be printed, the total number of copies printed is the product of the two values.</p> |
| CustomPage.Length  | <p>A long indicating the desired length of a custom paper size for printing. Use this property in conjunction with Print.CustomPage.Width and with Paper.Size set to 256.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| CustomPage.Width   | <p>A long indicating the desired width of a custom paper size for printing. Use this property in conjunction with Print.CustomPage.Length and with Paper.Size set to 256.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| DocumentName       | <p>A string containing the name that will display in the print queue when the user sends the contents of the DataWindow object to the printer.</p> <p>Painter: Document Name option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

| Property for Print | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Duplex             | <p>An integer indicating duplex or double-sided printing for printers capable of duplex printing.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 – Default</li> <li>1 – Normal (nonduplex) printing</li> <li>2 – Short-edge binding (the long edge of the page is horizontal)</li> <li>3 – Long-edge binding (the long edge of the page is vertical)</li> </ul> <p>The user can specify the value in the system’s Print dialog box if the printer driver supports it.</p> |
| Filename           | <p>A string containing the name of the file to which you want to print the report. An empty string means send to the printer.</p> <p>Painter: Cannot be set in painter.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Margin.Bottom      | <p>An integer indicating the width of the bottom margin on the printed page in the units specified for the DataWindow.</p> <p>You can set Margin.Bottom when using <b>SyntaxFromSql</b> to generate DataWindow syntax.</p> <p>Painter: Bottom Margin option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Margin.Left        | <p>An integer indicating the width of the left margin on the printed page in the units specified for the DataWindow.</p> <p>You can set Margin.Left when using <b>SyntaxFromSql</b> to generate DataWindow syntax.</p> <p>Painter: Left Margin option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Margin.Right       | <p>An integer indicating the width of the right margin on the printed page in the units specified for the DataWindow.</p> <p>You can set Margin.Right when using <b>SyntaxFromSql</b> to generate DataWindow syntax.</p> <p>Painter: Right Margin option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Margin.Top         | <p>An integer indicating the width of the top margin on the printed page in the units specified for the DataWindow.</p> <p>You can set Margin.Top when using <b>SyntaxFromSql</b> to generate DataWindow syntax.</p> <p>Painter: Top Margin option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Orientation        | <p>An integer indicating the print orientation. This property has no effect if the computer has no default printer.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 – The default orientation for your printer</li> <li>1 – Landscape</li> <li>2 – Portrait</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Paper Orientation option.</p>                                                                                                                                                           |

| Property for Print | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| OverridePrintJob   | <p>Whether you want to override the print job print settings defined in the PrintOpen method with the print specifications of the DataWindow.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Yes – Override the print job print settings.</li><li>No – (Default) Do not override the print job print settings.</li></ul> <p>Painter: Override Print Job option.</p> |
| Page.Range         | <p>A string containing the numbers of the pages you want to print, separated by commas. You can also specify a range with a dash. For example, to print pages 1, 2, and 5 through 10, enter: "1,2, 5-10". The empty string means print all.</p> <p>The user can specify the value in the system's Print dialog box if the printer driver supports it.</p>                         |
| Page.RangeInclude  | <p>An integer indicating what pages to print within the desired range.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>0 – Print all.</li><li>1 – Print all even pages.</li><li>2 – Print all odd pages.</li></ul> <p>The user can specify the value in the system's Print dialog box if the printer driver supports it.</p>                                         |

| Property for Print | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Paper.Size         | <p>An integer indicating the size of the paper used for the output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 – Default paper size for the printer</li> <li>1 – Letter 8 1/2 x 11 in</li> <li>2 – LetterSmall 8 1/2 x 11 in</li> <li>3 – Tabloid 17 x 11 in</li> <li>4 – Ledger 17 x 11 in</li> <li>5 – Legal 8 1/2 x 14 in</li> <li>6 – Statement 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 in</li> <li>7 – Executive 7 1/4 x 10 1/2 in</li> <li>8 – A3 297 x 420 mm</li> <li>9 – A4 210 x 297 mm</li> <li>10 – A4 Small 210 x 297 mm</li> <li>11 – A5 148 x 210 mm</li> <li>12 – B4 250 x 354 mm</li> <li>13 – B5 182 x 257 mm</li> <li>14 – Folio 8 1/2 x 13 in</li> <li>15 – Quarto 215 x 275 mm</li> <li>16 – 10x14 in</li> <li>17 – 11x17 in</li> <li>18 – Note 8 1/2 x 11 in</li> <li>19 – Envelope #9 3 7/8 x 8 7/8</li> <li>20 – Envelope #10 4 1/8 x 9 1/2</li> <li>21 – Envelope #11 4 1/2 x 10 3/8</li> <li>22 – Envelope #12 4 x 11 1/276</li> <li>23 – Envelope #14 5 x 11 1/2</li> <li>24 – C size sheet</li> <li>25 – D size sheet</li> <li>26 – E size sheet</li> <li>27 – Envelope DL 110 x 220 mm</li> <li>28 – Envelope C5 162 x 229 mm</li> <li>29 – Envelope C3 324 x 458 mm</li> <li>30 – Envelope C4 229 x 324 mm</li> <li>31 – Envelope C6 114 x 162 mm</li> <li>32 – Envelope C65 114 x 229 mm</li> <li>33 – Envelope B4 250 x 353 mm</li> <li>34 – Envelope B5 176 x 250 mm</li> <li>35 – Envelope B6 176 x 125 mm</li> <li>36 – Envelope 110 x 230 mm</li> <li>37 – Envelope Monarch 3.875 x 7.5 in</li> <li>38 – 6 3/4 Envelope 3 5/8 x 6 1/2 in</li> <li>39 – US Std Fanfold 14 7/8 x 11 in</li> <li>40 – German Std Fanfold 8 1/2 x 12 in</li> <li>41 – German Legal Fanfold 8 1/2 x 13 in</li> <li>255, 256 – User-defined paper size (see "Usage" below)</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Paper Size option.</p> |

| Property for Print | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Paper.Source       | <p>An integer indicating the bin that will be used as the paper source. The integer you use depends on the tray number used by the printer. (To determine the actual bin setting, you can query the printer with a utility that makes API calls to the printer driver.)</p> <p>Typical values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 – Default</li> <li>1 – Upper</li> <li>2 – Lower</li> <li>3 – Middle</li> <li>4 – Manual</li> <li>5 – Envelope</li> <li>6 – Envelope manual</li> <li>7 – Auto</li> <li>8 – Tractor</li> <li>9 – Smallfmt</li> <li>10 – Largefmt</li> <li>11 – Large capacity</li> <li>14 – Cassette</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Paper Source option.</p> |
| Preview            | <p>Whether the DataWindow object is displayed in preview mode.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Display in preview mode.</li> <li>No – (Default) Do not display in preview mode.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Preview.Background | <p>Whether the background settings of the DataWindow and controls display in the print preview.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Display in preview mode.</li> <li>No – (Default) Do not display in preview mode.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Preview Shows Background option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| PrinterName        | <p>A string containing the name of the printer you want to use to print the DataWindow report. If the printer name is not specified or if the named printer cannot be found at runtime, print output can be directed to the default printer for the user’s machine by setting the CanUseDefaultPrinter property. Otherwise, an error is returned.</p> <p>Painter: Printer Name option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

| Property for Print | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Prompt             | <p>Whether a Printer Setup dialog displays before a job prints so the user can change the paper or other settings for the current printer.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – (Default) Display a Printer Setup dialog.</li> <li>No – Do not display a Printer Setup dialog.</li> </ul> <p>Choosing Cancel in the Printer Setup dialog dismisses the Setup dialog; it does not cancel printing. To allow the user to cancel printing, see the Print method.</p> <p>For DataStores, this property is ignored; a dialog is never displayed.</p> <p>Painter: Prompt Before Printing check box.</p> |
| Quality            | <p>An integer indicating the quality of the output.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 – Default</li> <li>1 – High</li> <li>2 – Medium</li> <li>3 – Low</li> <li>4 – Draft</li> </ul> <p>The user can specify the value in the system's Print dialog box if the printer driver supports it.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Scale              | <p>An integer specifying the scale of the printed output as a percent.</p> <p>The scaling percentage is passed to the print driver. If you have problems with scaling, you might be using a driver that does not support scaling.</p> <p>The user can specify the value in the system's Print dialog box if the printer driver supports it.</p> <p>For more information, see your print driver documentation.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the DataWindow by deselecting all controls; then set values in the Properties view, Print Specifications tab.

To specify a user-defined paper size, set the Paper.Size property to 255 or 256, then set the Print.CustomPage.Length and Print.CustomPage.Width properties to the desired size. With Paper.Size set to 255, Length and Width are in the units specified for the DataWindow on the General page in the Properties view. For example:

```
// DataWindow Units set to 1/1000 inch
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Print.Paper.Size=255")
//9.875 inches long
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Print.CustomPage.Length=9875")
//7.375 inches wide
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Print.CustomPage.Width=7375")
```

With Paper.Size set to 256, Length and Width are in millimeters:

```
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Print.Paper.Size=256")
//25.4 centimeters long
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Print.CustomPage.Length=254")
//19.5 centimeters wide
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Print.CustomPage.Width=195")

strData = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Print.Scale
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Print.Paper.Size = 3
strData = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Print.Scale")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Print.Paper.Size = 3")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Print.Margin.Top=500")
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Print.Buttons = 'Yes'
setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Print.Buttons")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Print.Buttons = 'Yes'")
```

**Examples**

**See also**

[Print.Preview.property](#)

## Printer

**Description**

The name of the printer for printing the DataWindow as specified in the system's printer selection dialog box.

**Applies to**

DataWindows

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Printer = "printername"
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"DataWindow.Printer" { = printername }
```

| Parameter          | Description                                             |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>printername</i> | Name of the printer you want to use for your DataWindow |

**Usage**

The printer you select for a DataWindow does not affect the PowerBuilder default printer or the system default printer. To specify a network-connected printer, you must use a fully specified network printer name:

```
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Printer = "\\net-print\pr-6"
```

If you specify a DataWindow printer, but the printer is not found, the DataWindow engine does not attempt to print to a default device.



**Examples**

The following example changes the DataWindow printer (but does not affect the system default printer device):

```
dw1.Modify ('DataWindow.Printer="My LaserJet 3" ')
```

You can display the DataWindow printer with either of the following calls:

```
string ls_dwprinter
ls_dwprinter = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Printer

ls_dwprinter = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Printer")
```

## Processing

**Description**

The type of processing required to display the data in the selected presentation style.

**Applies to**

DataWindows

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Processing
```

**Describe** argument:

```
"DataWindow.Processing"
```

Return values are:

- 0 – (Default) Form, group, n-up, or tabular
- 1 – Grid
- 2 – Label
- 3 – Graph
- 4 – Crosstab
- 5 – Composite
- 6 – OLE
- 7 – RichText
- 8 – TreeView
- 9 – TreeView with Grid

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Processing

setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Processing")
```

## Protect

### Description

The protection setting of a column. The Protect property overrides tab order settings. When a column is protected, the user cannot edit it even if the column's tab order is greater than 0.

### Applies to

A column

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.columnname.Protect
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"columnname.Protect { = ' integer ' }"
```

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>columnname</i> | The name of the column for which you want to get or set the protection.                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>integer</i>    | (exp) A boolean integer specifying whether the column is protected.<br>Values are:<br>0 – False, the column is not protected.<br>1 – True, the column is protected.<br><i>Integer</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

### Usage

A user cannot change a column value if any one of these conditions is true:

- TabSequence is 0
- Edit.DisplayOnly is Yes when the column has the Edit edit style
- Protect is 1

Only the Protect property allows you to specify a conditional expression that protects some values in the column but not others.

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab (using a conditional expression).

### Examples

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.emp_stat.Protect

dw1.Object.emp_stat.Protect=1

setting = dw1.Describe("emp_stat.Protect")
dw1.Modify("emp_stat.Protect=1")
dw1.Modify("emp_stat.Protect='1~tIf(IsRowNew(),0,1)'")
```

## QueryClear

**Description** Removes the **WHERE** clause from a query. Note that the only valid setting is Yes.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.QueryClear
```

**Modify** argument:

```
"DataWindow.QueryClear { = value }"
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                  |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | Remove the <b>WHERE</b> clause from a query.<br>Yes is the only valid value. |

**Examples**

```
dw1.Object.DataWindow.QueryClear = "yes"
```

```
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.QueryClear=yes")
```

## QueryMode

**Description** Whether the DataWindow is in query mode. In query mode, the user can specify the desired data by entering **WHERE** criteria in one or more columns.

### DataWindow presentation styles

You cannot use QueryMode with DataWindow objects that use any of the following presentation styles: N-Up, Label, Crosstab, RichText, and Graph.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.QueryMode
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"DataWindow.QueryMode { = value }"
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                             |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | Whether the DataWindow is in query mode.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – Query mode is enabled.<br>No – Query mode is disabled. |

Usage

After the user specifies retrieval criteria in query mode, subsequent calls to **Retrieve** can use the new criteria. To retrieve data based on user selection, change the query mode back to No and use **AcceptText** to accept the user's specification before the next call to **Retrieve**.

Setting QuerySort to Yes also puts the DataWindow into query mode, changing the QueryMode property's value to Yes.

**Query mode and secondary DataWindows** When you are sharing data, you cannot turn on query mode for a secondary DataWindow. Trying to set the QueryMode or QuerySort properties results in an error.

**Buffer manipulation and query mode** A DataWindow *cannot* be in query mode when you call the RowsCopy method.

Examples

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.QueryMode

dw1.Object.DataWindow.QueryMode = "yes"

setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.QueryMode")

dw1.Modify("DataWindow.QueryMode=yes")
```

## QuerySort

Description

Whether the result set is sorted when the DataWindow retrieves the data specified in query mode. When query sort is on, the user specifies sorting criteria in the first row of the query form.

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**DataWindow presentation styles**

You cannot use QuerySort with DataWindow objects that use any of the following presentation styles: N-Up, Label, Crosstab, RichText, and Graph.

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Applies to

DataWindows

Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.QuerySort
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"DataWindow.QuerySort { = value }"
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | Whether the data retrieved from query mode specifications is sorted.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – Sorting is enabled.<br>No – Sorting is disabled. |

**Usage**

If the DataWindow is not already in query mode, setting QuerySort to Yes also sets QueryMode to Yes, putting the DataWindow in query mode.

When you set QuerySort to No, the DataWindow remains in query mode until you also set QueryMode to No.

**Query mode and secondary DataWindows** When you are sharing data, you cannot turn on query mode for a secondary DataWindow. Trying to set the QueryMode or QuerySort properties results in an error.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.QuerySort

dw1.Object.DataWindow.QuerySort = "yes"

setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.QuerySort")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.QuerySort=yes")
```

**RadioButtons.property****Description**

Properties that control the appearance and behavior of a column with the RadioButton edit style.

**Applies to**

Column controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.columnname.RadioButtons.property
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"columnname.RadioButtons.property { = value }"
```

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                                           |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>columnname</i> | The name of the column that has the RadioButton edit style.                                                           |
| <i>property</i>   | A property for the RadioButton column. Properties and their settings are listed in the table below.                   |
| <i>value</i>      | The value to be assigned to the property. For RadioButton properties, <i>value</i> cannot be a DataWindow expression. |

| Property for RadioButtons | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3D or ThreeD              | Whether the radio buttons are 3D. Values are:<br>Yes – Make the buttons 3D.<br>No – Do not make the buttons 3D.<br>Painter: 3D Look option.<br>When using dot notation, use the term ThreeD instead of 3D.                     |
| Columns                   | An integer constant specifying the number of columns of radio buttons.<br>Painter: Columns Across option.                                                                                                                      |
| LeftText                  | Whether the text labels for the radio buttons are on the left side.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – The text is on the left of the radio buttons.<br>No – The text is on the right of the radio buttons.<br>Painter: Left Text option. |
| Scale                     | Whether the circle is scaled to the size of the font. Scale has an effect only when 3D is No.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – Scale the circles.<br>No – Do not scale the circles.<br>Painter: Scale Circles option.                   |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Edit tab when Style Type is RadioButtons.

**Examples**

```

setting = dw1.Describe("empg.RadioButtons.LeftText")
dw1.Modify("emp_gender.RadioButtons.LeftText=no")
dw1.Modify("emp_gender.RadioButtons.3D=Yes")
dw1.Modify("emp_gender.RadioButtons.Columns=2")

string setting
setting = &
 dw1.Object.emp_gender.RadioButtons.LeftText
dw1.Object.emp_gender.RadioButtons.LeftText = "no"

```

**Range**

**Description**

The rows in the DataWindow used in the graph or OLE Object control. Range can be all rows, the rows on the current page, a group that you have defined for the DataWindow, or the current row (OLE Object controls only).

**Applies to** Graph and OLE Object controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.Range
```

**Describe** argument:

```
"controlname.Range"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the graph control within the DataWindow that will display the graphed rows or the name of the OLE Object control that holds an OLE object to which the specified range of rows will be transferred. |

**Usage** Possible values are:

- 2 – The current row (OLE Object controls only)
- 1 – The rows on a single page in the DataWindow object
- 0 – All the rows in the DataWindow object
- n* – The number of a group level in the DataWindow object

GroupBy and Target also affect the data that is transferred to the OLE object.

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Data tab, Rows option.

**Examples**

```
string strRange
strRange = dw1.Object.graph_salary.Range
strRange = dw1.Object.ole_report.Range
strRange = dw1.Describe("graph_salary.Range")
strRange = dw1.Describe("ole_report.Range")
```

## ReadOnly

**Description** Whether the DataWindow is read-only.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.ReadOnly
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"DataWindow.ReadOnly { = value }"
```





```
dw_1.Object.gr_1.Render3D=true
```

## ReplaceTabWithSpace

**Description** Whether tab characters embedded in the data for a DataWindow display as square boxes when the row is not the current row.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.ReplaceTabWithSpace
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"DataWindow.ReplaceTabWithSpace { = value }"
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | Whether tab characters embedded in the data for a DataWindow are replaced with spaces.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – Replace each tab character with four spaces.<br>No – (Default) Do not replace tab characters. |

**Examples**

```
string str
str = dw1.Object.DataWindow.ReplaceTabWithSpace
dw1.Object.DataWindow.ReplaceTabWithSpace="Yes"
str = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.ReplaceTabWithSpace")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.ReplaceTabWithSpace=Yes")
```

## Report

**Description** Whether the DataWindow is a read-only report.

**Applies to** Style keywords

**Syntax** **SyntaxFromSql**:

```
Style (Report = value)
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | Whether the DataWindow is a read-only report, similar to a DataWindow created in the Report painter.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – The DataWindow is a read-only report.<br>No – The DataWindow is not read-only. |

**Examples**

```
SQLCA.SyntaxFromSQL(sqlstring, &
'Style(...Report = yes ...)', errstring)
```

## ResetPageCount

**Description**

Specifies that a change in the value of the group column causes the page count to begin again at 0.

**Applies to**

Group keywords

**Syntax**

SyntaxFromSql:

```
Group (col1 {col2 ...} ... ResetPageCount)
```

**Examples**

```
SQLCA.SyntaxFromSQL(sql_syntax, &
"Style(Type=Group) " + &
"Group(#3 NewPage ResetPageCount)", &
errorvar)
```

## Resizable

**Description**

Whether the user can resize the specified control.

**Applies to**

Button, Column, Computed Field, Graph, GroupBox, Line, OLE, Oval, Picture, Rectangle, Report, RoundedRectangle, TableBlob, and Text controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.Resizeable
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"controlname.Resizeable { = value }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The control within the DataWindow whose Resizable setting you want to get or set. |

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | A boolean number indicating whether <i>controlname</i> can be resized.<br>Values are:<br>0 – (False) The control cannot be resized.<br>1 – (True) The control can be resized. |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Position tab.

When you make the control resizable, set the Border property to the resizable border so the user knows it is resizable.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.graph_1.Resizeable
dw1.Object.graph_1.Resizeable = 1

setting = dw1.Describe("graph_1.Resizeable")
dw1.Modify("graph_1.Resizeable=1")
dw1.Modify("bitmap_1.Resizeable=0")
```

**Retrieve****Description**

The **SQL** statement for the DataWindow.

Retrieve is set in DataWindow syntax only for the **Create** method.

**Applies to**

Table keywords

**Syntax**

Table ( ... Retrieve = *selectstatement* ... )

**Retrieve.AsNeeded****Description**

Whether rows will be retrieved only as needed from the database. After the application calls the **Retrieve** method to get enough rows to fill the visible portion of the DataWindow, additional rows are “needed” when the user scrolls down to view rows that have not been viewed yet.

**Applies to**

DataWindows

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Retrieve.AsNeeded
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

"DataWindow.Retrieve.AsNeeded { = ' *value* ' }"

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | Whether rows will be retrieved only as needed from the database.<br>Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – Rows will be retrieved only as needed.</li> <li>• No – All rows will be retrieved when the Retrieve method is called.</li> </ul> |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Set the value using Rows>Retrieve Options>Rows As Needed.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Retrieve.AsNeeded
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Retrieve.AsNeeded= "Yes"

setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Retrieve.AsNeeded")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Retrieve.AsNeeded=Yes")
```

**RichEdit.*property***

**Description**

Settings that affect the appearance and behavior of columns whose edit style is RichText.

**Applies to**

Column controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.columnname.RichEdit.property
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"columnname.RichEdit.property { = value }"
```

SyntaxFromSql:

```
Column (RichEdit.property = value)
```

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>columnname</i> | The column with the RichText edit style for which you want to get or set property values. You can specify the column name or a pound sign (#) and the column number.             |
| <i>property</i>   | A property for the column's Edit style. Properties and their settings are listed in the table below. The table identifies the properties you can use with <b>SyntaxFromSql</b> . |
| <i>value</i>      | The value to be assigned to the property.                                                                                                                                        |

| <b>Property for RichEdit</b> | <b>Value</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AutoSelect                   | <p>Whether to select the contents of the column control automatically when it receives focus.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Select automatically.</li> <li>No – Do not select automatically.</li> </ul> <p>You can use AutoSelect with <b>SyntaxFromSql</b>. The setting applies to all the columns in the generated syntax.</p> <p>Painter: Auto Selection option</p>                                                  |
| DisplayOnly                  | <p>Whether the column is display only.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Do not allow the user to enter data; make the column display only.</li> <li>No – Allow the user to enter data.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Display Only option</p> <p>For conditional control over column editing, use the Protect property.</p>                                                                                                        |
| FocusRectangle               | <p>Whether a dotted rectangle (the focus rectangle) surrounds the current row of the column when the column has focus.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Display the focus rectangle.</li> <li>No – Do not display the focus rectangle.</li> </ul> <p>You can use FocusRectangle with <b>SyntaxFromSql</b>. The setting applies to all the columns in the generated syntax.</p> <p>Painter: Show Focus Rectangle option</p> |
| Limit                        | <p>A number specifying the maximum number of characters (0 to 32,767) that the user can enter. 0 means unlimited.</p> <p>Painter: Limit option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| NullIsNull                   | <p>Whether to set the value of the column control to null when the user leaves it blank.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Make the empty string null.</li> <li>No – Do not make the empty string null.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Empty String is Null option.</p>                                                                                                                                                             |
| Required                     | <p>Whether the column is required.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – It is required.</li> <li>No – It is not required.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Required option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

| Property for RichEdit | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| VScrollBar            | Whether a vertical scroll bar displays in the column control.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – Display vertical scroll bars.<br>No – Do not display vertical scroll bars.<br>Painter: Vertical Scroll Bar option. |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the control and set values in the Properties view, Edit tab, when Style Type is RichText.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = &
 dw_1.Object.rte_description.RichEdit.AutoSelect
dw_1.Object.rte_description.RichEdit.VScrollBar="yes"
setting = dw_1.Describe(&
 "rte_description.RichEdit.VScrollBar")
dw_1.Modify("rte_description.RichEdit.Required=no")
```

## RichText.property

**Description** Properties for the DataWindow RichText presentation style.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

`dw_control.Object.DataWindow.RichText.property`

**Describe and Modify argument:**

`"DataWindow.RichText.property { = value }"`

| Parameter       | Description                                                                                                                 |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>property</i> | A property for the DataWindow RichText presentation style. Properties and appropriate values are listed in the table below. |
| <i>value</i>    | A value to be assigned to the property.                                                                                     |

| Property for RichText | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BackColor             | A long specifying the numeric value of the background color of the text editing area.<br>Values are -2 to 16,777,215.<br>For more information about color, see RGB.<br>Painter: Background Color group, General option. |

| <b>Property for RichText</b> | <b>Value</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ControlCharsVisible          | <p>Specifies whether control characters (carriage returns, spaces, and tabs) are visible. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – Control characters are visible.</li> <li>• No – Control characters are hidden.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: RichText Presentation group, ControlChars Visible option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| DisplayOnly                  | <p>Specifies whether users can make changes to the contents. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – The content, including text and input files, is protected (the user cannot edit it).</li> <li>• No – The user can edit the content.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Display Only option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| HeaderFooter                 | <p>(Read-only) Specifies whether the RichTextEdit DataWindow has a header/footer section. This property must be set in the painter and cannot be changed at runtime. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – The control has a header/footer section.</li> <li>• No – The control does not have a header/footer section.</li> </ul> <p>If a document has a header or footer and the HeaderFooter property is set to no, then header/footer information in the document is ignored. If the document is then saved in the same file, the header/footer information is lost.</p> <p>Painter: Header/Footer option.</p> |
| InputField BackColor         | <p>A long specifying the default background color for all input fields: -2 to 16,777,215. Painter: Background Color group, Input Field option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| InputField NamesVisible      | <p>Specifies whether input field names are displayed in input fields, rather than the input field values. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – Input fields display.</li> <li>• No – Input fields do not display.</li> </ul> <p>The value you specify is ignored when the InputFieldsVisible property is set to false. Painter: RichText Presentation group, Input Field Names Visible option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| InputFields Visible          | <p>Specifies whether input fields display in the DataWindow object. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – Input fields display their names.</li> <li>• No – Input fields display their data.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: RichText Presentation group, Input Fields Visible option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| PictureFrame (obsolete)      | <p><b>(Obsolete)</b> This property is no longer supported since PowerBuilder 12.6. Specifies whether pictures are displayed as empty frames. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – Pictures are displayed as empty frames.</li> <li>• No – The pictures are displayed.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Pictures As Frame option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

| Property for RichText     | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PopMenu                   | <p>Specifies whether the user has access to a pop-up menu by clicking the right mouse button on the DataWindow. The menu allows the user to cut and paste, insert a file, and select formatting options. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – Pop-up menu is enabled.</li> <li>• No – Pop-up menu is disabled.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: PopUp Menu option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                       |
| ReadOnly                  | <p>Specifies whether the user can change the data and the text in the DataWindow. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – The DataWindow is read-only (text and data cannot be modified).</li> <li>• No – The text and the data can be modified.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| ReturnsVisible (obsolete) | <p>Replaced by RichText.ControlCharsVisible property.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| RulerBar                  | <p>Specifies whether a ruler bar is visible above the editing area. If visible, the user can use it to see measurements while setting tabs and margins on the tab bar (see the TabBar property in this table). Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – Ruler bar is visible.</li> <li>• No – Ruler bar is hidden.</li> </ul> <p>If the RichTextEdit pop-up menu is enabled, the user can use it to turn ruler bar display on and off (see the PopMenu property in this table).</p> <p>Painter: RichText Bars group, Ruler option.</p> |
| SpacesVisible             | <p>Specifies whether spaces are visible. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – Spaces are visible.</li> <li>• No – Spaces are hidden.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: RichText Presentation group, Spaces Visible option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| TabBar (obsolete)         | <p><b>(Obsolete)</b> This property is no longer supported since PowerBuilder 12.6.</p> <p>Specifies whether a bar for setting tabs is visible above the editing area. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – Tab bar is visible.</li> <li>• No – Tab bar is hidden.</li> </ul> <p>If the pop-up menu is enabled, the user can use it to turn tab bar display on and off (see the PopMenu property in this table).</p> <p>Painter: RichText Bars group, Tab option.</p>                                                               |
| TabsVisible               | <p>Specifies whether tabs are visible. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – Spaces are visible.</li> <li>• No – Spaces are hidden.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: RichText Presentation group, Tabs Visible option.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |



| Property for RichText | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ToolBar               | <p>Specifies whether a tool bar for formatting text is visible above the editing area. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – Tool bar is visible.</li> <li>• No – Tool bar is not visible.</li> </ul> <p>If the pop-up menu is enabled, the user can use it to turn tool bar display on and off (see the PopMenu property in this table).</p> <p>Painter: RichText Bars group, Tool option.</p>                                                                                                                                                            |
| WordWrap              | <p>Determines whether large blocks of text that do not contain spaces wrap automatically to the next line when the line reaches the margin. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – Automatic word wrap is enabled.</li> <li>• No – Automatic word wrap is disabled. Users cannot enter characters beyond the right margin, and must move the cursor to a new line to continue entering text. If an inserted document contains a block of text too large to fit on a line, the nonfitting characters are hidden.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Word Wrap option</p> |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the DataWindow by deselecting all controls; then set the value in the Properties view, General tab, when the presentation style is RichText.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = &
 dw1.Object.DataWindow.RichText.DisplayOnly
dw1.Object.DataWindow.RichText.PopMenu = "yes"

setting = &
 dw1.Describe("DataWindow.RichText.DisplayOnly")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.RichText.PopMenu = 'yes'")
```

**RightToLeft****Description**

The RightToLeft property is used to set controls to read right-to-left. This property is for use when you are developing an application for a language that has right-to-left reading order.

**Applies to**

Column

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.RightToLeft
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"controlname.RightToLeft { = integer }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the control for which you want to get or set the right-to-left property.                                                                                                                           |
| <i>integer</i>     | Whether the control is set to right-to-left: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 – (False) The control is not set to right-to-left</li> <li>• 1 – (True) The control is set to right-to-left</li> </ul> |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab.

**Examples**

```
dw_1.Object.fname.RightToLeft=1
```

## Rotation

**Description**

The degree of left-to-right rotation for the graph control within the DataWindow when the graph has a 3D type.

**Applies to**

Graph controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.graphname.Rotation
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"graphname.Rotation = { ' integer ' }"
```

| Parameter        | Description                                                                                                                                |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>graphname</i> | The name of the Graph control for which you want to get or set the rotation.                                                               |
| <i>integer</i>   | ( <i>exp</i> ) The degree of rotation for the graph. Effective values range from -90 to 90. Integer can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Rotation scroll bar (enabled when a 3D graph type is selected).

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.graph_1.Rotation
dw1.Object.graph_1.Rotation=25

setting = dw1.Describe("graph_1.Rotation")
dw1.Modify("graph_1.Rotation=25")
dw1.Modify("graph_1.Rotation='1~tHour(Now())'")
```

## Row.Resize

**Description** Whether the user can use the mouse to change the height of the rows in the detail area of the DataWindow.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Row.Resize
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"DataWindow.Row.Resize { = value } "
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | Whether the user can resize the rows in the detail area. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 – Yes, the user can resize the rows.</li> <li>• 0 – No, the user cannot resize the rows.</li> </ul> |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the DataWindow by deselecting all controls; then set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Row Resize option (available when the presentation style is Grid or Crosstab).

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Row.Resize
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Row.Resize = 0

setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Row.Resize")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Row.Resize=0")
```

## Rows\_Per\_Detail

**Description** The number of rows in the detail area of an n-up DataWindow object. This property should be 1 unless the Type property for the Style keyword is Tabular.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Rows_Per_Detail
```

**Describe** argument:

```
"DataWindow.Rows_Per_Detail"
```

**SyntaxFromSql**:

```
DataWindow (... Rows_Per_Detail = n ...)
```

| Parameter | Description                                         |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <i>n</i>  | A long specifying the number of rows in each column |

**Examples**

```
SQLCA.SyntaxFromSQL(sqlselect, &
'DataWindow(...Rows_Per_Detail = 12 ...)', &
errstring)
```

**Selected**

**Description**

A list of selected controls within the DataWindow.

**Applies to**

DataWindows

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Selected
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"DataWindow.Selected = ' list ' "
```

| Parameter   | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>list</i> | <p>A list of the controls you want to select. In the list you designate a group of controls by specifying a range of row numbers and a range of controls in the format:</p> <pre><i>startrow/endrow/startcontrol/endcontrol</i></pre> <p>To specify more than one group, separate each group with a semicolon:</p> <pre><i>startrow1/endrow1/startobj1/endobj1;startrow2/endrow2/startobj2/endobj2;...</i></pre> <p>Do not include spaces in the string. You must use column names, not column numbers.</p> |

**Examples**

```
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Selected
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Selected = &
"1/10/emp_id/emp_name;12/23/salary/status"

setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Selected")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Selected=" &
"1/10/emp_id/emp_name;12/23/salary/status")
```

## Selected.Data

**Description** A list describing the selected data in the DataWindow. Each column's data is separated by a tab and each row is on a separate line.

**Applies to** DataWindows (Crosstab and Grid presentation styles only)

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Selected.Data
```

**Describe** argument:

```
"DataWindow.Selected.Data"
```

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Selected.Data
setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Selected.Data")
```

## Selected.Mouse

**Description** Whether the user can use the mouse to select columns.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Selected.Mouse
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"DataWindow.Selected.Mouse { = value }"
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | Whether the user can use the mouse to select columns.<br>Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – The mouse can be used.</li> <li>• No – The mouse cannot be used.</li> </ul> |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the DataWindow by deselecting all controls; then set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Mouse Selection option (available when the presentation style is Grid or Crosstab).

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Selected.Mouse
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Selected.Mouse = "Yes"

setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Selected.Mouse")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Selected.Mouse = Yes")
```

## Series

See [Axis](#), [Axis.property](#), and [DispAttr.fontproperty](#).

## ShadeColor

### Description

The color used for shading the back edge of the series markers when the graph's type is 3D. ShadeColor has no effect unless Series.ShadeBackEdge is 1 (Yes). If ShadeBackEdge is 0, the axis plane is the same color as the background color of the graph.

### Applies to

Graph controls

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.graphname.ShadeColor
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"graphname.ShadeColor { = ' long ' }"
```

| Parameter        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>graphname</i> | The Graph control in the DataWindow for which you want to shade color.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <i>long</i>      | <i>(exp)</i> A long number converted to a string specifying the color of the shading for axes of a 3D graph.<br><br>You can use the <a href="#">RGB</a> function in a DataWindow expression or in PowerScript to calculate the desired color value. However, be sure to convert the return value of the PowerScript function to a string.<br><br><i>Long</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

### Usage

To set the shade color for individual series markers, such as bars or pie slices, use the method [SetDataStyle](#).

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Shade Color option.

### Examples

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.graph_1.ShadeColor
dw1.Object.graph_1.ShadeColor = 16600000

setting = dw1.Describe("graph_1.ShadeColor")
dw1.Modify("graph_1.ShadeColor=16600000")
dw1.Modify("graph_1.ShadeColor=String(RGB(90,90,90)))
dw1.Modify("graph_1.ShadeColor='0~t' &
```

```
+ If (salary>50000, " &
+ String (RGB (100, 90, 90)) &
+ ", " &
+ String (RGB (90, 90, 100)) &
+ " ' '")
```

## ShowBackColorOnXP

**Description** Whether the background color that you select for a button displays on Windows XP.

**Applies to** DataWindow objects

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.ShowBackColorOnXP
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"DataWindow.ShowBackColorOnXP{ = value }"
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | A boolean value that indicates whether the background color that you select for a button displays on Windows XP.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – Display the background color.<br>No – Do not display the background color (default). |

**Usage** The Background.Color property is not supported for buttons on Windows XP by default because the current XP theme controls the appearance of the button.

**In the painter** Set the Show Backcolor on XP property on the General tab of the Properties view for the DataWindow object. The background color you selected will display in Preview mode.

**Examples**

```
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.ShowBackColorOnXP = yes")
dw1.Object.DataWindow.ShowBackColorOnXP = "yes"
```

## ShowBackground

**Description** Whether the background settings of the report display.

**Applies to** Report controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

`dw_control.Object.controlname.ShowBackground`

Describe and Modify argument:

`"controlname.ShowBackground{ = ' value ' }"`

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | A boolean value that indicates whether the report's background color settings display.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – Display the background settings.<br>No – Do not display the background settings (default). |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Show Background check box.

**Examples**

```
dw1.Modify("r_orders_nested.ShowBackground = yes")
dw1.Object.DataWindow.ShowBackground = "yes"
```

## ShowDefinition

**Description**

Whether the DataWindow definition will display. The DataWindow will display the column names instead of data.

**Applies to**

DataWindows

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

`dw_control.Object.DataWindow.ShowDefinition`

Describe and Modify argument:

`"DataWindow.ShowDefinition { = ' value ' }"`

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the column names will display.<br>Values are:<br>• Yes – Display the column names.<br>• No – Display the data, if any.<br><i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.ShowDefinition
dw1.Object.DataWindow.ShowDefinition = "Yes"

setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.ShowDefinition")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.ShowDefinition=Yes")
```



## SizeToDisplay

**Description** Whether the graph should be sized automatically to the display area.

**Applies to** Graph controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.graphname.SizeToDisplay
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"graphname.SizeToDisplay { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>graphname</i> | The graph control in the DataWindow for which you want to get or set adjustability.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>value</i>     | <p>(<i>exp</i>) A boolean number specifying whether to adjust the size of the graph to the display.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 – False, do not adjust the size of the graph.</li> <li>• 1 – True, adjust the size of the graph.</li> </ul> <p><i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression.</p> |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Size To Display option.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.graph_1.SizeToDisplay
dw1.Object.graph_1.SizeToDisplay = 0

setting = dw1.Describe("graph_1.SizeToDisplay")
dw1.Modify("graph_1.SizeToDisplay=0")
```

## SlideLeft

**Description** Whether the control moves to the left when other controls to the left leave empty space available. This property is for use with read-only controls and printed reports. It should not be used with data entry fields or controls.

**Applies to** Button, Column, Computed Field, Graph, GroupBox, Line, Oval, Picture, Rectangle, Report, RoundedRectangle, TableBlob, and Text controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.SlideLeft
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

`"controlname.SlideLeft { = ' value ' }"`

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the control for which you want to get or set the Slide setting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>value</i>       | <p>(<i>exp</i>) Whether the control slides left when there is empty space to its left.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – The control will slide left into available space.</li> <li>• No – The control will remain in position.</li> </ul> <p><i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression.</p> |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Position tab, Slide Left check box.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.graph_1.SlideLeft
dw1.Object.emp_lname.SlideLeft = "yes"

setting = dw1.Describe("graph_1.SlideLeft")
dw1.Modify("emp_lname.SlideLeft=yes")
```

## SlideUp

**Description**

Whether the control moves up when other controls above it leave empty space available. This property is for use with read-only controls and printed reports. It should not be used with data entry fields or controls.

**Applies to**

Button, Column, Computed Field, Graph, GroupBox, Line, Oval, Picture, Rectangle, Report, RoundedRectangle, TableBlob, and Text controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

`dw_control.Object.controlname.SlideUp`

Describe and Modify argument:

`"controlname.SlideUp { = ' value ' }"`

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the control for which you want to get or set the Slide setting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <i>value</i>       | <p>(<i>exp</i>) How the control slides up when there is empty space above it.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AllAbove – Slide the control up if all the controls in the row above it are empty.</li> <li>DirectlyAbove – Slide the column or control up if the controls directly above it are empty.</li> <li>No – The control will not slide up.</li> </ul> <p><i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression.</p> |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Position tab, Slide Up check box.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.graph_1.SlideUp
dw1.Object.emp_lname.SlideUp = "no"

setting = dw1.Describe("graph_1.SlideUp")
dw1.Modify("emp_lname.SlideUp=no")
```

**Sort****Description**

Sort criteria for a newly created DataWindow. To specify sorting for existing DataWindows, see the SetSort and Sort methods.

**Applies to**

Table keywords in DataWindow syntax

**Syntax**

DataWindow syntax for Create method:

```
Table (... Sort = stringexpression ...)
```

| Parameter               | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>stringexpression</i> | A string whose value represents valid sort criteria. See the SetSort method for the format for sort criteria. If the criteria string is null, PowerBuilder prompts for a sort specification when it displays the DataWindow. |

**Spacing****Description**

The gap between categories in a graph.

**Applies to**

Graph controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

`dw_control.Object.graphname.Spacing`

Describe and Modify argument:

`"graphname.Spacing { = ' integer ' }"`

| Parameter        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>graphname</i> | The name of the graph control in the DataWindow for which you want to get or set the spacing.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <i>integer</i>   | ( <i>exp</i> ) An integer specifying the gap between categories in the graph. You specify the value as a percentage of the width of the data marker. For example, in a bar graph, 100 is the width of one bar, 50 is half a bar, and so on. <i>Integer</i> can be a DataWindow expression. |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Spacing option.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.graph_1.Spacing
dw1.Object.graph_1.Spacing = 120

setting = dw1.Describe("graph_1.Spacing")
dw1.Modify("graph_1.Spacing=120")
```

## Sparse

**Description**

The names of repeating columns that will be suppressed in the DataWindow.

**Applies to**

DataWindows

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

`dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Sparse`

Describe and Modify argument:

`"DataWindow.Sparse { = ' list ' }"`

| Parameter   | Description                                                                                                              |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>list</i> | ( <i>exp</i> ) A tab-separated list of column names to be suppressed. <i>List</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

Create method (include at the end of the DataWindow syntax):

`Sparse ( names = "col1~tcol2~tcol3 ...")`

**Usage** **In the painter** Set the value using Rows>Suppress Repeating Values.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Sparse
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Sparse = 'coll~tcol2'

setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Sparse")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Sparse='coll~tcol2'")
```

## Storage

**Description** The amount of virtual storage in bytes that has been allocated for the DataWindow object.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Storage
```

**Describe** argument:

```
"DataWindow.Storage"
```

**Usage** **Canceling a query that uses too much storage** You can check this property in the script for the RetrieveRow event in the DataWindow control and cancel a query if it is consuming too much storage.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Storage

setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Storage")
IF Long(setting) > 50000 THEN RETURN 1
```

## StoragePageSize

**Description** The default page size for DataWindow storage.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.StoragePageSize
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"DataWindow.StoragePageSize { = ' size ' }"
```

| Parameter   | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>size</i> | Two values are provided to enable the DataWindow to use the available virtual memory most efficiently in the current environment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LARGE (Recommended)</li> <li>• MEDIUM</li> </ul> |

**Usage**

Set this property to avoid out of memory errors when performing large retrieve, import, or RowsCopy operations. The property must be set *before* the operation is invoked.

**Examples**

```
dw1.Modify("datawindow.storagepagesize='LARGE' ")
dw1.object.datawindow.storagepagesize='large'
```

**Summary.property**

See [Bandname.property](#).

**SuppressEventProcessing**

**Description**

Whether the ButtonClicked or ButtonClicking event is fired for this particular button.

**Applies to**

Button controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.buttonname.SuppressEventProcessing
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"buttonname.SuppressEventProcessing { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>buttonname</i> | The name of the button control for which you want to suppress event processing.                                                           |
| <i>value</i>      | Whether event processing is to occur.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – The event should not be fired.<br>No – The event should be fired (default). |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab.

**Examples**

```
string setting
dw1.Object.b_name.SuppressEventProcessing = "Yes"

setting =
dw1.Describe("b_name.SuppressEventProcessing")

dw1.Modify("b_name.SuppressEventProcessing ='No'")
```

**Syntax****Description**

The complete syntax for the DataWindow.

**Applies to**

DataWindows

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Syntax
```

**Describe** argument:

```
"DataWindow.Syntax"
```

**Examples**

```
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Syntax

setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Syntax")
```

**Syntax.Data****Description**

The data in the DataWindow object described in parse format (the format required by the DataWindow parser).

**Applies to**

DataWindows

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Syntax.Data
```

**Describe** argument:

```
"DataWindow.Syntax.Data"
```

**Usage**

Use this property with the Syntax property to obtain the description of the DataWindow object and the data. Using this information, you can create a syntax file that represents both the structure and data of a DataWindow at an instant in time. You can then use the syntax file as a DropDownDataWindow containing redefined data at a single location or to mail this as a text object.

## Syntax.Modified

**Description** Whether the DataWindow syntax has been modified by a function call or user intervention. Calling the **Modify**, **SetSort**, or **SetFilter** method or changing the size of the DataWindow grid automatically sets Syntax.Modified to Yes.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Syntax.Modified
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"DataWindow.Syntax.Modified { = value }"
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | Whether the DataWindow syntax has been modified.<br>Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – DataWindow syntax has been modified.</li> <li>• No – DataWindow has not been modified.</li> </ul> |

**Usage** Use this property in **Modify** to set Syntax.Modified to No after you cause a change in the syntax that does not affect the user (such as setting preview on).

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Syntax.Modified
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Syntax.Modified = "No"

setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Syntax.Modified")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Syntax.Modified=No")
```

## Table (for Create)

**Description** The section of the DataWindow syntax that specifies information about the DataWindow's database table, including the name of the update table.

Use Table in DataWindow syntax for the **Create** method.

**Syntax** Does not apply.

**Usage** Use this property to redefine a DataWindow result set. You can add a column, change the datatype of a column, or make other changes to the table section of your DataWindow involving properties that are not accessible through Modify calls or dot notation.



**Caution**

When you use this property to redefine the result set, you must redefine the table section in its entirety.

You can call the `GetItem` and `SetItem` methods to access columns added using this property, but the columns do not display in the DataWindow unless you call `Modify("create column(...)")` to add them.

To redefine your table section:

- 1 Export your DataWindow object to a DOS file.
- 2 Copy only the table section into your script.
- 3 Modify the table section to meet your needs.
- 4 Put the new table definition into a string variable. Change existing double quotation marks (") in the string to single quotation marks (') and change the tilde quotation marks to tilde tilde single quotation marks (~~').
- 5 Call `Modify`. Modifying the table section of your DataWindow causes the DataWindow to be reset.
- 6 (Optionally) Call `Modify` to add the column to the DataWindow display.

## Table (for InkPicture and TableBlobs)

**Description** The name of the database table that contains the blob(s).

**Applies to** InkPicture and TableBlob controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.Table
```

`Describe` and `Modify` argument:

```
"controlname.Table { = ' tablename ' }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the control in the DataWindow.                                                                                                    |
| <i>tablename</i>   | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string specifying the name of the table that contains the blob data. <i>Tablename</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

**Usage**                      **In the painter**    Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Definition tab, Table option. For InkPicture controls, the table contains a large binary column to store ink overlay data and a large binary column to hold a background image for the InkPicture control. For TableBlob controls, the table contains the large binary database object you want to insert into the DataWindow.

**Examples**

```

setting = dw1.Object.inkpic_1.Table
dw1.Object.inkpic_1.Table = "inkpictable"

setting = dw1.Describe("inkpic_1.Table")
dw1.Modify("inkpic_1.Table='inkpictable'")

setting = dw1.Object.blob_1.Table
dw1.Object.blob_1.Table = "emp_pictures"

setting = dw1.Describe("blob_1.Table")
dw1.Modify("blob_1.Table='emp_pictures'")

```

## Table.property

**Description**                      Properties for the DataWindow's DBMS connection.  
 You can also specify stored procedures for update activities. For information, see [Table.sqlaction.property](#).

**Applies to**                      DataWindows

**Syntax**                              PowerBuilder dot notation:

*dw\_control*.Object.DataWindow.Table.*property*

Describe and Modify argument:

"DataWindow.Table.*property* { = *value* }"

| Parameter       | Description                                                                                                       |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>property</i> | A property for the DataWindow's DBMS connection. Properties and appropriate values are listed in the table below. |
| <i>value</i>    | The value to be assigned to the property.                                                                         |

| Property for Table | Value                                                                                  |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Arguments          | (Read only) A string containing retrieval argument names and types for the DataWindow. |

| Property for Table | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CrosstabData       | A string containing a tab-separated list of the expressions used to calculate the values of columns in a crosstab DataWindow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Data.Storage       | A string indicating whether table data is to be kept in memory or offloaded to disk.<br>Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Memory (Default) – Table data is to be kept in memory.</li> <li>• Disk – Table data is to be offloaded to disk.</li> </ul> Painter: Rows>Retrieve Options>Rows to Disk.                                                                                                                      |
| Delete.Argument    | (Internal use only) A string containing arguments to pass to the delete method.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Delete.Method      | (Internal use only) The name of the method.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Delete.Type        | (Internal use only) Currently stored procedure is the only type implemented.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Filter             | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string containing the filter for the DataWindow. Filters are expressions that can evaluate to <b>true</b> or <b>false</b> . The Table.Filter property filters the data before it is retrieved. To filter data already in the DataWindow's buffers, use the Filter property or the <b>SetFilter</b> and <b>Filter</b> methods.<br>The filter string can be a quoted DataWindow expression.<br>Painter: Rows>Filter.       |
| GridColumns        | (Read-only) The grid columns of a DataWindow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Insert.Argument    | (Internal use only) A string containing arguments to pass to the insert method.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Insert.Method      | (Internal use only) The name of the method.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Insert.Type        | (Internal use only) Currently stored procedure is the only type implemented.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Procedure          | A string that contains the number of the result set returned by the stored procedure to populate the DataWindow object.<br>You can use this property only if your DBMS supports stored procedures.<br>Use this property to change the stored procedure or to change the data source from a <b>SELECT</b> statement or script to a stored procedure (see the example).<br>Painter: Set when Stored Procedure is selected as a data source. |

| Property for Table | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Select             | <p>A string containing the <b>SQL SELECT</b> statement that is the data source for the DataWindow.</p> <p>Use this property to specify a new <b>SELECT</b> statement or change the data source from a stored procedure or Script to a <b>SELECT</b> statement.</p> <p>Table.Select has several advantages over the <b>SetSqlSelect</b> method:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is faster. PowerBuilder does not validate the statement until retrieval.</li> <li>• You can change data source for the DataWindow. For example, you can change from a <b>SELECT</b> to a Stored Procedure.</li> <li>• You can use none or any of the arguments defined for the DataWindow object in the <b>SELECT</b>. You cannot use arguments that were not previously defined for the DataWindow object. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe always tries to return a <b>SQL SELECT</b> statement. If the database is not connected and the property's value is a <b>PBSELECT</b> statement, <b>Describe</b> will convert it to a <b>SQL SELECT</b> statement if a <b>SetTransObject</b> method has been executed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>If you are using describeless retrieval (the StaticBind database parameter is set to 1), you cannot use the Select property.</p> <p>Painter: Set when Select or Quick Select is selected as a data source.</p> |
| Select.Attribute   | (Read-only) A string containing the <b>PBSELECT</b> statement for the DataWindow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Sort               | <p>(<i>exp</i>) A string containing the sort criteria for the DataWindow, for example, "1A,2D" (column 1 ascending, column 2 descending). The Table.Sort property sorts the data before it is retrieved. To sort data already in the DataWindow's buffers, use the <b>SetSort</b> and <b>Sort</b> methods.</p> <p>The value for Sort is quoted and can be a DataWindow expression.</p> <p>Painter: Rows&gt;Sort.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>SQLSelect</b>   | The most recently executed <b>SELECT</b> statement. Setting this has no effect. See Select in this table.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Update.Argument    | (Internal use only) A string containing arguments to pass to the update method.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Update.Method      | (Internal use only) The name of the method.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Update.Type        | (Internal use only) Currently stored procedure is the only type implemented.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

| Property for Table | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| UpdateKey InPlace  | <p>Whether the key column can be updated in place or the row has to be deleted and reinserted. This value determines the syntax PowerBuilder generates when a user modifies a key field:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – Use the <b>UPDATE</b> statement when the key is changed so that the key is updated in place.</li> <li>• No – Use a <b>DELETE</b> and an <b>INSERT</b> statement when the key is changed.</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Caution</b><br/>When there are multiple rows in a DataWindow object and the user switches keys or rows, updating in place might fail due to DBMS duplicate restrictions.</p> <hr/> <p>Painter: Rows&gt;Update Properties, Key Modification.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| UpdateTable        | <p>A string specifying the name of the database table used to build the Update syntax.</p> <p>Painter: Rows&gt;Update Properties, Table to Update.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| UpdateWhere        | <p>An integer indicating which columns will be included in the <b>WHERE</b> clause of the <b>Update</b> statement. The value of UpdateWhere can impact performance or cause lost data when more than one user accesses the same tables at the same time.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 – Key columns only (risk of overwriting another user's changes, but fast).</li> <li>• 1 – Key columns and all updatable columns (risk of preventing valid updates; slow because <b>SELECT</b> statement is longer).</li> <li>• 2 – Key and modified columns (allows more valid updates than 1 and is faster, but not as fast as 0).</li> </ul> <p>For more about the effects of this setting, see the discussion of the Specify Update Characteristics dialog box in the <i>Users Guide</i>.</p> <p>Painter: Rows&gt;Update Properties, Where Clause for Update/Delete.</p> |

### Examples

```

setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Table.Sort
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Table.Data.Storage = "disk"
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Table.Filter = "salary>50000"
setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Table.Sort")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Table.Filter='salary>50000'")
dw_1.Modify (" DataWindow.Table.Procedure= &
'1 Execute MyOwner MyProcName;1 &
@NameOfProcArg=:NameOfDWArg, &
@NameOfProcArg=:NameOfDWArg...' ")
sqlvar = 'SELECT ... WHERE ...'
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Table.Select='" + sqlvar + "'")

```

## Table.sqlaction.property

**Description**

The way data is updated in the database. When the **Update** method is executed, it can send **UPDATE**, **INSERT**, and **DELETE SQL** statements to the DBMS. You can specify that a stored procedure be used instead of the default **SQL** statement for each type of data modification.

**Applies to**

DataWindows

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

*dw\_control*.Object.DataWindow.Table.sqlaction.property

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

"DataWindow.Table.sqlaction.property { = value }"

| Parameter        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>sqlaction</i> | The <b>SQL</b> statement that would ordinarily be executed as part of a database update.<br>Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>UPDATE</b></li> <li><b>INSERT</b></li> <li><b>DELETE</b></li> </ul> |
| <i>property</i>  | A property for <i>sqlaction</i> . Properties and appropriate values are listed in the table below.                                                                                                                    |
| <i>value</i>     | The value to be assigned to the property.                                                                                                                                                                             |

| Property for Table | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Arguments          | A string specifying the arguments used in the stored procedure. The string takes this format:<br>( <i>argname</i> , <i>valuetype</i> { (" <i>valuesrc</i> " {, <i>datasrc</i> , <i>paramtype</i> } )<br><i>Argname</i> is the name of the stored procedure parameter.<br><i>Valuetype</i> is one of the keywords described below. <i>datasrc</i> and <i>paramtype</i> apply to the <b>COLUMN</b> keyword.<br><i>Valuesrc</i> is the column, computed field, or expression that produces the value to be passed to the stored procedure. |
| Method             | A string specifying the name of the stored procedure. The stored procedure is used only if the value of <i>Type</i> is <b>SP</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Type               | Specifies whether the database update is performed using a stored procedure.<br>Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>SP</b> – The update is performed using a stored procedure.</li> <li><b>SQL</b> – The update is performed using standard <b>SQL</b> syntax (default).</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

| Keyword for<br>valuetype | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| COLUMN                   | <p>The argument value will be taken from the table and column named in <i>valuesrc</i>. <i>Valuesrc</i> has the form:</p> <p><i>"tablename.column"</i></p> <p>For COLUMN, you must also specify whether the data is the new or original column value. Values for <i>datasrc</i> are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NEW</b> The new column value that is being sent to the database.</li> <li>• <b>ORIG</b> The value that the DataWindow originally read from the database.</li> </ul> <p>You can also specify the type of stored procedure parameter. Values for <i>paramtype</i> are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IN</b> (Default) An input parameter for the procedure.</li> <li>• <b>OUT</b> An output parameter for the procedure. The DataWindow will assign the resulting value to the current row and column (usually used for identity and timestamp columns).</li> <li>• <b>INOUT</b> An input and output parameter.</li> </ul> <p>A sample string for providing a column argument is:</p> <pre>("empid", COLUMN=("employee.empid", ORIG, IN))</pre> |
| COMPUTE                  | <p>The computed field named in <i>valuesrc</i> is the source of the value passed to the stored procedure.</p> <p>A sample string for providing a computed field argument is:</p> <pre>("newsalary", COMPUTE=("salary_calc"))</pre>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| EXPRESSION               | <p>The expression specified in <i>valuesrc</i> is evaluated and passed to the stored procedure.</p> <p>A sample string for providing an expression argument is:</p> <pre>("dept_name",<br/>EXPRESSION=("LookupDisplay(dept_id)"))</pre>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| UNUSED                   | No value is passed to the stored procedure.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Set the values using Rows>Stored Procedure Update. Select the tab page for the **SQL** command you want to associate with a stored procedure.

**In code** If you enable a DataWindow object to use stored procedures to update the database when it is not already using stored procedures, you must change Type to SP first. Setting Type ensures that internal structures are built before you set Method and Arguments. If you do not change Type to SP, then setting Method or Arguments will fail.

When the values you specify in code are nested in a longer string, you must use the appropriate escape characters for quotation marks.

### Examples

Each is all on one line:

```
dw_x.Describe("DataWindow.Table.Delete.Method")
dw_x.Describe("DataWindow.Table.Delete.Arguments")
dw_x.Modify("DataWindow.Table.Delete.Type=SP")
dw_x.Modify("DataWindow.Table.Delete.Arguments=
 (~"id~", COLUMN=(~"department.dept_id!~", ORIG))")
dw_x.Modify("DataWindow.Table.Delete.Method=
 ~"spname~")
```

## TabSequence

### Description

The number assigned to the specified control in the DataWindow's tab order.

### Applies to

Button, Column, Computed Field, Graph, OLE Object, OLE Database Blob, Picture, and Text controls

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.columnname.TabSequence
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"columnname.TabSequence { = number }"
```

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                                                                                 |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>columnname</i> | The name of the column whose tab order you want to get or set.                                                                                              |
| <i>number</i>     | A number from 0 to 32000 specifying the position of the column in the tab order. A value of 0 takes the column out of the tab order and makes it read-only. |

### Usage

**In the painter** Set the value using Format>Tab Order.

### Examples

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.emp_name.TabSequence
dw1.Object.emp_name.TabSequence = 10
```



```
setting = dw1.Describe("emp_name.TabSequence")
dw1.Modify("emp_name.TabSequence = 10")
```

## Tag

### Description

The tag value of the specified control. The tag value can be any text you see fit to use in your application.

### Applies to

Button, Column, Computed Field, Graph, GroupBox, Oval, Picture, Rectangle, Report, RoundRectangle, TableBlob, and Text controls

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.Tag
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"controlname.Tag { = ' string ' }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                     |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of a control in the DataWindow.                                                                                        |
| <i>string</i>      | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string specifying the tag for <i>controlname</i> . <i>String</i> is quoted and can be a DataWindow expression. |

### Usage

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Tag option.

### Examples

```
setting = dw1.Object.blob_1.Tag
dw1.Object.graph_1.Tag = 'Graph of results'

setting = dw1.Describe("blob_1.Tag")
dw1.Modify("graph_1.Tag = 'Graph of results'")
```

## Target

### Description

The columns and expressions whose data is transferred from the DataWindow to the OLE object.

### Applies to

OLE Object controls

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.oleobjectname.Target
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"oleobjectname.Target { = ' columnlist ' }"
```

| Parameter            | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>oleobjectname</i> | The name of the OLE Object control for which you want to get or set the data to be transferred.                                                                                                                 |
| <i>columnlist</i>    | ( <i>exp</i> ) A list of the columns or expressions whose data is transferred to the OLE object. If there is more than one, separate them with commas. <i>Columnlist</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

**Usage**

GroupBy and Range also affect the data that is transferred to the OLE object.

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Data tab, Target Data option.

**Examples**

```
setting = dw1.Object.ole_1.Target
dw1.Object.ole_1.Target = 'lname, Len(companyname) '

setting = dw1.Describe("ole_1.Target")
dw1.Modify("ole_1.Target = 'lname, Len(companyname) '")
```

## Template

**Description**

The name of a file that will be used to start the application in OLE.

**Applies to**

TableBlob controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.tblobname.Template
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"tblobname.Template { = ' string ' }"
```

| Parameter        | Description                                                                                                                                                        |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>tblobname</i> | The name of a TableBlob control in the DataWindow.                                                                                                                 |
| <i>string</i>    | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string whose value is the file name of an application that is to be the OLE template. <i>String</i> is quoted and can be a DataWindow expression. |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Definition tab, File Template option.

**Examples**

```
setting = dw1.Object.blob_1.Template
dw1.Object.blob_1.Template='Excel.xls '

setting = dw1.Describe("blob_1.Template")
dw1.Modify("blob_1.Template='Excel.xls '")
```

## Text

**Description** The text of the specified control.

**Applies to** Button, GroupBox, and Text controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.textname.Text
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"textname.Text { = ' string ' }"
```

| Parameter       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>textname</i> | The name of a control in the DataWindow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>string</i>   | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string specifying the text for <i>textname</i> . To specify an accelerator key in the text, include an ampersand before the desired letter. The letter will display underlined. <i>String</i> is quoted and can be a DataWindow expression. |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Text option.

### Examples

```
setting = dw1.Object.text_1.Text
dw1.Object.text_1.Text = "Employee &Name"

setting = dw1.Describe("text_1.Text")
dw1.Modify("text_1.Text='Employee &Name'")
```

## Timer\_Interval

**Description** The number of milliseconds between the internal timer events. When you use time in a DataWindow, an internal timer event is triggered at the interval specified by `Timer_Interval`. This determines how often time fields are updated.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Timer_Interval
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"DataWindow.Timer_Interval { = number }"
```

**SyntaxFromSql:**

```
DataWindow (Timer_Interval = number)
```

| Parameter     | Description                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>number</i> | An integer specifying the interval between timer events in milliseconds. The default is 60,000 milliseconds or one minute. The maximum value is 65,535 milliseconds. |

**Usage**

When a computed field uses Now as its expression value, it refreshes the displayed value every time the timer interval period elapses.

**In the painter** Select the DataWindow by deselecting all controls; then set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Timer Interval option.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Timer_Interval
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Timer_Interval = 10000

setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Timer_Interval")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Timer_Interval=10000")
```

**Title**

**Description**

The title of the graph.

**Applies to**

Graph controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.graphname.Title
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"graphname.Title { = ' titlestring ' }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                        |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>graphname</i>   | In the DataWindow object, the name of the Graph control for which you want to get or set the title |
| <i>titlestring</i> | A string specifying the graph's title                                                              |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Title option.

The default expression for the Title.DispAttr.DisplayExpression property is "title", which refers to the value of the Title property. The display expression can combine the fixed text of the Title property with other text, functions, and operators. If the expression for Title.DispAttr.DisplayExpression does not include the Title property, then the value of the Title property will be ignored.

For an example, see [DispAttr.fontproperty](#).

**Examples**

```
setting = dw1.Object.gr_1.Title
dw1.Object.gr_1.Title = 'Sales Graph'
setting = dw1.Describe("gr_1.Title")
dw1.Modify("gr_1.Title = 'Sales Graph'")
```

**Title.DispAttr.fontproperty**

See [DispAttr.fontproperty](#).

**Tooltip.property****Description**

Settings for tooltips for a column or control.

**Applies to**

Button, Column, Computed Field, Graph, GroupBox, InkPicture, Line, OLE, Blob OLE, Oval, Picture, Rectangle, Report, RoundedRectangle, and Text controls

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.Tooltip.property
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"controlname.Tooltip.property { = ' value ' }"
```

SyntaxFromSql:

```
Column (Tooltip.property = value)
Text (Tooltip.property = value)
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The control whose Tooltip properties you want to get or set.<br>When generating DataWindow syntax with <a href="#">SyntaxFromSql</a> , the Tooltip settings apply to all columns or all text controls. |
| <i>property</i>    | A property that applies to the tooltip of a control, as listed in the Property table below.                                                                                                            |
| <i>value</i>       | Values for the properties are shown below. <i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression.                                                                                                         |

| Property for Tooltip | Value                                                                                                                                |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BackColor            | ( <i>exp</i> ) A long specifying the color (the red, green, and blue values) to be used for the background color of the tooltip box. |

| Property for Tooltip | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Delay.initial        | ( <i>exp</i> ) An integer specifying the time in milliseconds before the tooltip box displays (minimum zero, maximum 32767). Default value is 0.                                                                                                                                      |
| Delay.visible        | ( <i>exp</i> ) An integer specifying the time in milliseconds that the tooltip box remains visible (minimum zero, maximum 32767). Default value is 32000.                                                                                                                             |
| Enabled              | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the tooltip is enabled. Values are:<br>Yes – The tooltip is enabled.<br>No – (Default) The tooltip is disabled.                                                                                                                                                |
| HasCloseButton       | Reserved for future use only                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Icon                 | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string for the icon to display to the left of the title in the tooltip box. The default is for no icon to display. Three stock icons are available for display in the tooltip box: Info, Warning, and Error.<br><br>0 – None<br>1 – Info<br>2 – Warning<br>3 – Error |
| Isbubble             | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the tooltip box displays as a basic rectangle or a callout bubble.<br>Values are:<br>0 – Displays the standard tooltip shape.<br>1 – Displays the tooltip as a rounded callout bubble.                                                                         |
| MaxWidth             | Reserved for future use only                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Position             | Reserved for future use only                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Tip                  | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string specifying the text for the tooltip. If you use an expression, make sure the result is converted to a string.                                                                                                                                                 |
| Title                | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string specifying the tooltip box title. If you use an expression, make sure the result is converted to a string.                                                                                                                                                    |
| Textcolor            | ( <i>exp</i> ) A long expression specifying the color (the red, green, and blue values) to be used as the control's tooltip color.                                                                                                                                                    |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value on the Tooltip tab of the Properties view.

Not available for columns or controls in RichText, Graph, or OLE DataWindow objects. If you want to add a tooltip to an InkPicture in a DataWindow, that InkPicture must not be enabled.

**Examples**

```
dw_1.Object.oval_1.Tooltip.Color = RGB(255, 0, 128)
ls_data = dw_1.Describe("oval_1.Tooltip.Color")
dw_1.Modify("emp_name.Tooltip.Color='11665407'")

SQLCA.SyntaxFromSQL(sql_syntax, &
 "Style(...) Column(Tooltip.Delay.Visible=15 ...) &
 ...", ls_Errors)
```

```
SQLCA.SyntaxFromSQL(sql_syntax, &
 "Style(...) Column(Tooltip.TextColor=11665407 ...) "&
 , ls_Errors)
```

## Trail\_Footer

### Description

Whether the footer of a nested report is displayed at the end of the report or at the bottom of the page. Trail\_Footer applies only to reports in a composite DataWindow. Setting Trail\_Footer to No forces controls following the report onto a new page.

### Applies to

Report controls

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.reportname.Trail_Footer
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"reportname.Trail_Footer { = value }"
```

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>reportname</i> | The name of the report control for which you want to get or set Trail_Footer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <i>value</i>      | Whether the report's footer trails the last line of the report or appears at the bottom of the page.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – The footer appears right after the last line of data in the report.<br>No – The footer appears at the bottom of the page, forcing any data following the report onto the following page. |

### Examples

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.rpt_1.Trail_Footer
dw1.Object.rpt_1.Trail_Footer = "Yes"

setting = dw1.Describe("rpt_1.Trail_Footer")
dw1.Modify("rpt_1.Trail_Footer = Yes")
```

## Trailer.#.property

See [Bandname.property](#).

## Transparency (columns and controls)

**Description** Settings for the transparency of the text in a control.

**Applies to** Button, Column, Computed Field, GroupBox, and Text controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.Transparency
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"controlname.Transparency { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the column or control in the DataWindow for which you want to specify the percentage transparency for the text of the column or control. |
| <i>value</i>       | ( <i>exp</i> ) An integer in the range 0 to 100, where 0 means that the text background is opaque and 100 that it is completely transparent.         |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Font tab of the Properties view.

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### Using Transparency with fonts

The Transparency property works with fonts, but only on screen. Text with transparent properties appears blurry in PDF files. The transparent text does not display in print unless you use True Type fonts.

In Windows Vista, ClearType anti-aliasing conflicts with the transparency settings and causes the fonts to appear blurred. Turn off ClearType to avoid this problem; font transparency will work, but the fonts will not be smoothed. You can also avoid using ClearType fonts.

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**Examples**

```
setting = dw_1.Object.cb_1.Transparency
dw_1.Object.cb_1.Transparency = 50
```

## Transparency (picture controls in DataWindows)

**Description** Settings for the transparency of a picture control. This feature is not supported in the RichText and OLE processing styles.

**Applies to** Picture controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:



`dw_control.Object.controlname.Transparency`

Describe and Modify argument:

`"controlname.Transparency { = ' value ' }"`

| Parameter                | Description                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>controlname</code> | The name of the picture control in the DataWindow for which you want to specify the percentage transparency.                         |
| <code>value</code>       | ( <i>exp</i> ) An integer in the range 0 to 100, where 0 means that the picture is opaque and 100 that it is completely transparent. |

#### Usage

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the General tab of the Properties view.

#### Examples

`dw_1.Object.p_1.Transparency = 50`

## Transparency (DataWindow objects)

#### Description

Setting that controls the transparency of the background/primary gradient color.

#### Applies to

DataWindows

#### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

`dw_control.transparency`

Describe and Modify argument:

`"DataWindow (transparency = { integer } )"`

| Parameter            | Description                                                                                                                              |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>integer</code> | An integer in the range 0 to 100, where 0 means that the primary color (background) is opaque and 100 that it is completely transparent. |

#### Usage

**In the painter** Select the DataWindow object and set the value on the Background tab of the Properties view.

If you save to an EMF or WMF, the properties on the Background tab are not saved with the DataWindow.

#### See also

Brushmode  
Color

## Tree.*property*

**Description** Settings for a TreeView DataWindow.

**Applies to** TreeView DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

*dw\_control*.Object.DataWindow.Tree.*property*

Describe and Modify argument:

"DataWindow.Tree.*property* { = *value* } "

| Parameter       | Description                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>property</i> | A property that controls the appearance or behavior of the TreeView DataWindow. Properties and their settings are listed in the table below.     |
| <i>value</i>    | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string value for the file name of the tree node icon in the detail band.<br><i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

| Property for Tree    | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DefaultExpandToLevel | A long value that is the default level of expansion for the TreeView DataWindow. For example, if the default level is 2, only data with a level less than or equal to 2 is expanded by default. The value must represent a valid level.<br>Painter: Expand To Level By Default drop-down list on the General page in the Properties view. The list displays the levels that have been created for the DataWindow.                                                 |
| Indent               | A long value in the units specified for the DataWindow that defines the position of the state icon. The state icon is a plus (+) or minus (-) sign that indicates whether the tree node is in a collapsed or expanded state. The icon's indent indicates the level of the node in the tree. The X position of the state icon is the X position of its parent plus <i>value</i> .<br>Painter: Select or enter a value in the Indent Value box on the General page. |
| SelectNodeByMouse    | A boolean value that indicates whether you can select a tree node by clicking the node with the mouse.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – You can select a tree node with a mouse-click (default).<br>No – You cannot select a tree node with a mouse-click.<br>Painter: Node By Mouse check box.                                                                                                                                                                            |

| Property for Tree        | Value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ShowConnectLines         | <p>A boolean value that indicates whether lines connecting parents and children display in the DataWindow object. If you want to show lines connecting rows in the detail band to their parent, you must also set ShowLeafNodeConnectLines.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Display connecting lines (default).</li> <li>No – Do not display connecting lines.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Show Lines check box.</p>                     |
| ShowLeafNodeConnectLines | <p>A boolean value that indicates whether lines connecting rows in the detail band to their parent display in the DataWindow object. This property is disabled if Show Lines box is not set.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes – Display connecting lines (default).</li> <li>No – Do not display connecting lines.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Connect Leaf Nodes check box.</p>                                                            |
| ShowTreeNodeIcon         | <p>A boolean value that indicates whether tree node icons for level and detail bands display. If this property is not set, the Expanded and Collapsed Tree Node Icon File properties on the General properties page for each TreeView level are disabled.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No – Do not display tree node icons (default).</li> <li>Yes – Display tree node icons.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: Use Tree Node Icon check box.</p> |
| StateIconAlignMode       | <p>A long value that indicates how the state icon is aligned vertically with respect to the TreeView level band.</p> <p>Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 – Middle (default).</li> <li>1 – Top.</li> <li>2 – Bottom.</li> </ul> <p>Painter: State Icon Align Mode drop-down list.</p>                                                                                                                                                            |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the control and set values in the Properties view, General tab.

**Examples** The following code sets and gets the long value that determines how many levels of the TreeView are expanded by default:

```
long ll_expandlevel
dw1.Object.datawindow.tree.DefaultExpandToLevel = 1
ll_expandlevel = &
 dw1.Object.DataWindow.Tree.DefaultExpandToLevel
```

The following code gets and sets the Indent value:

```
indentVal = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Tree.indent
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Tree.indent = 80
```

The following examples manipulate the SelectNodeByMouse property:

```
if cbx_selectnodebymouse.checked then
 ls_selectnodebymouse='yes'
else
 ls_selectnodebymouse='no'
end if
ls_ret=dw1.modify("datawindow.tree.selectnodebymouse='"
"+ls_selectnodebymouse+"'")

if len(ls_ret)>0 then MessageBox("",ls_ret)
end if

ls_selectnodebymouse=dw1.Describe("datawindow.tree.
selectnodebymouse")
if lower(ls_selectnodebymouse)='no' then
 cbx_selectnodebymouse.checked=false
else
 cbx_selectnodebymouse.checked=true
end if

dw1.modify("datawindow.tree.selectnodebymouse='yes'")
dw1.Describe("datawindow.tree.selectnodebymouse")
```

The following examples manipulate the show connecting lines properties:

```
boolean lb_ShowLines, lb_ShowLeafLines
lb_ShowLines = &
 dw1.Object.DataWindow.Tree.ShowConnectLines
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Tree.ShowConnectLines='yes'
lb_ShowLeafLines = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Tree.
ShowLeafNodeConnectLines
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Tree.ShowLeafNodeConnectLines =&
 'yes'
```

The following example gets the current value of the StateIconAlignMode property and sets it to be aligned at the top:

```
ls_StateIconAlignMode =
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Tree.StateIconAlignMode
//Align Top
dw1.Object.DataWindow.Tree.StateIconAlignMode = 1
```

## Tree.Leaf.TreeNodeIconName

**Description** The file name of the tree node icon in the detail band.

**Applies to** TreeView DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Tree.Leaf.TreeNodeIconName
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"DataWindow.Tree.Leaf.TreeNodeIconName { = value } "
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string value for the file name of the tree node icon in the detail band.<br><i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the detail band by clicking the gray divider for the band. Specify a file name and location in the Tree Node Icon File box on the General tab in the Properties view. This property is disabled if Use Tree Node Icon is not set on the General tab in the Properties view for the DataWindow.

**Examples**

```
ls_LeafIcon = &
 dw1.Object.DataWindow.Tree.Leaf.TreeNodeIconName

dw1.Object.DataWindow.Tree.Leaf.TreeNodeIconName = &
 "c:\pictures\treenode.bmp"
```

## Tree.Level.#.property

**Description** The file name of the icon for a TreeView node in a TreeView level band when the icon is in either the expanded or collapsed state. You set the icon file name separately for each TreeView level band.

**Applies to** TreeView DataWindows

**Syntax** **Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"DataWindow.Tree.Level.#.property { = value } "
```

| Parameter | Description                                                                                    |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| #         | The number of the level for which you want to specify an icon.<br>The level number must exist. |

| Parameter       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>property</i> | A property that indicates whether the icon specified is for the expanded or collapsed state. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CollapsedTreeNodeIconName</li> <li>ExpandedTreeNodeIconName</li> </ul> |
| <i>value</i>    | <i>(exp)</i> A string value that is the file name of the tree node icon in the selected TreeView level band.<br><i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression.                                                    |

### Usage

**In the painter** Select the level by clicking the gray divider for the band. Specify a file name and location in the Collapsed Tree Node Icon File and Expanded Tree Node Icon File boxes on the General tab in the Properties view for the band. These properties are disabled if Use Tree Node Icon is not selected on the General tab in the Properties view for the DataWindow.

You cannot get or set these properties using dot notation.

### Examples

The following example gets the name of the icon used when a level 1 node is collapsed:

```
string ls_ico
ls_ico = dw_tview.Describe &
("DataWindow.Tree.Level.1.CollapsedTreeNodeIconName")
```

## Type

### Description

The type of the control (for Describe) or the type of presentation style (for SyntaxFromSql).

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.Type
```

Describe argument:

```
"controlname.Type"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the control for which you want the type. Valid values are:<br>datawindow<br>bitmap (for Picture)<br>button<br>column<br>compute (for Computed Field)<br>graph<br>groupbox<br>line<br>ole<br>ellipse (for Oval)<br>rectangle<br>report<br>roundrectangle<br>tableblob<br>text |

**SyntaxFromSql:**

Style ( Type = *value* )

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | A keyword specifying the presentation style for the DataWindow object. Keywords are:<br>(Default) Tabular<br>Grid<br>Form (for the Freeform style)<br>Crosstab<br>Graph<br>Group<br>Label<br>Nested<br>Ole<br>RichText |

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.emp_name.Type
setting = dw1.Describe("emp_name.Type")
SQLCA.SyntaxFromSQL(sqlstring, &
'Style(... Type=grid ...)', errstring)
```

## Units

**Description** The unit of measure used to specify measurements in the DataWindow object. You set this in the DataWindow Style dialog box when you define the DataWindow object.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Units
```

**Describe** argument:

```
"DataWindow.Units"
```

**SyntaxFromSql:**

```
DataWindow (Units = value)
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | The type of units for measurements in the DataWindow.<br>Values are:<br>0 – PowerBuilder units<br>1 – Display pixels<br>2 – 1/1000 of a logical inch<br>3 – 1/1000 of a logical centimeter |

**Usage** PowerBuilder units and display pixels are adjusted for printing.

**In the painter** Select the DataWindow by deselecting all controls; then set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Units option.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Units
setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Units")
```

## Update

**Description** Whether the specified column is updatable. Each updatable column is included in the **SQL** statement that the Update method sends to the database. All updatable columns should be in the same database table.

**Applies to** Column controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.columnname.Update
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:



"*columnname*.Update { = *value* }"

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>columnname</i> | The column for which you want to get or set the updatable status                                                                                                                                  |
| <i>value</i>      | Whether the column is updatable.<br>Values are:<br>Yes – Include the column in the <b>SQL</b> statement for updating the database.<br>No – Do not include the column in the <b>SQL</b> statement. |

### Usage

**In the painter** Set the value using Rows>Update Properties, Updateable Columns option.

### Examples

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.emp_name.Update
dw1.Object.emp_name.Update = "No"

setting = dw1.Describe("emp_name.Update")
dw1.Modify("emp_name.Update=No")
```

## Validation

### Description

The validation expression for the specified column. Validation expressions are expressions that evaluate to **true** or **false**. They provide checking of data that the user enters in the DataWindow.

To set the validation expression, you can also use the SetValidate method. To check the current validation expression, use the GetValidate method.

### Applies to

Column controls

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

*dw\_control*.Object.*columnname*.Validation

Describe and Modify argument:

"*columnname*.Validation { = ' *validationstring* ' }"

| Parameter               | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>columnname</i>       | The column for which you want to get or set the validation rule..                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>validationstring</i> | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string containing the rule that will be used to validate data entered in the column. Validation rules are expressions that evaluate to <b>true</b> or <b>false</b> . <i>Validationstring</i> is quoted and can be a DataWindow expression. |

**Usage** **In the painter** Set the value using the Column Specifications view, Validation Expression option.

Use operators, functions, and columns to build an expression. Use Verify to test it.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.emp_status.Validation
setting = dw1.Describe("emp_status.Validation")
```

## ValidationMsg

**Description** The message that PowerBuilder displays instead of the default message when an ItemError event occurs in the column.

**Applies to** Column controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.columnname.ValidationMsg
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"columnname.ValidationMsg { = ' string ' }"
```

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                                                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>columnname</i> | The column for which you want to get or set the error message displayed when validation fails.                                    |
| <i>string</i>     | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string specifying the error message you want to set. <i>String</i> is quoted and can be a DataWindow expression. |

**Usage** **In the painter** Set the value using the Column Specifications view, Validation Message option.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.emp_salary.ValidationMsg

dw1.Object.emp_salary.ValidationMsg = &
"Salary must be between 10,000 and 100,000"

setting = dw1.Describe("emp_salary.ValidationMsg")

dw1.Modify("emp_salary.ValidationMsg = " &
"'Salary must be between 10,000 and 100,000'")
```

## Values (for columns)

**Description** The values in the code table for the column.

**Applies to** Column controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.columnname.Values
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"columnname.Values { = ' string ' }"
```

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>columnname</i> | The column for which you want to specify the contents of the code table.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>string</i>     | <p>(<i>exp</i>) A string containing the code table values for the column. In the string, separate the display values and the actual values with a tab character, and separate multiple pairs of values with a slash using this format:</p> <pre>"<i>displayval~tactualval/displayval~tactualval</i> ..."</pre> <p>For example:</p> <pre>"red~t1/white~t2"</pre> <p><i>String</i> is quoted and can be a DataWindow expression.</p> |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Edit tab.

When Style Type is DropDownListBox, fill in the Display Value and Data Value columns for the code table.

When Style is Edit or EditMask, select the Use Code Table or Code Table check box and fill in the Display Value and Data Value columns for the code table.

**Examples**

```
setting = dw1.Object.emp_status.Values
dw1.Object.emp_status.Values = &
 "Active~tA/Part Time~tP/Terminated~tT"
setting = dw1.Describe("emp_status.Values")
dw1.Modify("emp_status.Values =
'Active~tA/Part Time~tP/Terminated~tT'")
```

## Values (for graphs)

See [Axis](#), [Axis.property](#), and [DispAttr.fontproperty](#).

## Vertical\_Size

**Description**

The height of the columns in the detail area of the DataWindow object. Vertical\_Size is meaningful only when Type is Form (meaning the Freeform style). When a column reaches the specified height, PowerBuilder starts a new column to the right of the current column. The space between columns is specified in the Vertical\_Spread property.

**Applies to**

Style keywords

**Syntax**

SyntaxFromSql:

Style ( Vertical\_Size = *value* )

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | An integer specifying the height of the columns in the detail area of the DataWindow object area in the units specified for the DataWindow |

**Examples**

```
SQLCA.SyntaxFromSQL(sqlstring, &
'Style(... Vertical_Size=1225...)', errstring)
```

## Vertical\_Spread

**Description**

The vertical space between columns in the detail area of the DataWindow object. Vertical\_Spread is meaningful only when Type is Form (meaning the Freeform style). The Vertical\_Size property determines when to start a new column.

**Applies to**

Style keywords

**Syntax**

SyntaxFromSql:

Style ( Vertical\_Spread = *value* )

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | An integer specifying the vertical space between columns in the detail area of the DataWindow object area in the units specified for the DataWindow |

**Examples**

```
SQLCA.SyntaxFromSQL(sqlstring, &
'Style(... Vertical_Spread=25...)', errstring)
```

## VerticalScrollMaximum

**Description** The maximum height of the scroll box of the DataWindow's vertical scroll bar. This value is set by PowerBuilder based on the content of the DataWindow. Use VerticalScrollMaximum with VerticalScrollPosition to synchronize vertical scrolling in multiple DataWindow objects. The value is a long.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.VerticalScrollMaximum
```

**Describe** argument:

```
"DataWindow.VerticalScrollMaximum"
```

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.VerticalScrollMaximum
setting =
dw1.Describe("DataWindow.VerticalScrollMaximum")
```

## VerticalScrollPosition

**Description** The position of the scroll box in the vertical scroll bar. Use VerticalScrollMaximum with VerticalScrollPosition to synchronize vertical scrolling in multiple DataWindow objects.

**Applies to** DataWindows

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.VerticalScrollPosition
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"DataWindow.VerticalScrollPosition { = scrollvalue }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                   |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>scrollvalue</i> | A long specifying the position of the scroll box in the vertical scroll bar of the DataWindow |

**Examples**

```
string spos1
spos1 = dw1.Object.DataWindow.VerticalScrollPosition
string spos1, smax, sscroll, modstring
spos1 = &
dw1.Describe("DataWindow.VerticalScrollPosition")
smax = &
dw1.Describe("DataWindow.VerticalScrollMaximum")
```

```

sscroll = String(Long(smax) / 2)
modstring = "DataWindow.VerticalScrollPosition=" + &
 sscroll
dw1.Modify(modstring)

```

## Visible

### Description

Whether the specified control in the DataWindow is visible.

### Applies to

Button, Column, Computed Field, Graph, GroupBox, Line, OLE, Oval, Picture, Rectangle, Report, RoundedRectangle, TableBlob, and Text controls

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.Visible
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"controlname.Visible { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the control for which you want to get or set the Visible property.                                                                                                                                |
| <i>value</i>       | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the specified control is visible.<br>Values are:<br>0 – False; the control is not visible.<br>1 – True; the control is visible.<br><i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

### Usage

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab. The Visible property is not supported for column controls in DataWindow objects with the Label presentation style.

### Examples

```

string setting
setting = dw1.Object.emp_status.Visible
dw1.Object.emp_status.Visible = 0
dw1.Object.emp_stat.Visible="0~tIf(emp_class=1,0,1)"
setting = dw1.Describe("emp_status.Visible")
dw1.Modify("emp_status.Visible=0")
dw1.Modify("emp_stat.Visible='0~tIf(emp_cls=1,0,1)'"")

```

## VTextAlign

**Description** The way text in a button is vertically aligned.

**Applies to** Button controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.buttonname.VTextAlign
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"buttonname.VTextAlign { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>buttonname</i> | The name of the button for which you want to align text.                                                                                  |
| <i>value</i>      | An integer indicating how the button text is horizontally aligned.<br>Values are:<br>0 – Center<br>1 – Top<br>2 – Bottom<br>3 – Multiline |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, General tab, Vertical Alignment option.

**Examples**

```
string setting
dw1.Object.b_name.VTextAlign = "0"
setting = dw1.Describe("b_name.VTextAlign")
dw1.Modify("b_name.VTextAlign ='0'")
```

## Width

**Description** The width of the specified control.

**Applies to** Button, Column, Computed Field, Graph, GroupBox, OLE, Oval, Picture, Rectangle, Report, RoundedRectangle, TableBlob, and Text controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.Width
```

**Describe** and **Modify** argument:

```
"controlname.Width { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                       |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the control for which you want to get or set the width.                                                                               |
| <i>value</i>       | ( <i>exp</i> ) The width of the <i>controlname</i> in the units specified for the DataWindow. <i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Position tab.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.emp_name.Width

dw1.Object.emp_name.Width = 250

setting = dw1.Describe("emp_name.Width")

dw1.Modify("emp_name.Width=250")
```

## Width.Autosize

**Description**

(RichText presentation style only) Whether the column or computed field input field adjusts its width according to the data it contains.

The Width.Autosize and Multiline properties can be set together so that the input field can display multiple lines.

**Applies to**

Column and Computed Field controls in the RichText presentation style

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.Width.Autosize
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"controlname.Width.Autosize { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the column or computed field for which you want to get or set the Autosize setting.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <i>value</i>       | ( <i>exp</i> ) Whether the width of the input field adjusts according to the data it contains. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes – The width adjusts according to the data.</li> <li>• No – The width is fixed and is set to the value of the Width property.</li> </ul> |



**Usage** **In the painter** Select an input field so that it is flashing, then right-click and select Properties from the pop-up menu. Set the value on the property sheet, Input Field tab, Fixed Size option.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.emp_name.Width.Autosize
dw1.Object.emp_name.Width.Autosize = "yes"
setting = dw1.Describe("emp_name.Width.Autosize")
dw1.Modify("emp_name.Width.Autosize=yes")
```

## Width.Autosize

**Description** (Grid presentation style only) Whether a column adjusts its width according to the data it contains.

**Applies to** Column controls in the Grid presentation style

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.Width.Autosize
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"controlname.Width.Autosize { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the column for which you want to get or set the Autosize setting.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>value</i>       | How the width of the column adjusts according to the data it contains. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 – None</li> <li>• 1 – Widest shown</li> <li>• 2 – Widest on page</li> <li>• 3 – Widest retrieved from database</li> </ul> |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select a column control, then set the value in the Properties view, Position tab, Autosize Width option.

## X

**Description** The distance of the specified control from the left edge of the DataWindow object.

**Applies to** Button, Column, Computed Field, Graph, GroupBox, OLE, Oval, Picture, Rectangle, Report, RoundRectangle, TableBlob, and Text controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

`dw_control.Object.controlname.X`

Describe and Modify argument:

`"controlname.X { = ' value ' }"`

| Parameter                | Description                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>controlname</code> | The name of the control for which you want to get or set the x coordinate.                                                                                                           |
| <code>value</code>       | ( <i>exp</i> ) An integer specifying the x coordinate of the control in the unit of measure specified for the DataWindow object. <i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Position tab.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.emp_name.X

dw1.Object.emp_name.X = 10

setting = dw1.Describe("emp_name.X")

dw1.Modify("emp_name.X=10")
```

## X1, X2

**Description** The distance of each end of the specified line from the left edge of the line's band.

**Applies to** Line controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

`dw_control.Object.controlname.X1`

`dw_control.Object.controlname.X2`

Describe and Modify argument:

`"controlname.X1 { = ' value ' }"`

`"controlname.X2 { = ' value ' }"`

| Parameter                | Description                                                                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>controlname</code> | The name of the line for which you want to get or set one of the x coordinates. |

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                       |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | ( <i>exp</i> ) An integer specifying the x coordinate of the line in the unit of measure specified for the DataWindow object. <i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

**Usage**

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Position tab.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.line_1.X1

dw1.Object.line_1.X1 = 10
dw1.Object.line_1.X2 = 1000

setting = dw1.Describe("line_1.X1")

dw1.Modify("line_1.X1=10")
dw1.Modify("line_1.X2=1000")
```

## XHTMLGen.Browser

**Description**

A string that identifies the browser in which XHTML generated within an XSLT style sheet is displayed.

**Obsolete property**

`XHTMLGen.browser` is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

**Applies to**

DataWindow objects

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.XHTMLGen.Browser
```

`Describe` and `Modify` argument:

```
"DataWindow.XHTMLGen.Browser { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | ( <i>exp</i> ) A string identifying the browser in which you want to display the generated XHTML. The value should match the browser identifier part of the text string that the browser specifies in the HTTP header it sends to the server. This property is usually set dynamically on the server according to the HTTP header returned from the client. Recognized strings are listed in the Usage section below. |

**Usage**

If the string specifies a browser that the DataWindow engine supports, the DataWindow generates an XSLT style sheet and JavaScript for XHTML transformation optimized for that browser. Browser-specific XSLT and JavaScript are generated only for Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.0 and later and Netscape 6.0 and later.

Browser identification strings are sent by the client to the server in the HTTP header. The server component can assign the HTTP\_USER\_AGENT value from the HTTP header to the Browser property.

The XML Web DataWindow generator recognizes these browsers:

| Browser                     | HTTP header string                                                                                             |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Microsoft Internet Explorer | Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 5.0;<br>Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 5.5;<br>Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.x; |
| Netscape                    | Mozilla/5.0(                                                                                                   |

**In the painter** On the Web Generation tab in the Properties view for the DataWindow object, select XHTML from the Format to Configure list and select a browser from the list.

## XMLGen.property

**Description**

Settings that specify how XML is generated, whether client-side, postback, or callback paging is used, the physical path to which XML is published, and the URL referenced by the JavaScript that transforms the XML to XHTML.

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**Obsolete property**

*XMLGen.property* is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

---

**Applies to**

DataWindow objects

**Syntax**

PowerBuilder dot notation:

*dw\_control*.Object.DataWindow.XMLGen.property

Describe and Modify argument:

"DataWindow.XMLGen.property { = value }"

| Parameter       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>property</i> | One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inline</li> <li>• PublishPath</li> <li>• ResourceBase</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>value</i>    | <p>(<i>exp</i>) <b>Inline</b> – A boolean that specifies whether the XML generated for the XML Web DataWindow is generated inline to the XSLT transformation script. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>true</b> – The XML is generated within the XSLT transformation script.</li> <li><b>false</b> – (default) The XML is published to a separate document.</li> </ul> <p>(<i>exp</i>) <b>PublishPath</b> – A string that specifies the physical path of the Web site folder to which PowerBuilder publishes the generated XML document that contains the XML Web DataWindow content.</p> <p>(<i>exp</i>) <b>ResourceBase</b> – A string that specifies the URL of the generated XML document that contains the XML Web DataWindow content.</p> |

**Usage**

**Inline** The XML published on the Internet in your XML Web DataWindow could contain sensitive data, and this data might be exposed to Internet users when published to a separate document. For increased security, if the **Inline** property is set to **true**, the XML is generated “inline” to the XSLT transformation script in the page that renders the control. If only authenticated users have access to this script, the security of the XML is ensured. Setting this property should have no adverse side effects on the caching efficiency of the control.

**PublishPath and ResourceBase** The **PublishPath** folder must correspond to the URL specified in the **ResourceBase** property. At runtime, after PowerBuilder generates XML content to the **PublishPath** folder, client-side JavaScript in a generated page downloads it using a reference to the **ResourceBase** property. The JavaScript transforms the XML content to XHTML using the generated XSLT style sheet.

**In the painter** On the Web Generation tab in the Properties view for the DataWindow object, select XML from the Format to Configure list and select the options you require.

**Examples**

These statements set the XMLGen.ResourceBase and XMLGen.PublishPath properties:

```
dw1.Object.DataWindow.XMLGen.ResourceBase= &
```

```
'http://www.myserver.com/xmlsource'
dw1.Object.DataWindow.XMLGen.PublishPath= &
'C:\work\outputfiles\xmlsource'
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.XMLGen.PublishPath=
'C:\Inetpub\wwwroot\MyWebApp\generatedfiles'")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.XMLGen.ResourceBase=
'/MyWebApp/generatedfiles'")
```

This statement sets the XMLGen.Inline property so that XML is generated inline:

```
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.XMLGen.Inline='1'")
```

## XSLTGen.*property*

### Description

Settings that specify the physical path to which the generated XSLT style sheet is published and the URL referenced by the JavaScript that transforms the XML to XHTML.

---

### Obsolete property

*XSLTGen.property* is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

---

### Applies to

DataWindow objects

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.XSLTGen.property
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"DataWindow.XSLTGen.property { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>property</i> | One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PublishPath</li><li>ResourceBase</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>value</i>    | <i>(exp)</i> PublishPath – A string that specifies the physical path of the Web site folder to which PowerBuilder publishes the generated XSLT style sheet<br><i>(exp)</i> ResourceBase – A string that specifies the URL of the generated XSLT style sheet |

**Usage** The PublishPath folder must correspond to the URL specified in the ResourceBase property. At runtime, after PowerBuilder generates the XSLT style sheet to the PublishPath folder, client-side JavaScript in a generated page downloads it using a reference to the ResourceBase property. The JavaScript transforms the XML content to XHTML using the generated XSLT style sheet.

**In the painter** On the Web Generation tab in the Properties view for the DataWindow object, select XSLT from the Format to Configure list and specify the ResourceBase and Publish Path locations.

**Examples** These statements set the XSLTGen.ResourceBase and XSLTGen.PublishPath properties:

```
dw1.Object.DataWindow.XSLTGen.ResourceBase= &
'http://www.myserver.com/xmlsource'
dw1.Object.DataWindow.XSLTGen.PublishPath= &
'C:\work\outputfiles\xmlsource'
```

## Y

**Description** The distance of the specified control from the top of the control's band.

**Applies to** Button, Column, Computed Field, Graph, GroupBox, OLE, Oval, Picture, Rectangle, Report, RoundRectangle, TableBlob, and Text controls

**Syntax** PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.Y
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"controlname.Y { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the control for which you want to get or set the y coordinate.                                                                                                           |
| <i>value</i>       | ( <i>exp</i> ) An integer specifying the y coordinate of the control in the unit of measure specified for the DataWindow object. <i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

**Usage** **In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Position tab.

**Examples**

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.emp_name.Y

dw1.Object.emp_name.Y = 100
setting = dw1.Describe("emp_name.Y")
```

```
dw1.Modify("emp_name.Y=100")
```

## Y1, Y2

### Description

The distance of each end of the specified line from the top of the line's band.

### Applies to

Line controls

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.controlname.Y1
dw_control.Object.controlname.Y2
```

Describe and Modify argument:

```
"controlname.Y1 { = ' value ' }"
"controlname.Y2 { = ' value ' }"
```

| Parameter          | Description                                                                                                                                                                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i> | The name of the line for which you want to get or set one of the y coordinates.                                                                                                   |
| <i>value</i>       | ( <i>exp</i> ) An integer specifying the y coordinate of the line in the unit of measure specified for the DataWindow object. <i>Value</i> can be a quoted DataWindow expression. |

### Usage

**In the painter** Select the control and set the value in the Properties view, Position tab.

### Examples

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.line_1.Y1

dw1.Object.line_1.Y1 = 50
dw1.Object.line_1.Y2 = 50

setting = dw1.Describe("line_1.Y1")
dw1.Modify("line_1.Y1=50")
dw1.Modify("line_1.Y2=50")
```

## Zoom

### Description

The scaling percentage of the DataWindow object.

### Applies to

DataWindows

### Syntax

PowerBuilder dot notation:

```
dw_control.Object.DataWindow.Zoom
```



Describe and Modify argument:

"DataWindow.Zoom { = *value* }"

| Parameter    | Description                                                                                 |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | An integer specifying the scaling percentage of the DataWindow object. The default is 100%. |

### Usage

**In the painter** To see the effect of different zoom factors in Preview mode, use Design>Zoom. The zoom factor you set in the painter is not used at runtime.

---

### Limitation

The zoom property is not supported for the Graph, RichText, and OLE DataWindow styles.

---

### Examples

```
string setting
setting = dw1.Object.DataWindow.Zoom

dw1.Object.DataWindow.Zoom = 50

setting = dw1.Describe("DataWindow.Zoom")
dw1.Modify("DataWindow.Zoom=50")
```



**About this chapter**

This chapter explains the syntax for constructing expressions that access data in a DataWindow object.

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## Accessing data and properties in DataWindow programming environments

In each programming environment, you can use methods and sometimes expressions to access the data and properties of a DataWindow object.

**Data**

**Methods for single items of data** These include `GetItemString` for data and `Describe` and `Modify` for properties. These methods are available in all environments.

**DataWindow data expressions** These let you access single items and blocks of data. You can access data in a single column, data in selected rows, and ranges of rows and columns.

Data expressions have a variety of syntaxes depending on the amount of data you want to access.

You can get and set data values using the following syntax:

```
dwcontrol.Object.Data [startrownum, startcolnum, endrownum,
endcolnum]
```

For a list of syntaxes, see [Syntaxes for DataWindow data expressions on page 434](#).

**Properties**

**Methods for properties** These are `Describe` and `Modify`. These methods are available in all environments.

**DataWindow property expressions** These let you get and set the values of properties of the DataWindow definition and of controls contained within the definition, such as columns and text labels.

Property expressions take this form:

```
dwcontrol.Object.columnname.columnproperty = value
```

Where to find information

This chapter discusses techniques for accessing data with emphasis on data expressions.

For information on accessing properties using methods or property expressions, see [Chapter 5, Accessing DataWindow Object Properties in Code](#).

## Techniques for accessing data

Two techniques

There are two ways to access data values in a DataWindow control:

- **Methods** SetItem and the group of GetItem methods access single values in specific rows and columns. For example:

```
dw_1.SetItem(1, "empname", "Phillips")
ls_name = dw_1.GetItemString(1, "empname")
```

- **Expressions** DataWindow data expressions use dot notation and can refer to single items, columns, blocks of data, selected data, or the whole DataWindow control. For example:

```
dw_1.Object.empname[1] = "Phillips"
dw_1.Object.Data[1,1] = "Phillips"
```

Both methods allow you to access data in any buffer and to get original or current values.

Which technique to use

The technique you use depends on how much data you are accessing and whether you know the names of the DataWindow columns when the script is compiled:

**Table 4-1: Which technique to use when accessing data**

| If you want to access                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Use                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A single item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Either an expression or a method. Both are equally efficient when referring to single items.<br><br><hr/> <b>Exception</b><br>If you want to use a column's name rather than its number, and the name is not known until runtime, use a method; methods allow you to name the column dynamically. |
| More than one item, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All the data in a column</li> <li>• A block of data specified by ranges of rows and columns</li> <li>• Data in selected rows</li> <li>• All the data in the DataWindow</li> </ul> | An expression. Specifying the data you want in a single statement is much more efficient than calling the methods repeatedly in a program loop.                                                                                                                                                   |

**What's in this section**

The rest of this section describes how to construct expressions for accessing DataWindow data. The section [Syntaxes for DataWindow data expressions on page 434](#) provides reference information on the syntaxes for data expressions.

**For information on methods**

For information about using methods for accessing data, see [SetItem](#), [GetItemDate](#), [GetItemDateTime](#), [GetItemDecimal](#), [GetItemNumber](#), [GetItemString](#), and [GetItemTime](#) in [Chapter 9, Methods for the DataWindow Control](#).

## About DataWindow data expressions

The Object property of the DataWindow control lets you specify expressions that refer directly to the data of the DataWindow object in the control. This direct data manipulation allows you to access small and large amounts of data in a single statement, without calling methods.

There are several variations of data expression syntax, divided into three groups. This section summarizes these syntaxes. The syntaxes are described in detail later in this chapter.

**Data in columns or computed fields when you know the name**

**One or all items** (if rownum is absent, include either *buffer* or *datasource*)

```
dwcontrol.Object.columnname {.buffer} {.datasource} {[rownum] }
```

Returns a single value (for a specific row number) or an array of values (when *rownum* is omitted) from the column.

See [Syntax for one or all data items in a named column on page 435](#).

#### Selected items

```
dwcontrol.Object.columnname {.Primary} {.datasource}.Selected
```

Returns an array of values from the column with an array element for each selected row.

See [Syntax for selected data in a named column on page 437](#).

#### Range of items

```
dwcontrol.Object.columnname {.buffer} {.datasource} [startrownum,
endrownum]
```

Returns an array of values from the column with an array element for each row in the range.

See [Syntax for a range of data in a named column on page 439](#).

### Data in numbered columns

#### Single items

```
dwcontrol.Object.Data {.buffer} {.datasource} [rownum, colnum]
```

Returns a single item whose datatype is the datatype of the column.

See [Syntax for a single data item in a DataWindow on page 441](#).

#### Blocks of data

 involving a range of rows and columns

```
dwcontrol.Object.Data {.buffer} {.datasource} [startrownum,
startcolnum, endrownum, endcolnum]
```

Returns an array of structures or user objects. The structure elements match the columns in the range. There is one array element for each row in the range.

See [Syntax for data in a block of rows and columns on page 442](#).

### Whole rows

#### Single row or all rows

```
dwcontrol.Object.Data {.buffer} {.datasource} { [rownum] }
```

Returns one structure or user object (for a single row) or an array of them (for all rows). The structure elements match the columns in the DataWindow object.

See [Syntax for data in a single row or all rows on page 444](#).

#### Selected rows

```
dwcontrol.Object.Data {.Primary} {.datasource}.Selected
```

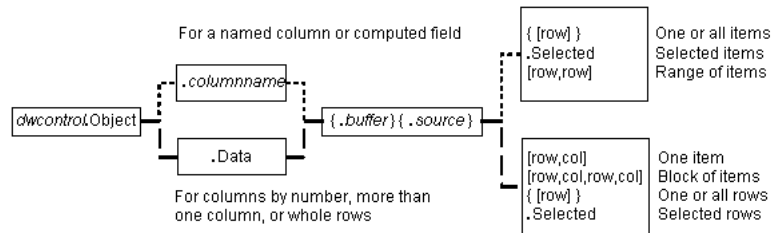
Returns an array of structures or user objects. The structure elements match the columns in the DataWindow object. There is one array element for each selected row.

See [Syntax for all data from selected rows on page 445](#).

### Summary of syntaxes

This diagram summarizes the variations in data expression syntax:

**Figure 4-1: Variations in data expression syntax**



For information about getting and setting values of DataWindow object properties using a similar syntax, see [Chapter 5, Accessing DataWindow Object Properties in Code](#).

## When a DataWindow data expression is evaluated

Expressions that refer to DataWindow data are not verified until execution of your application.

### No compiler checking

When your script is compiled, PowerBuilder does not verify the parameters of the expression that follow the Object property. Your application can select or change the DataWindow object in a DataWindow control at runtime without invalidating the compiled script.

### Potential execution errors

If the datatype of the expression is not compatible with how the expression is used, or if the specified rows or columns do not exist, an error will occur at runtime.

You can handle the error by surrounding the expression in a try-catch block and catching any `DWRuntimeErrors`, or by writing a script for the DataWindow control's Error event.

## Getting and storing the data from a DataWindow data expression

A DataWindow data expression can return a large amount of data.

Data structures for data

**Single row and column** When your data expression refers to a single row and column, you can assign the data to a variable whose data matches the column's datatype. When the expression refers to a single column but can refer to multiple rows, you must specify an array of the appropriate datatype.

**More than one column** When the expression refers to more than one column, you can get or set the data with a structure or user object. When you create the definition, you must assign datatypes to the fields (in a structure) or instance variables (in a user object) that match the datatypes of the columns. When your expression refers to multiple rows, you get an array of the structure or user object.

Likewise, if you want to set data in the DataWindow control, you will set up the data in structures or user objects whose elements match the columns referred to in the expression. An array of those structures or user objects will provide data for multiple rows.

**Datatypes** For matching purposes, the datatypes should be appropriate to the data—for example, any numeric datatype matches any other numeric type.

Examples of data structures

The following table presents some examples of data specified by an expression and the type of data structures you might define for storing the data:

*Table 4-2: Types of storage for data specified by an expression*

| Type of selection         | Sample data storage                                                                                                                                                    |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A single item             | A single variable of the appropriate datatype.                                                                                                                         |
| A column of values        | An array of the appropriate datatype.                                                                                                                                  |
| A row                     | A structure whose elements have datatypes that match the DataWindow object's columns.<br>A user object whose instance variables match the DataWindow object's columns. |
| Selected rows or all rows | An array of the structure or user object defined for a row.                                                                                                            |
| A block of values         | An array of structures or user objects whose elements or instance variables match the columns included in the selected range.                                          |

Assigning data to arrays

When a data expression is assigned to an array, values are assigned beginning with array element 1 regardless of the starting row number. If the array is larger than the number of rows accessed, elements beyond that number are unchanged. If it is smaller, a variable-size array will grow to hold the new values. However, a fixed-size array that is too small for the number of rows will cause an execution error.



**Two ways to instantiate user objects**

A user object needs to be instantiated before it is used.

One way is to use the **CREATE** statement after you declare the user object. If you declare an array of the user object, you must use **CREATE** for each array element.

The second way is to select the Autoinstantiate box for the user object in the User Object painter. When you declare the user object in a script, the user object will be automatically instantiated, like a structure.

**Any datatype and data expressions**

The actual datatype of a DataWindow data expression is Any, which allows the compiler to process the expression even though the final datatype is unknown. When data is accessed at runtime, you can assign the result to another Any variable or to a variable, structure, or user object whose datatype matches the real data.

**Examples**

**A single value** This example gets a value from column 2, whose datatype is string:

```
string ls_name
ls_name = dw_1.Object.Data[1,2]
```

**A structure that matches DataWindow columns** In this example, a DataWindow object has four columns:

- An ID (number)
- A name (string)
- A retired status (boolean)
- A birth date (date)

A structure to hold these values has been defined in the Structure painter. It is named str\_empdata and has four elements whose datatypes are integer, string, boolean, and date. To store the values of an expression that accesses some or all the rows, you need an array of str\_empdata structures to hold the data:

```
str_empdata lstr_currdata[]
lstr_currdata = dw_1.Object.Data
```

After this example executes, the upper bound of the array of structures, which is variable-size, is equal to the number of rows in the DataWindow control.

**A user object that matches DataWindow columns** If the preceding example involved a user object instead of a structure, then a user object defined in the User Object painter, called uo\_empdata, would have four instance variables, defined in the same order as the DataWindow columns:

```
integer id
string name
boolean retired
date birthdate
```

Before accessing three rows, three array elements of the user object have been created (you could use a **FOR NEXT** loop for this). The user object was not defined with Autoinstantiate enabled:

```
uo_empdata luo_empdata[3]
luo_empdata[1] = CREATE uo_empdata
luo_empdata[2] = CREATE uo_empdata
luo_empdata[3] = CREATE uo_empdata
luo_empdata = dw_1.Object.Data[1,1,3,4]
```

### Setting DataWindow data with a DataWindow data expression

When you set data in a DataWindow control, the datatypes of the source values must match the datatypes of the columns being set.

#### Single value or an array

When your data expression refers to a single row and column, you can set the value in the DataWindow control with a value that matches the column's datatype. When you are setting values in a single column and specifying an expression that can refer to multiple rows, the values you assign must be in an array of the appropriate datatype.

#### Multiple columns and whole rows

When the expression refers to more than one column, you can assign the data with a structure or user object to the DataWindow data. When you create the definition, the fields (in a structure) or instance variables (in a user object) must match the columns. There must be the same number of fields or variables, defined in the same order as the columns, with compatible datatypes.

When your expression can refer to multiple rows, you need an array of the structure or user object.

#### Using arrays to set values

You do not have to know in advance how many rows are involved when you are setting data in the DataWindow control. PowerBuilder uses the number of elements in the source array and the number of rows in the target expression to determine how to make the assignment and whether it is necessary to insert rows.

If the target expression is *selected rows or a range of rows*, then:

- When there are *more* array elements than target rows, the extra array elements are ignored

- When there are *fewer* array elements than target rows, the column(s) in the extra target rows are filled with default values

If the target expression is *all rows but not all columns*, then:

- When there are *more* array elements than target rows, the extra array elements are ignored
- When there are *fewer* array elements than target rows, only the first rows up to the number of array elements are affected

If the target expression is *all rows and all columns*, then the source data replaces all the existing rows, resetting the DataWindow control to the new data.

**Inserting new rows** When you are setting data and you specify a range, then if rows do not exist in that range, rows are inserted to fill the range. For example, if the DataWindow control has four rows and your expression says to assign data to rows 8 through 12, then eight more rows are added to the DataWindow control. The new rows use the initial default values set up for each column. After the rows are inserted, the array of source data is applied to the rows as described above.

## Examples

These examples refer to a DataWindow object that has three columns: emp\_id, emp\_lname, and salary. The window declares these arrays as instance variables and the window's Open event assigns four elements to each array:

```
integer ii_id[]
string is_name[]
double id_salary[]
uo_empdata iuo_data[]
uo_empid_name iuo_id[]
```

The uo\_empdata user object has three instance variables: id, name, and salary. The uo\_empid\_name user object has two instance variables: id and name.

This example sets emp\_lname in the selected rows to the values of is\_name, an array with four elements. If two rows are selected, only the first two values of the array are used. If six rows are selected, the last two rows of the selection are set to an empty string:

```
dw_1.Object.emp_lname.Selected = is_name
```

This example sets salary in rows 8 to 12 to the values in the array id\_salary. The id\_salary array has only four elements, so the extra row in the range is set to 0 or a default value:

```
dw_1.Object.salary[8,12] = id_salary
```

This statement resets the DataWindow control and inserts four rows to match the array elements of `iuo_data`:

```
dw_1.Object.Data.Primary = iuo_data
```

This example sets columns 1 and 2 in rows 5 to 8 to the values in the array `iuo_id`:

```
dw_1.Object.Data.Primary[5,1, 8,2] = iuo_id
```

This example sets `emp_id` in the first four rows to the values in the `ii_id` array. Rows 5 through 12 are not affected:

```
dw_1.Object.emp_id.Primary = ii_id
```

## Syntaxes for DataWindow data expressions

This section describes in detail the syntaxes that were summarized in [About DataWindow data expressions on page 427](#).

You can think of the syntaxes as grouped in three categories:

- Expressions with a named column or computed field
  - [Syntax for one or all data items in a named column on page 435](#)
  - [Syntax for selected data in a named column on page 437](#)
  - [Syntax for a range of data in a named column on page 439](#)
- Expressions with column numbers
  - [Syntax for a single data item in a DataWindow on page 441](#)
  - [Syntax for data in a block of rows and columns on page 442](#)
- Expressions that access whole rows
  - [Syntax for data in a single row or all rows on page 444](#)
  - [Syntax for all data from selected rows on page 445](#)

## Syntax for one or all data items in a named column

### Description

A DataWindow data expression can access a single item in a column or computed field when you specify the control name and a row number. It accesses all the data in the column when you omit the row number.

### Syntax

```
dwcontrol.Object.columnname {buffer} {datasource} { [rownum] }
```

| Parameter                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                | The name of the DataWindow control or child DataWindow in which you want to get or set data.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>columnname</i>               | The name of a column or computed field in the DataWindow object in <i>dwcontrol</i> . If the column or computed field does not exist at runtime, an execution error occurs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>buffer</i><br>(optional)     | The name of the buffer from which you want to get or set data. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary – (Default) The data in the primary buffer (the data that has not been deleted or filtered out).</li> <li>• Delete – The data in the delete buffer (data deleted from the DataWindow control).</li> <li>• Filter – The data in the filter buffer (data that was filtered out).</li> </ul> |
| <i>datasource</i><br>(optional) | The source of the data. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current – (Default) The current values in the DataWindow control.</li> <li>• Original – The values that were initially retrieved from the database. For a computed field, you must specify Original because computed fields cannot be changed and do not have current values.</li> </ul>                                                 |
| <i>rownum</i><br>(optional)     | The row number of the desired item. The row number must be enclosed in brackets.<br>To access all the data in the column, omit <i>rownum</i> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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**When buffer or datasource is not optional**  
When *rownum* is omitted, you must specify at least one of the other elements in the expression: either *buffer* or *datasource*.

### Return value

The expression has a datatype of Any. The expression returns a single value (for a specific row number) or an array of values (when *rownum* is omitted). Each value has a datatype of *columnname*.

### Usage

**Is the expression a DWOBJECT or data?** When you want to access all the data in the column, remember to specify at least one of the other optional parameters. Otherwise, the expression you specify refers to the column *control*, not its data. This expression refers to the DWOBJECT empname, not the data in the column:

```
dw_1.Object.empname
```

In contrast, these expressions all refer to data in the empname column:

```
dw_1.Object.empname.Primary // All rows
dw_1.Object.empname[5] // Row 5
```

**Row numbers for computed fields** When you refer to a control in a band other than the detail band (usually a computed field) you still specify a row number. For the header, footer, or summary, specify a row number of 1. For the group header or trailer, specify the group number:

```
dw_1.Object.avg_cf[1]
```

If you specify nothing after the computed field name, you refer to the computed field DWOBJECT, not the data. For a computed field that occurs more than once, you can get all values by specifying *buffer* or *datasource* instead of *rownum*, just as for columns.

**When the expression is an array** When the expression returns an array (because there is no row number), you must assign the result to an array, even if you know there is only one row in the result.

This expression returns an array, even if there is only one row in the DataWindow control:

```
dw_1.Object.empname.Primary
```

This expression returns a single value:

```
dw_1.Object.empname[22]
```

### Examples

Because the default setting is current values in the primary buffer, the following expressions are equivalent—both get the value in row 1 for the emp\_name column:

```
dw_1.Object.emp_name[1]
dw_1.Object.emp_name.Primary.Current[1]
```

This statement sets the emp\_name value in row 1 to Wilson:

```
dw_1.Object.emp_name[1] = "Wilson"
```

This statement gets values for all the emp\_name values that have been retrieved and assigns them to an array of strings:

```
string ls_namearray[]
ls_namearray = dw_1.Object.emp_name.Current
```

This statement gets current values of emp\_name from all rows in the filter buffer:

```
string ls_namearray[]
ls_namearray = dw_1.Object.emp_name.Filter
```

This statement gets original values of emp\_name from all rows in the filter buffer:

```
string ls_namearray[]
ls_namearray = dw_1.Object.emp_name.Filter.Original
```

This statement gets the current value of emp\_name from row 14 in the delete buffer:

```
string ls_name
ls_name = dw_1.Object.emp_name.Delete[14]
```

This statement gets the original value of emp\_name from row 14 in the delete buffer:

```
string ls_name
ls_name = dw_1.Object.emp_name.Delete.Original[14]
```

This statement gets all the values of the computed field review\_date:

```
string ld_review[]
ld_review = dw_1.Object.review_date.Original
```

## Syntax for selected data in a named column

### Description

A DataWindow data expression uses the Selected property to access values in a named column or computed field for the currently selected rows. Selected data is always in the primary buffer.

### Syntax

```
dwcontrol.Object.columnname {Primary} {datasource}.Selected
```

| Parameter         | Description                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>  | The name of the DataWindow control or child DataWindow in which you want to get or set data.                                                                                |
| <i>columnname</i> | The name of a column or computed field in the DataWindow object in <i>dwcontrol</i> . If the column or computed field does not exist at runtime, an execution error occurs. |

| Parameter                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>datasource</i><br>(optional) | The source of the data. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current – (Default) The current values in the DataWindow control.</li> <li>• Original – The values that were initially retrieved from the database. For a computed field, you must specify Original (because computed fields cannot be changed and do not have current values).</li> </ul> |

**Return value**

The datatype of the expression is Any. The expression returns an array of values with the datatype of *columnname*.

**Usage**

When you specify selected values, the expression always returns an array and you must assign the result to an array, even if you know there is only one row selected.

For selected rows, the primary buffer is the only applicable buffer. For consistency, you can include Primary in this syntax but it is not necessary.

**Examples**

Because the primary buffer is the only applicable buffer for selected data and current data is the default, these expressions are all equivalent. They access values in the emp\_name column for selected rows:

```
dw_1.Object.emp_name.Selected
dw_1.Object.emp_name.Primary.Selected
dw_1.Object.emp_name.Current.Selected
dw_1.Object.emp_name.Primary.Current.Selected
```

These expressions both access original values for selected rows:

```
dw_1.Object.emp_name.Original.Selected
dw_1.Object.emp_name.Primary.Original.Selected
```

This example sets the emp\_name value in the first selected row to an empty string. The rest of the selected rows are set to a default value, which can be an empty string:

```
string ls_empty[]
ls_empty[1] = ""
dw_1.Object.emp_lname.Selected = ls_empty
```

This statement gets the original emp\_name values in selected rows and assigns them to an array of strings:

```
string ls_namearray[]
ls_namearray = dw_1.Object.emp_name.Original.Selected
```



## Syntax for a range of data in a named column

### Description

A DataWindow data expression accesses values in a named column or computed field for a range of rows when you specify the starting and ending row numbers.

### Syntax

```
dwcontrol.Object.columnname {buffer} {datasource} [startrownum,
endrownum]
```

| Parameter                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                | The name of the DataWindow control or child DataWindow in which you want to get or set data.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>columnname</i>               | The name of a column or computed field in the DataWindow object in <i>dwcontrol</i> . If the column or computed field does not exist at runtime, an execution error occurs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>buffer</i><br>(optional)     | The name of the buffer from which you want to get or set data. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary – (Default) The data in the primary buffer (the data that has not been deleted or filtered out).</li> <li>• Delete – The data in the delete buffer (data deleted from the DataWindow control).</li> <li>• Filter – The data in the filter buffer (data that was filtered out).</li> </ul> |
| <i>datasource</i><br>(optional) | The source of the data. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current – (Default) The current values in the DataWindow control.</li> <li>• Original – The values that were initially retrieved from the database. For a computed field, you must specify Original (because computed fields cannot be changed and do not have current values).</li> </ul>                                               |
| <i>startrownum</i>              | The number of the first row in the desired range of rows.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <i>endrownum</i>                | The number of the last row in the desired range of rows.<br>The row numbers must be enclosed in brackets and separated by commas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

### Return value

The datatype of the expression is Any. The expression returns an array of values with an array element for each row in the range. Each value's datatype is the datatype of *columnname*.

### Usage

When you specify a range, the expression always returns an array and you must assign the result to an array, even if you know there is only one value in the result. For example, this expression returns an array of one value:

```
dw_1.Object.empname [22, 22]
```

### Examples

Because the primary buffer and current data are the default, these expressions are all equivalent:

```
dw_1.Object.emp_name[11,20]
dw_1.Object.emp_name.Primary[11,20]
dw_1.Object.emp_name.Current[11,20]
dw_1.Object.emp_name.Primary.Current[11,20]
```

This example resets the emp\_name value in rows 11 through 20 to an empty string. Rows 12 to 20 are set to a default value, which may be an empty string:

```
string ls_empty[]
ls_empty[1] = ""
dw_1.Object.emp_name[11,20] = &
 {"", "", "", "", "", "", "", "", "", ""}
```

This statement gets the original emp\_name values in rows 11 to 20 and assigns them to elements 1 to 10 in an array of strings:

```
string ls_namearray[]
ls_namearray = dw_1.Object.emp_name.Original[11,20]
```

This statement gets current values of emp\_name from rows 5 to 8 in the Filter buffer and assigns them to elements 1 to 4 in an array of strings:

```
string ls_namearray[]
ls_namearray = dw_1.Object.emp_name.Filter[5,8]
```

This statement gets original values of emp\_name instead of current values, as shown in the previous example:

```
string ls_namearray[]
ls_namearray = &
dw_1.Object.emp_name.Filter.Original[5,8]
```

This statement gets current values of emp\_name from rows 50 to 200 in the delete buffer and assigns them to elements 1 to 151 in an array of strings:

```
string ls_namearray[]
ls_namearray = dw_1.Object.emp_name.Delete[50,200]
```

This statement gets original values of emp\_name instead of current values, as shown in the previous example:

```
string ls_namearray[]
ls_namearray = &
dw_1.Object.emp_name.Delete.Original[50,200]
```

## Syntax for a single data item in a DataWindow

**Description** A DataWindow data expression accesses a single data item when you specify its row and column number.

**Syntax** `dwcontrol.Object.Data {buffer} {datasource} [rownum, colnum]`

| Parameter                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                | The name of the DataWindow control or child DataWindow in which you want to get or set data.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>buffer</i><br>(optional)     | The name of the buffer from which you want to get or set data. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary – (Default) The data in the primary buffer (the data that has not been deleted or filtered out).</li> <li>• Delete – The data in the delete buffer (data deleted from the DataWindow control).</li> <li>• Filter – The data in the filter buffer (data that was filtered out).</li> </ul> |
| <i>datasource</i><br>(optional) | The source of the data. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current – (Default) The current values in the DataWindow control.</li> <li>• Original – The values that were initially retrieved from the database.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>rownum</i>                   | The row number of the desired item.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>colnum</i>                   | The column number of the desired item.<br><br>The row and column numbers must be enclosed in brackets and separated by commas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

**Return value** The datatype of the expression is Any. The expression returns a single item in the DataWindow control. Its datatype is the datatype of the column.

**Examples** These expressions both refer to a single item in row 1, column 2. The expressions access current data in the primary buffer:

```
dw_1.Object.Data[1,2]
dw_1.Object.Data.Primary.Current[1,2]
```

This statement changes the value of the original data to 0 for the item in row 1, column 2 in the Filter buffer. Column 2 holds numeric data:

```
dw_1.Object.Data.Filter.Original[1,2] = 0
```

## Syntax for data in a block of rows and columns

**Description** A DataWindow data expression accesses data in a range of rows and columns when you specify the starting and ending row and column numbers.

**Syntax** `dwcontrol.Object.Data { .buffer } { .datasource } [ startrownum, startcolnum, endrownum, endcolnum ]`

| Parameter                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                | The name of the DataWindow control or child DataWindow in which you want to get or set data.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>buffer</i><br>(optional)     | The name of the buffer from which you want to get or set data. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary – (Default) The data in the primary buffer (the data that has not been deleted or filtered out).</li> <li>• Delete – The data in the delete buffer (data deleted from the DataWindow control).</li> <li>• Filter – The data in the filter buffer (data that was filtered out).</li> </ul> |
| <i>datasource</i><br>(optional) | The source of the data. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current – (Default) The current values in the DataWindow control.</li> <li>• Original – The values that were initially retrieved from the database.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>startrownum</i>              | The number of the first row in the desired range of rows.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <i>startcolnum</i>              | The number for the first column in the range.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <i>endrownum</i>                | The number of the last row in the range.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <i>endcolnum</i>                | The number for the last column in the range.<br><br>The row and column numbers must be enclosed in brackets and separated by commas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

**Return value** The datatype of the expression is Any. The expression returns an array of structures or user objects. There is one structure element or user object instance variable for each column in the designated range. The datatype of each element matches the datatype of the corresponding column. There is one structure or user object in the array for each row in the range of rows.

**Usage** When you specify a block, the expression always returns an array and you must assign the result to an array, even if you know there is only one structure in the result.

This expression returns an array of one structure from row 22:

```
dw_1.Object.data[22,1,22,4]
```

This expression returns an array of one value from row 22, column 1:

```
dw_1.Object.data[22,1,22,1]
```

### Examples

These statements both refer to data in the first ten rows and first four columns of the DataWindow object in the control dw\_1. The primary buffer and current data are the default:

```
dw_1.Object.Data[1,1,10,4]
dw_1.Object.Data.Primary.Current[1,1,10,4]
```

This example gets employee IDs and last names for all the rows in the delete buffer. The IDs and names are the first two columns. It saves the information in a structure, called str\_namelist, of two elements: an integer called id and a string called lastname. The structure was defined previously in the Structure painter. The list of IDs and names is then saved in the file *DELETED.TXT*:

```
integer li_fileNum
long ll_deletedrows
str_namelist lstr_namelist[]

ll_deletedrows = dw_1.DeletedCount()
lstr_namelist = &
 dw_1.Object.Data.Delete[1,1, ll_deletedrows,2]

li_fileNum = FileOpen("C:\HR\DELETED.TXT", &
 LineMode!, Write!)
FOR ll_count = 1 to UpperBound(lstr_namelist)
 FileWrite(li_fileNum, &
 String(lstr_namelist.id) + &
 " " + &
 lstr_namelist.lastname + &
 "~r~n")
NEXT
FileClose(li_fileNum)
```

Using the structure from the previous example that holds IDs and last names, this example sets all the IDs and last names in the DataWindow control to null:

```
long ll_n
str_namelist lstr_namelist[]

SetNull(lstr_namelist[1].id)
SetNull(lstr_namelist[1].lastname)

FOR ll_n = 2 to dw_1.RowCount()
 lstr_namelist[ll_n] = lstr_namelist[1]
NEXT
```

```
dw_1.Object.Data[1,1, dw_1.RowCount(),2] = lstr_data
```

## Syntax for data in a single row or all rows

### Description

A DataWindow data expression accesses a single row when you specify the row number. It accesses all the data in the DataWindow control when you omit the row number.

### Syntax

```
dwcontrol.Object.Data {.buffer} {.datasource} { [rownum] }
```

| Parameter                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                | The name of the DataWindow control or child DataWindow in which you want to get or set data.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>buffer</i><br>(optional)     | The name of the buffer from which you want to get or set data. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary – (Default) The data in the primary buffer (the data that has not been deleted or filtered out).</li> <li>• Delete – The data in the delete buffer (data deleted from the DataWindow control).</li> <li>• Filter – The data in the filter buffer (data that was filtered out).</li> </ul> |
| <i>datasource</i><br>(optional) | The source of the data. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current – (Default) The current values in the DataWindow control.</li> <li>• Original – The values that were initially retrieved from the database.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>rownum</i><br>(optional)     | The number of the row you want to access.<br>To access data for all rows, omit <i>rownum</i> .<br>The row number must be enclosed in brackets.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

### Return value

The datatype of the expression is Any. The expression returns one structure or user object (for a single row) or an array of them (for all rows). There is one structure element or instance variable for each column in the DataWindow object. The datatype of each element matches the datatype of the corresponding column.

### Usage

When you omit the row number, the expression always returns an array, and you must assign the result to an array, even if you know there is only one row in the DataWindow control.

### Examples

These statements both access current data for row 5 in the primary buffer in the DataWindow object contained in the DataWindow control dw\_1:

```
dw_1.Object.Data[5]
dw_1.Object.Data.Primary.Current[5]
```

This example assigns all the data in `dw_1` to the Any variable `la_dwdata`. The value assigned to `la_dwdata` is an array of data structures whose members match the column datatypes:

```
any la_dwdata
la_dwdata = dw_1.Object.Data
```

This example assigns all the data in the delete buffer for `dw_1` to the Any variable `la_dwdata`:

```
any la_dwdata
la_dwdata = dw_1.Object.Data.Delete
```

This example replaces all the data in the nested report in row 2 with data from `dw_2`. The columns in the DataWindow object in `dw_2` must match the columns in the DataWindow object for the nested report:

```
dw_1.Object.NestRep[2].Object.Data = &
 dw_2.Object.Data
```

## Syntax for all data from selected rows

### Description

A DataWindow data expression accesses all the data in the currently selected rows when you specify the Data and Selected properties. Selected rows are always in the primary buffer.

### Syntax

```
dwcontrol.Object.Data { .Primary } { datasource }.Selected
```

| Parameter                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                | The name of the DataWindow control or child DataWindow in which you want to get or set data.                                                                                                                                                |
| <i>datasource</i><br>(optional) | The source of the data. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current – (Default) The current values in the DataWindow control.</li> <li>• Original – The values that were initially retrieved from the database.</li> </ul> |

### Return values

The datatype of the expression is Any. The expression returns an array of structures or user objects. There is one structure element or instance variable for each column in the DataWindow object. The datatype of each element matches the datatype of the corresponding column.

### Usage

When you specify selected rows, the expression always returns an array, and you must assign the result to an array even if you know there is only one row selected.

### Examples

Because the primary buffer is the only applicable buffer for selected data and current data is the default, these expressions are all equivalent. They access data in the selected rows:

```
dw_1.Object.Data.Selected
dw_1.Object.Data.Primary.Selected
dw_1.Object.Data.Current.Selected
dw_1.Object.Data.Primary.Current.Selected
```

Both these expressions access original values for selected rows:

```
dw_1.Object.Data.Original.Selected
dw_1.Object.Data.Primary.Original.Selected
```

This example takes the values in the selected rows in `dw_2` and populates a `DropDownDataWindow` in `dw_1` with the values, replacing existing data in the `DropDownDataWindow`. The column with the `DropDownDataWindow` is called `useroptions`. The columns of the `DataWindow` object in `dw_2` must match the columns of the `DataWindow` object for the `DropDownDataWindow`:

```
dw_1.Object.useroptions.Object.Data = &
 dw_2.Object.Data.Selected
```



# Accessing DataWindow Object Properties in Code

## About this chapter

This chapter explains the syntax for constructing expressions that access properties of controls within a DataWindow.

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## About properties of the DataWindow object and its controls

This section describes:

- What you can do with DataWindow object properties
- Specifying property values in the DataWindow painter
- Accessing DataWindow object property values in code
- Using DataWindow expressions as property values
- Nested strings and special characters for DataWindow object properties

## What you can do with DataWindow object properties

The DataWindow object defines the way data is displayed in a DataWindow control. It contains controls that represent the columns, text labels, computed fields, and images.

The properties of the DataWindow object and its controls store the information that specifies the behavior of the DataWindow object. They are not properties of the DataWindow control, but of the DataWindow object displayed in the control.

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### Terminology

When you are programming for DataWindows, there are several types of expressions involved.

A **DataWindow expression** is an expression assigned as a value to a DataWindow property and is evaluated by the DataWindow engine. The expression can refer to column data and can have a different value for each row in the DataWindow.

A **DataWindow property expression** is an expression in your code that gets or sets the value of a DataWindow property. Its effects are equivalent to what the [Describe](#) and [Modify](#) methods do.

A **DataWindow data expression** is an expression in your code that gets or sets data in the DataWindow. Its effects are similar to what the [SetItem](#) and several [GetItem](#) methods do.

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### Types of values

Property values can be constants or can be DataWindow expressions. DataWindow expressions allow the property value to be based on other conditions in the DataWindow, including data values. Conditional expressions based on data can give the property a different value for each row.

### Getting and setting values

You establish initial values for properties in the DataWindow painter. You can also get and set property values at runtime in code.

There are several techniques for accessing property values. A particular property might be accessible by a subset of those techniques. For example, some properties are read-only at runtime, some can be set only at execution, and some accept only constants (not DataWindow expressions) as values.

For a complete list of properties and the ways you can access each one, see [Chapter 3, DataWindow Object Properties](#).

### Examples: ways of setting the Border property

This table lists the ways you can access a property, using the Border property as an example:

**Table 5-1: Ways to access and change DataWindow object properties**

| What you can do with properties                                                                              | How to do it, using the Border property as an example                 | What happens                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Set the initial value of the property in the workspace                                                       | Property sheet, General tab, Border box                               | The Border property takes on the value you set unconditionally. In the Preview view and at runtime, the control has the border you indicated in the workspace unless you set the Border property again in some way.                                                                                                                                          |
| Specify the value of the property at runtime based on an expression defined for the control in the workspace | Property sheet, General tab, Border box, Expression button            | <p>In Preview and at runtime, the border changes as specified in the expression, which overrides the setting on the property sheet.</p> <p>For example, an expression can give the Salary column value a ShadowBox border when the salary exceeds \$70,000.</p> <p>To see the effect in the Preview view, you might need to close Preview and reopen it.</p> |
| Get the value of the property at runtime in code                                                             | Property expression for the Border property <i>or</i> Describe method | Both the expression and the Describe method return the value of the Border property for the specified control.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Change the value of the property at runtime in code                                                          | Property expression for the Border property <i>or</i> Modify method   | At runtime, the value of the property changes when the code executes. For example, you could code Modify in the Clicked event and change the border of the control the user clicked.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Set the initial value of the property at runtime in code for a DataWindow being created                      | SyntaxFromSQL method                                                  | <p>When SyntaxFromSQL executes, the border value of all columns is set in the generated syntax.</p> <p><b>PowerBuilder</b> SyntaxFromSQL is a method of the Transaction object and is described in the <i>PowerScript Reference</i>.</p>                                                                                                                     |

## Specifying property values in the DataWindow painter

When you specify values in the Properties view of the DataWindow painter,

Properties for each control

you are setting properties of the DataWindow object and its controls.

Each control in the DataWindow (columns, text, drawing controls) has its own property sheets, because there are different sets of properties for each object. To access individual property sheets, display the Properties view and then select a control.

If several controls have the same property and you want them all to have the same value, you can select all the controls so that the property sheet shows the properties they have in common. When you change the property value, it is applied to all selected controls.

DataWindow expressions for properties

For many properties, you can specify a DataWindow expression in the Properties view by clicking the Expression button beside the property. At runtime, the expression is evaluated for each row. When the expression includes row-dependent information in the calculation (such as data), each row can have a different value for the property. In the painter, you can see the results in the Preview view. (You might need to close Preview and reopen it if you are not seeing the settings you have made.)

For information about the components of expressions, see [Using DataWindow expression functions on page 17](#) and the *Users Guide*. For examples of expressions, see [Using DataWindow expressions as property values on page 451](#).

## Accessing DataWindow object property values in code

Two techniques

There are two ways to access property values in a DataWindow object:

- **Methods** The [Describe](#) and [Modify](#) methods use strings to specify the property names. For example:

```
dw_1.Describe("empname.Border")
dw_1.Modify("empname.Border=1")
```

- **Expressions** DataWindow property expressions use the Object property and dot notation. For example:

```
dw_1.Object.empname.Border = 1
li_border = Integer(dw_1.Object.empname.Border)
```

In JavaScript, only the [Describe](#) and [Modify](#) methods are available.

Which technique to use

The technique you use depends on the type of error checking you want to provide and on whether you know the names of the controls and properties you want to access when the script is compiled.

**Table 5-2: Error handling in DataWindow property expressions**

| <b>If you want to</b>                                                                                          | <b>Use</b>                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Use column and property names that are known when the script is compiled                                       | An expression                                     |
| Avoid extra nested tildes (and you know the column and property names you want to access)                      | An expression                                     |
| Build a string at runtime that names controls and properties                                                   | A method                                          |
| Use the DWRuntimeError to handle problems with incorrect control or property names                             | An expression in a try-catch block                |
| Use the Error event to handle problems with incorrect control or property names                                | An expression and a script for the Error event    |
| Avoid using the Error event (or DWRuntimeError) for handling problems with incorrect control or property names | A method and code that evaluates its return value |

## Using DataWindow expressions as property values

When a DataWindow object property's value can be an expression, you can make the control's appearance or other properties depend on other information in the DataWindow.

A DataWindow expression can include:

- Operators
- The names of controls within the DataWindow, especially column and computed field names
- DataWindow expression functions. Some functions, such as `IsRowNew`, refer to characteristics of an individual row
- User-defined functions

Different formats for the expression

When you assign an expression in the painter, you specify just the expression:

*DataWindowexpression*

When you assign an expression in code, you specify a default value, a tab, and the expression:

*defaultvalue* [tab] *DataWindowexpression*

## Examples

**In the painter** This expression for a column called emp\_lname is applied to the Background.Color property. It causes the name's background to be light gray (15790320) if the current row (person) uses the day care benefit. If not, the background color is set to white:

```
If(bene_day_care = 'Y', 15790320, 1677215)
```

**In code** The expression assigned to the Background.Color property includes a default value. Nested quotes complicate the syntax:

### PowerBuilder

```
dw_1.Object.emp_lname.Background.Color = "16777215 ~t
If(bene_day_care = 'Y', 15790320, 16777215)"
```

### JavaScript

```
dw_1.Modify("emp_lname.Background.Color = \"16777215 ~t
If(bene_day_care = 'Y', 15790320, 16777215)\");
```

## More examples in the DataWindow painter and in code

These examples illustrate the difference between the format for a DataWindow expression specified in the DataWindow painter versus in code.

**Border property** The expression applied to the Border property of the salary\_plus\_benefits column displays a border around salaries over \$60,000:

```
If(salary_plus_benefits > 60000, 1, 0)
```

This statement changes the expression in code:

```
dw_1.Object.salary_plus_benefits.Border = &
"0 ~t If(salary_plus_benefits > 60000, 1, 0)"
```

**Font.Weight property for a column** To make out-of-state (not in Massachusetts) names and numbers bold in a phone list, apply this expression to the name and phone\_number columns. The state column must be part of the data source, but it does not have to be displayed:

```
If(state = 'MA', 400, 700)
```

This statement changes the expression in code:

```
dw_1.Object.name.Font.Weight = &
"700 ~t If(state = 'MA', 400, 700)"
dw_1.Object.phone_number.Font.Weight = &
"700 ~t If(state = 'MA', 400, 700)"
```

**Brush.Color property for a rectangle** This expression, applied to a rectangle drawn around all the columns in a tabular report, causes alternate rows to be shaded (a graybar effect). Make sure the columns and computed fields have a transparent background. The expression `Mod(GetRow(), 2) = 1` distinguishes odd rows from even rows:

```
If(Mod(GetRow(), 2) = 1, 16777215, 15790320)
```

This statement changes the expression in code:

```
dw_1.Object.rectangle_1.Brush.Color = &
"0 ~t If(Mod(GetRow(), 2) = 1, 16777215, 15790320)"
```

**Brush.Color and Brush.Hatch properties for a rectangle** To highlight employees whose review date is approaching, draw a rectangle behind the row. This expression for the rectangle's `Brush.Color` property makes the rectangle light gray for employees for whom the month of the start date matches the current month or the next month:

```
If(month(start_date) = month(today())
or month(start_date) = month(today()) + 1
or (month(today()) = 12 and month(start_date) = 1),
12632256, 16777215)
```

A similar expression for the `Brush.Hatch` property makes the fill pattern of the rectangle `Bdiagonal (1)` for review dates that are approaching. Otherwise, the rectangle is transparent (7) so that it does not show:

```
If(month(start_date) = month(today())
or month(start_date) = month(today()) + 1
or (month(today()) = 12 and month(start_date) = 1),
1, 7)
```

You can also set the `Pen.Color` and `Pen.Style` properties to affect the outline of the rectangle.

If you wanted to change the `Brush.Color` property in code instead of setting it in the painter, the code would look like this:

```
dw_1.Object.rectangle_1.Brush.Color = &
"'16777215 ~t " + &
"If(month(start_date) = month(today()) " + &
"or month(start_date) = month(today()) + 1 " + &
"or (month(today()) = 12 " + &
"and month(start_date) = 1), 12632256, 16777215)'"
```

**Font.Height property for a rectangle** This expression applied to the `Font.Height` property of a text control makes the text control in the first row of a DataWindow larger than it appears in other rows. Make sure the borders of the text control are large enough to accommodate the increased size:

```
If(GetRow() = 1, 500, 200)
```

This statement changes the expression for the text control t\_desc in code:

```
dw_1.Object.t_desc.Font.Height = &
"200 ~t If(GetRow() = 1, 500, 200)"
```

For more information

For more information about DataWindow expressions, see [Chapter 1, DataWindow Operators and Expressions](#).

## Nested strings and special characters for DataWindow object properties

DataWindow property values often involve specifying strings within strings. Embedded quotation marks need special treatment so that the strings are parsed correctly. This treatment varies depending on the programming language you are using.

**Table 5-3: Specifying property values in different scripting languages**

| If you are using | See                                                                                                               |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerScript      | <a href="#">Nested strings and special characters for DataWindow object properties on page 454.</a>               |
| JavaScript       | <a href="#">Nested strings and special characters in JavaScript for DataWindow object properties on page 456.</a> |

## Nested strings and special characters for DataWindow object properties

Tilde (~) is the escape character that allows you to nest quoted strings within other quoted strings and to specify special characters such as tabs and carriage returns. For DataWindow object properties, several levels of nested strings can create a complicated expression.

Techniques for quoting nested strings

Both double and single quotes are valid delimiters for strings. You can use this fact to simplify the specification of nested strings.

There are two ways to embed a string within another string. You can:

- Use the other type of quotation mark for the nested string. If the main string uses double quotes, the nested string can use single quotes.  

```
"If(state='MA',255,0)"
```
- Use the escape character to specify that a quote is part of the string instead the closure of a previous quote.  

```
"If(state=~"MA~",255,0)"
```



If the string includes a third level of nested strings, you need to add another tilde which must be accompanied by its own escape character, a second tilde. This is the reason that tildes are usually specified in odd numbers (1, 3, or 5 tildes).

This Modify expression (entered on a single line in code) shows three levels of nested strings:

```
dw_1.Modify(
 "DataWindow.Color = '255 ~t If(state=
 ~'MA~',255,0)'")
```

This version of the expression has more tildes because there are no single quotes:

```
dw_1.Modify("DataWindow.Color = ~"255 ~t If(state=
    ~~~"MA~~~",255,0)~")
```

**Common special characters**

Strings can also include special characters, as shown in the previous example. This table lists the special characters that are most often used in DataWindow expressions.

| Escape sequence | Meaning             |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| ~t              | Tab                 |
| ~r              | Carriage return     |
| ~n              | Newline or linefeed |
| ~"              | Double quote        |
| ~'              | Single quote        |
| ~~              | Tilde               |

A line break is a carriage return plus a newline (r\n).

**Special use of tilde**

A special case of specifying tildes involves the EditMask.SpinRange property, whose value is two numbers separated by a tilde (not an escape character, simply a tilde). To specify this value in a script, you must use a nested string with four tildes, which is interpreted as a single tilde when parsed:

```
dw_1.Modify("benefits.EditMask.SpinRange='0~~~10'")
```

**More information**

For more information about nested strings and special characters, see the *PowerScript Reference*.

## Nested strings and special characters in JavaScript for DataWindow object properties

### Different processing by language and DataWindow

JavaScript uses different characters from those used within the DataWindow to delimit strings and identify special characters. For DataWindow object properties, several levels of nested strings and two types of delimiter can create a complicated expression.

In JavaScript, strings are delimited by double quotes and the escape character in strings is the backslash (\). The escape character allows you to include double quotes and special characters within a string. The DataWindow can use either double or single quotes to delimit strings and uses tilde (~) as an escape character.

Because some parts of the string are parsed by the language and some by the DataWindow, strings passed to the DataWindow often use both types of escape character. The one to use depends on whether the DataWindow or the external language will evaluate the character. The external language deals with the outer string and converts escape sequences to the corresponding special characters. Nested strings are dealt with by the DataWindow parser.

### Guidelines

Observe these guidelines for each type of character:

- *Special characters* use the language escape character. Tabs, newlines, and carriage returns are \t, \n, \r
- *Nested double quotes* require the language escape character (\) so they won't be interpreted as the closure of the opening double quote. Depending on the level of nesting, they may also require the DataWindow escape character (~).
- *Single quotes* for nested strings do not need the language escape character, but depending on the level of nesting they may need the DataWindow escape character.
- Tildes are specified in odd-numbered groups. They do not interact with the language escape character in counting the number of escape characters used.

### Examples

Both of these JavaScript examples are valid ways of nesting a string:

```
dw_1.Modify("DataWindow.Crosstab.Values=\"empname\"");  
dw_1.Modify("DataWindow.Crosstab.Values='empname'");
```

The following three JavaScript statements specify the same string. They show a string with three levels of nesting using different combinations of escape characters and quote types. In the first example, note the escaping of the inner quote with a tilde for the DataWindow and a backslash for the language:

```
dw_1.Modify("emp_id.Color=\"16777215 \t If
(emp_status=~\"A~\",255,16777215)\");
```

```
dw_1.Modify("emp_id.Color=\"16777215 \t If
(emp_status='A',255,16777215)\");
```

```
dw_1.Modify("emp_id.Color='16777215 \t If
(emp_status=\"A\",255,16777215) '");
```

The corresponding example in PowerBuilder is:

```
dw_1.Modify("emp_id.Color = ~\"16777215 ~t If
(emp_status=~~~\"A~~~\",255,16777215)~\"");
```

### Special use of tilde

A special case of specifying tildes involves the `EditMask.SpinRange` property, whose value is two numbers separated by a tilde (not an escape character, simply a tilde). In code, the value is in a nested string and needs a tilde escape character. The two tildes are interpreted as a single tilde when parsed by the DataWindow:

```
dw_1.modify("benefits.EditMask.SpinRange='0~~10'");
```

## PowerBuilder: Modify and Describe methods for properties

The following sections provide information about using `Modify` and `Describe` methods for DataWindow object properties:

- [Advantage and drawbacks of Modify and Describe methods in PowerBuilder](#)
- [Handling errors from Modify and Describe methods in PowerBuilder](#)

### Advantage and drawbacks of Modify and Describe methods in PowerBuilder

In PowerBuilder, using the `Describe` and `Modify` methods to access DataWindow object property values has an advantage and some drawbacks. The examples here use `Modify` as illustrations, but similar considerations apply to `Describe`.

#### Advantage

**Allows you to specify column and property names dynamically** In your script, you can build a string that specifies the column and property names.

For example, the following code builds a string in which the default color value and the two color values in the If function are determined in the script. Notice how the single quotes around the expression are included in the first and last pieces of the string:

```
red_amount = Integer(sle_1.Text)
modstring = "emp_id.Color='" + &
    String(RGB(red_amount, 0, 0)) + &
    "~tIf(emp_status=~'A~'," + &
    String(RGB(255, 0, 0)) + &
    "," + &
    String(RGB(red_amount, 0, 0)) + &
    ")'"
Modify(modstring)
```

The resulting string when red\_amount is set to 128 is:

```
emp_id.Color='128~tIf(emp_status=~'A~',255,128)'
```

The following is a simpler example without the If function. You do not need quotes around the value if you are not specifying an expression. Here the String and RGB functions result in a constant value in the resulting modstring:

```
Modify(ls_columnname + ".Color=" + &
    String(RGB(red_amount, 255, 255)))
```

## Drawbacks

### Setting several properties at once is possible but hard to debug

Although you can set several properties in a single method call, it is harder to understand and debug scripts that do so.

For example, assume the following is entered on a single line in the script editor:

```
rtn = dw_1.Modify("emp_id.Font.Italic=0
oval_1.Background.Mode=0
oval_1.Background.Color=255")
```

**Less efficient than an expression** Using a DWOBJECT variable in several property expressions is a little more efficient than setting several properties in a single call to Describe or Modify. However, if you want to be able to name controls dynamically, you might still choose to use Describe or Modify.

For examples of using a DWOBJECT variable, see [Using the DWOBJECT variable in PowerBuilder on page 462](#).

**Can require complex quoted strings** When you specify an expression for a property value, it is difficult to specify nested quotes correctly—the code is hard to understand and prone to error. For Describe, this is less of a drawback—strings do not become as complex because they do not include an expression.

For example, this string entered on a single line in a script assigns a DataWindow expression to the Color property:

```
Modify("emp_id.Color=~"16777215 ~t  
If(emp_status=~~"A~~",255,16777215)~")
```

For more information about quoted strings, see [Nested strings and special characters for DataWindow object properties on page 454](#).

## Handling errors from Modify and Describe methods in PowerBuilder

In PowerBuilder, no runtime error occurs when [Describe](#) and [Modify](#) try to access invalid controls or properties in the DataWindow object. The validity of the argument string is evaluated before the controls are accessed.

### Modify

When the string that specifies the control and property to be accessed is invalid, [Modify](#) returns an error string, instead of the expected value, such as:

```
Line 1 Column 12: incorrect syntax.
```

You can use the error message to figure out what part of the string is incorrect. This is most useful when you are testing your scripts. The error message, which names the line and column number after which the string was not recognized, might not be helpful after your application is deployed.

### Describe

When the string for [Describe](#) has an unrecognized property, [Describe](#)'s return value ends with an exclamation point (!). [Describe](#) returns as many values as it recognizes up to the incorrect one.

When you specify a valid property but that property doesn't have a value (either because it hasn't been set or because its value is an expression that can't be evaluated), [Describe](#) returns a question mark (?) for that property. The property's actual value is null.

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### Always check for errors

You should include error-checking code that checks for these return values. Other errors can occur later if you depend on settings that failed to take effect.

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### For more information

For more information on syntax and usage, see [Describe](#) and [Modify](#) in [Chapter 9, Methods for the DataWindow Control](#).

## PowerBuilder: DataWindow property expressions

In PowerBuilder, DataWindow property expressions use dot notation. These sections explain how to use the expressions and what syntax to use to construct them:

- Basic structure of DataWindows and property expressions in PowerBuilder on page 460
- Datatypes of DataWindow property expressions in PowerBuilder on page 461
- Using the DWObject variable in PowerBuilder on page 462
- When a DataWindow property expression is evaluated in PowerBuilder on page 465
- Handling errors from DataWindow property expressions in PowerBuilder on page 466
- PowerBuilder syntax for DataWindow property expressions on page 468

### Basic structure of DataWindows and property expressions in PowerBuilder

#### Controls in a DataWindow

A DataWindow object is made up of many controls (such as Columns, Text, Pictures, and Reports). In PowerBuilder scripts, the datatype of these controls is DWObject. Each DWObject has a set of properties according to its type. The syntax of a property expression allows you to address any of these properties.

#### Object property

A DataWindow property expression uses the Object property of the DataWindow control to access the DataWindow object. Following the Object property, you specify a control name and one or more properties.

The simple syntax is:

```
dwcontrol.Object.dwcontrolname.property
```

For example:

```
dw_1.Object.empname.Resizeable
```

For the full syntax, see [PowerBuilder syntax for DataWindow property expressions on page 468](#).

### About DataWindow data expressions

Expressions that access data in a DataWindow object using dot notation use the Object and Data properties. These expressions are called **data expressions** (in contrast to property expressions); because of the intricate syntax for data expressions, they are described separately, in [Chapter 4, Accessing Data in Code](#).

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## Datatypes of DataWindow property expressions in PowerBuilder

### DataWindow property values

The values of DataWindow object properties are strings. These strings can contain numeric or yes/no values, but the values you access are strings, not integers or boolean values.

Although the property values are really strings, the PowerScript compiler allows you to assign numbers and boolean values to properties whose strings represent numeric values or contain yes/no strings. This does not mean the datatype is integer or boolean. It is just a convenience when assigning a value to the property.

For example, both of these statements are correct:

```
dw_1.Object.empname.Border = 1
dw_1.Object.empname.Border = '1'
```

### DataWindow property expressions

In PowerBuilder, the datatype of a property expression is Any (not string), but the value of the data in the Any variable is a string. This may sound like an unnecessary distinction, but it does matter when you use a property expression as a method argument. If the method does not accept an Any variable as an argument, you might need to use the [String](#) function to cast the data to the correct datatype.

For example, because the [MessageBox](#) function accepts a string argument not an Any datatype, the property expression is enclosed in a [String](#) conversion function:

```
MessageBox("Border", &
String(dw_1.Object.empname.Border))
```

## Using the DWOBJECT variable in PowerBuilder

A PowerBuilder DWOBJECT object is an object that exists within a DataWindow object. Each column, computed field, text control, or drawing control is a DWOBJECT.

A DWOBJECT reference allows you to refer directly to controls within a DataWindow.

You can use a DWOBJECT variable to simplify DataWindow property and data expressions. A DWOBJECT variable takes the place of several elements of the control's dot notation.

The following syntaxes and examples show how using a DWOBJECT variable affects property and data expressions.

### Property expressions

The simple syntax for a property expression is:

```
dwcontrol.Object.dwcontrolname.property
```

You can use a DWOBJECT variable to refer to *dwcontrolname*.

If the code declares a DWOBJECT variable and assigns the control within the DataWindow to the variable, using syntax like this:

```
DWOBJECT dwoobjectvar  
dwoobjectvar = dwcontrol.Object.dwcontrolname
```

the syntax of the expression itself becomes:

```
dwoobjectvar.property
```

For example, if the DataWindow had a column named empname, a text control named t\_emplabel, and a computed field named cf\_average, you could make the following assignments:

```
DWOBJECT dwo_column, dwo_text, dwo_compute  
dwo_column = dw_1.Object.empname  
dwo_text = dw_1.Object.t_emplabel  
dwo_compute = dw_1.Object.cf_average
```

### Data expressions

You can use a DWOBJECT variable to refer to a column in a data expression. For example, this syntax gets data for a single row and column:

```
dwcontrol.Object.columnname { .buffer } { .datasource } [ rownum ]
```

If the code declares a DWOBJECT variable and assigns the control within the DataWindow to the variable, using syntax like this:

```
DWOBJECT dwoobjectvar  
dwoobjectvar = dwcontrol.Object.columnname
```



The syntax of the expression itself becomes:

```
dwobjectvar. {.buffer} {.datasource} [rownum]
```

## DWObject variables in PowerBuilder

In PowerBuilder, you can get better performance by using a DWObject variable to resolve the object reference in a DataWindow property or data expression. Evaluating the reference once and reusing the resolved reference is more efficient than fully specifying the object reference again.

This technique yields the most benefit if your application uses compiled code or if you are using a DataWindow expression in a loop.

For example, this code is not optimized for best performance, because the fully specified data expression within the loop must be resolved during each pass:

```
integer li_data
FOR li_cnt = 1 to 100
    li_data = dw_1.Object.emp_salary[li_cnt]
    .. // Code to process data value
NEXT
```

This code has been optimized. The reference to the control within the DataWindow (emp\_salary) is resolved once before the loop begins. The reference stored in the DWObject variable is reused repeatedly in the loop:

```
integer li_data
DWObject dwo_empsalary

dwo_empsalary = dw_1.Object.emp_salary

FOR li_cnt = 1 to 100
    li_data = dwo_empsalary.Primary[li_cnt]
    .. // Code to process data value
NEXT
```

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### PowerBuilder DWObject versus data

In a data expression for a column that refers to one item, the brackets for the row index identify the expression as a data expression (for information, see [Syntax for one or all data items in a named column on page 435](#)). However, if you assign the column control to a DWObject variable, the brackets incorrectly signify an array of objects. Therefore you must include a buffer name or data source to specify that you want data:

```
dw_1.Object.emp_salary[1] //Single data item
DWObject dwo_empsalary
```

```
dwo_empsalary = dw_1.Object.emp_salary  
dwo_empsalary[1] // Incorrect: array of DWOBJECT  
dwo_empsalary.Primary[1] // Single data item
```

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## DWOBJECT arguments for DataWindow events in PowerBuilder

In PowerBuilder, several DataWindow events pass a DWOBJECT argument called `dwo` to the event script. The value is a resolved reference to a control within the DataWindow having something to do with the user's action that triggered the event. Often it is the column the user is changing or the control the user clicked.

What type of  
DWOBJECT?

You can use DataWindow properties to find out more about the control stored in `dwo`. The first step is to find out the control's type so that subsequent statements will use properties that are appropriate for the control type. If an expression uses a property that does not correspond to the control's type, it will trigger the Error event. This statement in an event script gets the type:

```
ls_type = dwo.Type
```

The possible values that can be assigned to `ls_type` are:

- bitmap (for Picture)
- button
- column
- compute (for Computed Field)
- graph
- groupbox
- line
- ole
- ellipse (for Oval)
- rectangle
- roundrectangle
- report
- tableblob
- text
- datawindow (*when the user doesn't click a specific control*)

You can write a **CHOOSE CASE** statement for the expected types.

After you have determined the type, you can get more details about the specific control.

Examples

If the control is a column, you can get the column name with this statement:

```
ls_name = dwo.Name
```

If the control is a column, you can get data from the whole column or from specific rows. You must specify the buffer from which you want to retrieve data. In this statement, `row` is another argument passed to the event so the value in `ls_data` is the data in the row and column the user clicked. In this example, if the column value is not a string, an error occurs (check `ColType` property to get the column datatype):

```
ls_data = dwo.Primary[row]
```

This statement assigns a new value to the row and column the user clicked. The assignment does not trigger the `ItemChanged` event and bypasses validation. If the column is not numeric, an error occurs:

```
dwo.Primary[row] = 41
```

This statement gets all the data in the column the user clicked. The data is stored as an array in the `Any` variable. An `Any` variable can hold all datatypes, so no error occurs:

```
Any la_data
la_data = dwo
```

This statement gets data in the column from selected rows. The data is stored as an array in the `Any` variable:

```
Any la_data
la_data = dwo.Selected
```

## When a DataWindow property expression is evaluated in PowerBuilder

In PowerBuilder, expressions that refer to DataWindow object properties and data are not verified until your application runs.

### No compiler checking

When your script is compiled, PowerBuilder does not verify the parameters of the expression that follow the Object property. Your application can select the DataWindow object in a DataWindow control at runtime without invalidating the compiled script.

### Potential execution errors

If the datatype of the expression is not compatible with how the expression is used, or if the specified rows or columns do not exist, then an error will occur at runtime.

You can handle the error by surrounding the expression in a try-catch block or by writing a script for the DataWindow Error event.

## Handling errors from DataWindow property expressions in PowerBuilder

### What causes errors

In PowerBuilder, an invalid DataWindow property expression causes a runtime error in your application. A runtime error causes the application to terminate unless you catch the error in a runtime error handler or unless there is a script for the Error event.

**Table 5-4: Conditions that invalidate DataWindow property expressions**

| Conditions that cause errors                           | Possible causes                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Invalid names of controls within the DataWindow object | Mistyping, which the compiler does not catch because it does not evaluate the expression.<br>A different DataWindow object has been inserted in the control and it has different columns and controls. |
| A property is not valid for the specified control      | Mistyping.<br>The control is a different type than expected.                                                                                                                                           |

You can prevent the application from terminating by handling the error in the DataWindow control's Error event or by catching the error in a try-catch block.

### Responding to errors in the Error event script

The Error event's arguments give you several options for responding to the error. You choose a course of action and set the *action* argument to a value of the ExceptionAction enumerated datatype.

### ExceptionAction enumerated datatype

If you give the *action* argument a value other than ExceptionIgnore!, you will prevent error-handling code in try-catch blocks from executing. For more information on values for the ExceptionAction enumerated datatype, see the Error event description in the *PowerScript Reference*.

If you are trying to find out a property value and you know the expression might cause an error, you can include code that prepares for the error by storing a default value in an instance variable. Then the Error event script can return that value in place of the failed expression.

There are three elements to this technique: the declaration of an instance variable, the script that sets the variable's default value and then accesses a DataWindow property, and the Error event script. These elements are shown in Example 2 below.

**Responding to errors  
in a try-catch block**

You can prevent the application from terminating by handling the DataWindow runtime error (DWRuntimeError) in a try-catch block. If you are trying to find out a property value and you know the expression might cause an error, you can include code that automatically assigns a valid default value that can be substituted for the failed expression, as in Example 2 below.

**Examples**

*Example 1* This code displays complete information about the error in a multilineedit mle\_1.

The error event script:

```
mle_1.text = &
    "error#: " + string(errornumber) + "~r~n" + &
    "text: " + errortext + "~r~n" + &
    "parent: " + errorwindowmenu + "~r~n" + &
    "object: " + errorobject + "~r~n" + &
    "line: " + string(errorline) + "~r~n"
action = ExceptionIgnore!
```

The try-catch block:

```
Try
    ... //DataWindow property expression
Catch (DWRuntimeError myExc)
    mle_1.text = &
        "error#: " + string(myExc.number) + "~r~n" +&
        "text: " + myExc.text + "~r~n" + &
        "script: " + myExc.routinename + "~r~n" + &
        "object: " + myExc.objectname + "~r~n" + &
        "line: " + string(myExc.line) + "~r~n"
End Try
```

If the correct evaluation of the expression is not critical to the application, the application continues without terminating.

*Example 2* This example provides a return value that will become the expression's value if evaluation of the expression causes an error.

There are three elements to code in the error event script. The instance variable is a string:

```
string is_dwvalue
```

This script for a button or other control stores a valid return value in an instance variable and then accesses a DataWindow property:

```
is_dwvalue = "5"
ls_border = dw_1.Object.id.Border
```

The Error event script uses the instance variable to provide a valid return value:

```
action = ExceptionSubstituteReturnValue!  
returnvalue = is_dwvalue
```

The try-catch block:

```
try  
    ls_border = dw_1.Object.id.Border  
catch (DWRuntimeError myDWEError)  
    ls_border = "5"  
end try
```

At runtime, if the id column does not exist or some other error occurs, then the expression returns a valid border value—here the string "5". If you are using the Error event instead of a try-catch block, you must first store the value in an instance variable.

## PowerBuilder syntax for DataWindow property expressions

The following sections describe syntax for property expressions:

- [Basic syntax for DataWindow property expressions in PowerBuilder on page 468](#)
- [Syntax for nested objects in DataWindow property expressions in PowerBuilder on page 471](#)

### Basic syntax for DataWindow property expressions in PowerBuilder

**Description**

DataWindow property expressions in PowerBuilder use dot notation to specify the controls and properties that you want to access.

**Syntax**

```
dwcontrol.Object.dwcontrolname { .property } .property { = value }
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                        |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | The name of the DataWindow control or child DataWindow in which you want to get or set properties. |
| Object           | Object indicates that subsequent elements refer to the DataWindow object within <i>dwcontrol</i> . |

| Argument             | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrolname</i> | <p>a control within the DataWindow object. Possible values are DataWindow (for properties that apply to the whole DataWindow) or the name of a column, computed field, graph, line, oval, picture, rectangle, roundrectangle, report, TableBlob, or text control.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Nested DataWindow objects</b><br/> If <i>dwcontrolname</i> is a column with the DropDownDataWindow style, a report, or an OLE Object control, you can specify another Object keyword and <i>dwcontrolname</i> to refer to properties of controls within the nested DataWindow object. You can specify Object.<i>dwindowname</i> as many times as needed to refer to a deeply nested report.<br/> For nested syntax, see <a href="#">Syntax for nested objects in DataWindow property expressions in PowerBuilder on page 471</a>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>property</i>      | <p>A property that applies to <i>dwcontrolname</i>. If the property requires additional qualifying properties, list the additional properties, separating them with a dot.</p> <p>For lists of applicable properties, see the Property tables at the beginning of <a href="#">Chapter 3, DataWindow Object Properties</a>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>value</i>         | <p>A string whose value is to be assigned to the property.</p> <p>If the property value is a number, <i>value</i> can either be a string whose value is a number or a numeric datatype. The value is stored as a string.</p> <p>If the property value is a yes or no value, <i>value</i> can be either a string whose value is "yes" or "no" or a boolean value (<a href="#">true</a> or <a href="#">false</a>). The value is stored as "yes" or "no" strings.</p> <p>If the property value can be an expression, then <i>value</i> can be a string that takes the form:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>defaultvalue</i>~t <i>DataWindowexpression</i></p> <p>where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Defaultvalue</i> is any value that is allowed for <i>property</i>.</li> <li>• <i>DataWindowexpression</i> is an expression that can include names of controls in the DataWindow and DataWindow expression functions.</li> <li>• <i>Defaultvalue</i> and <i>DataWindowexpression</i> are separated by a tab character (~t).</li> </ul> <p>For examples of DataWindow expressions, see <a href="#">Using DataWindow expressions as property values on page 451</a>.</p> |

**Datatype**

Any. The datatype of the expression is Any, but actual data is a string.

For more information about the expression's datatype, see [Datatypes of DataWindow property expressions in PowerBuilder on page 461](#).

### Examples

*Example 1 Boolean property values* In this statement, the boolean value false is stored as the string "no":

```
dw_1.Object.DataWindow.ReadOnly = false
```

This statement displays the value of the ReadOnly property (either "yes" or "no") in the StaticText st\_status:

```
st_status.Text = dw_1.Object.DataWindow.ReadOnly
```

When you test the value of a property in a relational expression, you must compare your test value to the stored values. For ReadOnly, stored values are yes or no, not boolean true or false:

```
IF dw_1.Object.DataWindow.ReadOnly = 'yes' THEN
```

This statement fails because the expression is not boolean:

```
IF dw_1.Object.DataWindow.ReadOnly THEN // Not valid
```

*Example 2* Valid values for the Visible property are 0 and 1. You can set the property to numbers, yes and no, or true and false. Therefore, these three statements are equivalent:

```
dw_1.Object.street.Visible = false
dw_1.Object.street.Visible = "NO"
dw_1.Object.street.Visible = 0
```

*Example 3* This example tests whether the X property contains a constant (which can be converted to a number) or a DataWindow expression. The code assigns a default value of 50 to the variable li\_x, which remains the value if the property contains an expression the script cannot convert:

```
integer li_x
IF IsNumber( dw_1.Object.id.X ) THEN
    li_x = Integer( dw_1.Object.id.X )
ELSE
    li_x = 50
END IF
```

*Example 4* This script sets the X property to a DataWindow expression. The expression causes IDs with values less than 10 to be indented:

```
string modstring, ls_x
ls_x = "50"
modstring = ls_x + "~t" + &
    "If(id > 10, " + ls_x + ", " + &
    String(li_x + 20 ) + ")"
```



```
dw_1.Object.id.X = modstring
```

**Example 5** This example makes three columns updatable and reports the value of the Update property in the StaticText st\_status. The reported value is “yes,” not true:

```
dw_1.Object.id.Update = true
dw_1.Object.street.Update = true
dw_1.Object.last_name.Update = true

st_status.Text = &
    "Updateable: id " + dw_1.Object.id.Update + &
    ", street " + dw_1.Object.street.Update + &
    ", last_name " + dw_1.Object.last_name.Update
```

**Example 6** This example checks whether the id column is set up as a spin control. If so, it sets the spin range to 0 through 10:

```
IF dw_1.Object.id.EditMask.Spin = "yes" THEN
    dw_1.Object.id.EditMask.SpinRange = "0~~~10"
END IF
```

## Syntax for nested objects in DataWindow property expressions in PowerBuilder

### Description

In PowerBuilder, DataWindow property expressions use additional Object keywords to refer to nested objects. Nested objects include composite or related nested reports and child DataWindows associated with DropDownDataWindow columns. Related nested and composite reports can include their own nested objects. You can extend the dot notation to refer to any level of nesting.

### Syntax

```
dwcontrol.Object.nestedcontrolname { [row ] } .Object.dwcontrolname.  
property { .property } { = value }
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                    |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | The name of the DataWindow control or child DataWindow in which you want to get or set properties.             |
| Object           | The Object keyword indicates that subsequent elements refer to the DataWindow object within <i>dwcontrol</i> . |

| Argument                 | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>nestedcontrolname</i> | <p>The name of a DropDownDataWindow column, nested report, or OLE Object control within the DataWindow object in <i>dwcontrol</i>.</p> <hr/> <p><b>About nested reports</b><br/>A nested report can be one of a group of reports in the Composite presentation style or a nested report included in a base report, which is associated with a specific row.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>row</i>               | <p>When <i>nestedcontrolname</i> is a nested report in a base report, the number of the row the report is associated with. If the report is in a band other than the detail band, it is still associated with a row (see Usage below).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <i>dwcontrolname</i>     | <p>The name of a control within the nested DataWindow object. Possible values are DataWindow (for properties that apply to the whole DataWindow) or the name of a Button, Column, Computed field, Graph, GroupBox, Line, Oval, Picture, Rectangle, RoundRectangle, Report, TableBlob, or Text control.</p> <p>If <i>dwcontrolname</i> is a column with the DropDownDataWindow style, a Report control, or an OLE Object control, you can specify an additional Object keyword and <i>dwcontrolname</i> to refer to properties of controls within the nested DataWindow object. You can specify Object.<i>dwcontrolname</i> as many times as needed to refer to a control in a deeply nested DataWindow object.</p> |
| <i>property</i>          | <p>A property that applies to <i>dwcontrolname</i>. If the property requires additional qualifying properties, list the additional properties, separating them with a dot.</p> <p>For lists of applicable properties, see the Property tables in <a href="#">Chapter 3, DataWindow Object Properties</a>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>value</i>             | <p>A string whose value is to be assigned to the property. For more information, see <a href="#">Basic syntax for DataWindow property expressions in PowerBuilder on page 468</a>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

**Datatype**

Any. The datatype of the expression is Any, but the actual data is a string.

For more information about the expression’s datatype, see [Datatypes of DataWindow property expressions in PowerBuilder on page 461](#).

**Usage**

A nested report within a base report is usually in the detail band, and each instance of the report is associated with a row. The property expression must include a row number to identify which report to access. If the nested report is in a band other than detail, there may be only one or a few instances of the report, but it is still associated with a row. The expression must include a row number that has an instance of the report.

The following table lists the band and the row that is associated with the report:

| <b>If the report is in this band</b> | <b>This row is associated with the report</b>                                               |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| detail                               | The specified row.                                                                          |
| header                               | The first row on the page. On screen, this is the first row visible in the DataWindow body. |
| footer                               | The last row on the page. On screen, this is the last row visible in the DataWindow body.   |
| header. <i>n</i> (group header)      | The first row of the group (where <i>n</i> is the group number).                            |
| trailer. <i>n</i> (group trailer)    | The last row of the group (where <i>n</i> is the group number).                             |
| summary                              | The last row in the report.                                                                 |

**Examples**

*Example 1* Suppose that a DataWindow has the Composite presentation style and includes a report called rpt\_employee. The report includes a column emp\_id. This expression gets the validation expression for the column:

```
string ls_valid
ls_valid = dw_composite.Object.rpt_employee.&
Object.emp_id.Validation
```

*Example 2* In a Composite DataWindow, one of the reports rpt\_1 has a graph gr\_1. This example turns on grid lines for the category axis of that graph. The example sets an instance variable to a default value of “not found.” If the expression fails and triggers the Error event, the ExceptionSubstituteReturnValue! action causes the text “not found” to be returned so that the second assignment succeeds:

```
is_dwvalue = "not found"
dw_1.Object.rpt_1.Object.&
    gr_1.Category.MajorGridline = 5
st_status.Text = dw_1.Object.rpt_1.Object.&
    gr_1.Category.MajorGridline
```

The script for the Error event includes these lines:

```
action = ExceptionSubstituteReturnValue!
returnvalue = is_dwvalue
```

*Example 3* Suppose that a DataWindow called `dw_emp` is a base report with employee information. The detail band includes a nested report of salary history called `rpt_salary`. This means there is a separate report with its own properties in each row.

The script checks whether the employee belongs to management (the value in the rank column in the base report is M). If so, the script assigns a DataWindow expression to the Color property of the salary column in the `rpt_salary` nested report. The expression highlights salaries that are over \$60,000 in red.

Another statement sets the salary column's Mode property so the color change will be visible:

```
integer li_row

FOR li_row = 1 to RowCount( )
    IF dw_emp.Object.rank.Primary[li_row] = "M" THEN

        dw_emp.Object.rpt_salary[li_row].Object.&
            salary.Background.Color = &
                '255 ~t If(salary > 60000, 255, 0) '

        dw_emp.Object.rpt_salary[li_row].Object.&
            salary.Background.Mode = 0

    END IF
NEXT
```

*Example 4* In this example there is a graph in the summary band of a base report called `dw_emp`. The graph is a nested report called `rpt_graph_salaries`. Although the graph is not related to a particular row, you still need to provide the row number associated with the summary band when you refer to its properties. This statement turns on autoscaling for the values axis:

```
dw_emp.Object.rpt_graph_salaries.Object.&
    gr_1.Values.AutoScale = 1
```

*Example 5* If a column has a DropDownDataWindow edit style, there are properties that affect the column's appearance. Using nested object syntax, you can also change properties of the child DataWindow for the column. In this example, the DataWindow `dw_gift` allows a clerk at a nonprofit organization to record donations. The clerk can pick a standard donation amount from a drop-down DataWindow.

This example makes the drop-down DataWindow column called amount a required value and changes the display format for the dollars column in the child DataWindow:

```
dw_gift.Object.amount.dddw.Required = "Yes"
dw_gift.Object.amount.Object.dollars.Format = "$#,##0"
```

## JavaScript: Modify and Describe methods for properties

In JavaScript, you can get and set DataWindow properties with the [Describe](#) and [Modify](#) methods. Property expressions and DWObject variables are not supported.

These sections describe how to use [Modify](#) and [Describe](#) in JavaScript:

- [Advantage and drawbacks of the Modify and Describe methods in JavaScript on page 475](#)
- [Handling errors for Modify and Describe methods in JavaScript on page 476](#)

## Advantage and drawbacks of the Modify and Describe methods in JavaScript

In JavaScript, using the [Describe](#) and [Modify](#) methods to access DataWindow property values has advantages and drawbacks. The examples here use [Modify](#) as illustrations, but similar considerations apply to [Describe](#).

### Advantage

**You can specify column and property names dynamically** In your script, you can build a string that specifies the column and property names.

For example, the following code builds a string in which the default color value and the two color values in the If function are determined in the script. Notice how the single quotes around the expression are included in the first and last pieces of the string:

```
red_amount = parseInt(text_1.value);
if (red_amount >= 0 and red_amount < 256) {
    modstring = "emp_id.Color='"
    + text_1.value
    + "\t If(emp_status=~'A~',"
    + 255
    + ","
    + text_1.value
    + ")'";
```

```
dw_1.Modify(modstring)
```

The resulting string when red\_amount is set to 128 is:

```
emp_id.Color='128\tIf(emp_status=~'A~',255,128)'
```

The following is a simpler example without the If function. The Color property for the column specified in ls\_columnname is set to a constant value. You do not need quotes around the value if you are not specifying an expression:

```
dw_1.Modify(ls_columnname + ".Color=255");
```

## Drawbacks

### Setting several properties at once is possible but hard to debug

Although you can set several properties in a single method call, it is harder to understand and debug scripts that do so.

For example, the code for setting three properties is not too complex because there are no nested strings:

```
rtn = dw_1.Modify("emp_id.Font.Italic=0  
oval_1.Background.Mode=0  
oval_1.Background.Color=255");
```

**Complex quoted strings are sometimes required** When you specify an expression for a property value, it is difficult to specify nested quotes correctly—the code is hard to understand and prone to error. For **Describe**, this is less of a drawback—strings will not become as complex because they do not include an expression.

For example, this string entered on a single line in a script assigns a DataWindow expression to the Color property:

```
Modify("emp_id.Color=\"16777215 \t  
If(emp_status=~\"A~\",255,16777215)\");
```

For more information about quoted strings, see the *PowerScript Reference*.

## Handling errors for Modify and Describe methods in JavaScript

In all environments, including JavaScript, no runtime error occurs when **Describe** and **Modify** try to access invalid controls or properties in the DataWindow object. The validity of the argument string is evaluated before the controls are accessed.

## Modify

When the string that specifies the control and property to be accessed is invalid, **Modify** returns an error string, instead of the expected value, such as:

```
Line 1 Column 12: incorrect syntax.
```

You can use the error message to figure out what part of the string is incorrect. This is most useful when you are testing your scripts. The error message, which names the line and column number after which the string was not recognized, may not be helpful after your application is deployed.

**Describe**

When the string for **Describe** has an unrecognized property, **Describe**'s return value ends with an exclamation point (!). It will return as many values as it recognizes up to the incorrect one.

When you specify a valid property but that property doesn't have a value (either because it hasn't been set or because its value is an expression that can't be evaluated), **Describe** returns a question mark (?) for that property. The property's actual value is null.

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**Always check for errors**

You should include error-checking code that checks for these return values. Other errors can occur later if you depend on settings that failed to take effect.

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**For more information**

For more information on syntax and usage, see **Describe** and **Modify** in **Chapter 9, Methods for the DataWindow Control**.





## About this chapter

This chapter lists the PowerBuilder enumerated datatypes that provide constants for setting DataWindow property values.

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## About DataWindow constants

### About constants

This section lists the constants that are defined in the DataWindow control for values of properties and arguments for methods. Constants have both a name and a numeric value.

### What values to use

**PowerBuilder** In PowerBuilder, constants are defined as sets of values associated with enumerated datatypes. Values for enumerated datatypes always end with an exclamation point. When an enumerated datatype is specified as the datatype, you must use the enumerated value. You cannot use the numeric equivalent.

```
dw1.BorderStyle = StyleRaised!
```

**JavaScript** In JavaScript, you must use the numeric value. The named values are not available.

**DataWindow object properties** When setting DataWindow properties in PowerBuilder, you use the numeric value in quoted strings.

### How this section is organized

This section lists the values according to the PowerBuilder enumerated datatypes, so you can see which values are available for setting a particular type of data. If you know a value's name but not the enumerated datatype it belongs to, you can find the value in the index of this book.

## Alphabetical list of DataWindow constants

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## AccessibleRole

### Description

Values for specifying the AccessibleRole property for DataWindows and controls in DataWindows.

### Values

Use the numeric values with the AccessibleRole DataWindow object property

| PowerBuilder enumerated value | Numeric value |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| DefaultRole!                  | 0             |

| <b>PowerBuilder enumerated value</b> | <b>Numeric value</b> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| HelpBarRole!                         | 31 1                 |
| CharacterBarRole!                    | 32 2                 |
| ListScrollBarRole!                   | 33 3                 |
| ListGridRole!                        | 34 4                 |
| OutlineBarRole!                      | 35 5                 |
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| AlertRole!                           | 8                    |
| WindowRole!                          | 9                    |
| ClientRole!                          | 10                   |
| MenuPopupRole!                       | 11                   |
| MenuItemRole!                        | 12                   |
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| ApplicationRole!                     | 14                   |
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## Alignment

### Description

Values for specifying the alignment of text in DataWindow columns or text controls.

### Values

Use the numeric values with the Alignment DataWindow object property.

| <b>PowerBuilder enumerated value</b> | <b>Numeric value</b> | <b>Meaning</b>                                                                                                                                                       |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Left!                                | 0                    | Text is left aligned.                                                                                                                                                |
| Right!                               | 1                    | Text is right aligned.                                                                                                                                               |
| Center!                              | 2                    | Text is centered.                                                                                                                                                    |
| Justify!                             | 3                    | Wrapped text is justified. The last line of text is not stretched to fill the area. So for a single line of text, justified alignment will appear to have no effect. |

### See also

[Alignment on page 185](#)

## Band

### Description

Values identifying the band containing the insertion point in a DataWindow control.

In PowerBuilder, band values are returned by the `Position` method for a RichTextEdit DataWindow.

### Values

| <b>PowerBuilder enumerated value</b> | <b>Numeric value</b> | <b>Meaning</b>  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Detail!                              | 0                    | The detail band |
| Header!                              | 1                    | The header band |
| Footer!                              | 2                    | The footer band |

## Border

### Description

Values identifying the border style for a column in a DataWindow.

Used in the [GetBorderStyle](#) and [SetBorderStyle](#) methods and the Border property for DataWindow columns.

### Values

| <b>PowerBuilder enumerated value</b> | <b>Numeric value</b> | <b>Meaning</b>                                                                          |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| NoBorder!                            | 0                    | No border.                                                                              |
| ShadowBox!                           | 1                    | Each data value is in a box that has a drop shadow                                      |
| Box!                                 | 2                    | Each data value is surrounded by a rectangular border with no shading                   |
| ResizeBorder!                        | 3                    | The column is resizable; the user can grab the border around any data value and drag it |
| Underline!                           | 4                    | Each data value in the column is underlined                                             |
| Lowered!                             | 5                    | Each data value has a 3D border with shading to make it look lowered                    |
| Raised!                              | 6                    | Each data value has a 3D border with shading to make it look raised                     |

### See also

[Border](#) on page 203

[GetBorderStyle](#)

[SetBorderStyle](#)

## BorderStyle

### Description

Values for specifying the border style of the DataWindow control.

PowerBuilder only. Used for the Border property of the DataWindow control.

### Values

| <b>PowerBuilder enumerated value</b> | <b>Numeric value</b> | <b>Meaning</b>                                                                |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| StyleBox!                            | 2                    | The DataWindow control is surrounded by a rectangular box without any shading |
| StyleLowered!                        | 5                    | The control has a 3D border with shading to make it look lowered              |
| StyleRaised!                         | 6                    | The control has a 3D border with shading to make it look raised               |
| StyleShadowBox!                      | 1                    | The control has a rectangular border with a drop shadow                       |

See also [Border](#) on page 203

## CharSet

### Description

Values for specifying the character set used in the DataWindow.

Generally, the value for CharSet is derived from the font selected for controls within the DataWindow.

Values are used with the Font.CharSet DataWindow object property. Use the numeric values, not the enumerated values, for DataWindow object properties.

### Values

| PowerBuilder enumerated value | Numeric value | Meaning                                          |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| —                             | 1             | The default character set for the specified font |
| CharSetAnsi!                  | 0             | Standard ANSI                                    |
| CharSetUnicode!               |               | Unicode                                          |
| CharSetAnsiHebrew!            |               | Right-to-left Hebrew                             |
| CharSetAnsiArabic!            |               | Right-to-left Arabic                             |
| CharSetDBCS-Japanese!         |               | Double-byte Japanese                             |
| —                             | 2             | Symbol                                           |
| —                             | 128           | Shift-JIS                                        |
| —                             | 255           | OEM                                              |

See also [Font.property](#)

## DWBuffer

### Description

Values for specifying the DataWindow buffer containing the rows you want to access.

Used in many DataWindow methods that access data.

Values

| PowerBuilder enumerated value | Numeric value | Meaning                                                                                                                            |
|-------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Primary!                      | 0             | The data in the primary buffer, meaning data that has not been deleted or filtered out. (Default value when argument is optional.) |
| Delete!                       | 1             | Data in the delete buffer, meaning data that has been deleted from the DataWindow but has not been committed to the database.      |
| Filter!                       | 2             | Data in the filter buffer, meaning data that has been removed from view.                                                           |

See also

[GetItemStatus](#)  
[SetItem](#)

## DWConflictResolution

Description

Values for specifying how to handle potential conflicts when synchronizing DataWindows in a distributed application.

Values

| PowerBuilder enumerated value | Numeric value | Meaning                                                                                                                                                        |
|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| FailOnAnyConflict!            | 0             | Prevents changes from being synchronized if data in the source DataWindow has changed since its state was captured. (Default value when argument is optional.) |
| AllowPartialChanges!          | 1             | Allows changes that are not in conflict to be applied.                                                                                                         |

See also

[SetChanges](#) on page 804 explains how to test whether conflicts exist.

## DWItemStatus

Description

Values for specifying how DataWindow data will be updated in the database.



**Values**

| <b>PowerBuilder enumerated value</b> | <b>Numeric value</b> | <b>Meaning</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| NotModified!                         | 0                    | The information in the row or column is unchanged from what was retrieved.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| DataModified!                        | 1                    | The information in the column or one of the columns in the row has changed since it was retrieved.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| New!                                 | 2                    | The row is new but no values have been specified for its columns. (Applies to rows only, not to individual columns.)                                                                                                                                                                   |
| NewModified!                         | 3                    | The row is new, and values have been assigned to its columns. In addition to changes caused by user entry or the <a href="#">SetItem</a> method, a new row gets the status NewModified when one of its columns has a default value. (Applies to rows only, not to individual columns.) |

**See also**

[SetItemStatus](#) on page 827 describes how to change individual item statuses and how the status affects the [SQL](#) statements that update the database.

**FillPattern****Description**

Values for the fill pattern of shapes (for example, bars or pie slices) in a graph control.

Used in [Get/SetSeriesStyle](#) and [Get/SetDataStyle](#) methods for graph controls in a DataWindow or PowerBuilder graph controls.

**Values**

| <b>PowerBuilder enumerated value</b> | <b>Numeric value</b> | <b>Meaning</b>                       |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Solid!                               | 0                    | A solid color                        |
| Horizontal!                          | 1                    | Horizontal lines                     |
| Vertical!                            | 2                    | Vertical lines                       |
| FDiagonal!                           | 3                    | Lines from upper left to lower right |
| BDiagonal!                           | 4                    | Lines from lower left to upper right |

| <b>PowerBuilder enumerated value</b> | <b>Numeric value</b> | <b>Meaning</b>        |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Square!                              | 5                    | A pattern of squares  |
| Diamond!                             | 6                    | A pattern of diamonds |

See also

[GetDataStyle](#)  
[GetSeriesStyle](#)  
[SetDataStyle](#)  
[SetSeriesStyle](#)

## grColorType

**Description**

Values for specifying the purpose of a color in a graph, for example, background or foreground.

Used in [Get/SetSeriesStyle](#) and [Get/SetDataStyle](#) methods for graph controls in a DataWindow or for PowerBuilder graph controls.

**Values**

| <b>PowerBuilder enumerated value</b> | <b>Numeric value</b> | <b>Meaning</b>                                |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Foreground!                          | 0                    | Text (fill color)                             |
| Background!                          | 1                    | The background color                          |
| Shade!                               | 2                    | The shaded area of three-dimensional graphics |
| LineColor!                           | 3                    | The color of the line                         |

See also

[GetDataStyle](#)  
[GetSeriesStyle](#)  
[SetDataStyle](#)  
[SetSeriesStyle](#)

## grDataType

**Description**

Values for specifying X or Y value when getting information about a scatter graph.

Used in the [GetData](#) method for graph controls in a DataWindow or for PowerBuilder graph controls.

### Values

| PowerBuilder enumerated value | Numeric value | Meaning                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------|
| yValue!                       | 1             | (Default) The y value of the data point |
| xValue!                       | 0             | The x value of the data point           |

### See also

[GetData](#)

## grObjectType

### Description

Values that identify parts of a graph.

Used as the return value of the [ObjectAtPointer](#) method for graph controls in a DataWindow or for PowerBuilder graph controls.

### Values

| PowerBuilder enumerated value | Numeric value | Meaning                                                                                                                   |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TypeGraph!                    | 0             | Any place within the graph control that isn't another grObjectType                                                        |
| TypeTitle!                    | 4             | The title of the graph                                                                                                    |
| TypeLegend!                   | 8             | Within the legend box, but not on a series label                                                                          |
| TypeData!                     | 2             | A data point or other data marker                                                                                         |
| TypeCategory!                 | 3             | A label for a category                                                                                                    |
| TypeCategoryAxis!             | 10            | The category axis or between the category labels                                                                          |
| TypeCategoryLabel!            | 6             | The label of the category axis                                                                                            |
| TypeSeries!                   | 1             | The line that connects the data points of a series when the graph's type is line or on the series label in the legend box |
| TypeSeriesAxis!               | 9             | The series axis of a 3D graph                                                                                             |
| TypeSeriesLabel!              | 5             | The label of the series axis of a 3D graph                                                                                |
| TypeValueAxis!                | 11            | The value axis, including on the value labels                                                                             |
| TypeValueLabel!               | 7             | The user clicked the label of the value axis                                                                              |

### See also

[ObjectAtPointer](#)

## grSymbolType

### Description

Values for the symbols associated with data points in a graph.

Used in [Get/SetSeriesStyle](#) and [Get/SetDataStyle](#) methods for graph controls in a DataWindow or for PowerBuilder graph controls.

### Values

| PowerBuilder enumerated value | Numeric value | Meaning                |
|-------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| NoSymbol!                     | 0             | None                   |
| SymbolHollowBox!              | 1             | A hollow box           |
| SymbolX!                      | 2             | An X                   |
| SymbolStar!                   | 3             | A star                 |
| SymbolHollowUpArrow!          | 4             | An outlined up arrow   |
| SymbolHollowDownArrow!        | 5             | An outlined down arrow |
| SymbolHollowCircle!           | 6             | An outlined circle     |
| SymbolHollowDiamond!          | 7             | An outlined diamond    |
| SymbolSolidBox!               | 8             | A filled box           |
| SymbolSolidDownArrow!         | 9             | A filled down arrow    |
| SymbolSolidUpArrow!           | 10            | A filled up arrow      |
| SymbolSolidDiamond!           | 11            | A filled diamond       |
| SymbolSolidCircle!            | 12            | A filled circle        |
| SymbolPlus!                   | 13            | A plus sign            |

### See also

[GetDataStyle](#)  
[GetSeriesStyle](#)  
[SetDataStyle](#)  
[SetSeriesStyle](#)

## LineStyle

### Description

Values for the pattern of lines in a graph.

Used in [Get/SetSeriesStyle](#) and [Get/SetDataStyle](#) methods for graph controls in a DataWindow or for PowerBuilder graph controls.

**Values**

| <b>PowerBuilder enumerated value</b> | <b>Numeric value</b> | <b>Meaning</b>                                        |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Continuous!                          | 0                    | The line style is a solid line                        |
| Dash!                                | 1                    | The line style is ----                                |
| DashDot!                             | 2                    | The line style is -.-.-.                              |
| DashDotDot!                          | 3                    | The line style is -.-.-.-.                            |
| Dot!                                 | 4                    | The line style is .....                               |
| Transparent!                         | 5                    | The line allows the background shapes to show through |

**See also**

[GetDataStyle](#)  
[GetSeriesStyle](#)  
[SetDataStyle](#)  
[SetSeriesStyle](#)

## MetaDataType

**Description**

Values that specify whether metadata is saved when XML is exported from a DataWindow object.

**Values**

| <b>PowerBuilder enumerated value</b> | <b>Numeric value</b> | <b>Meaning</b>                                                     |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| XMLNone!                             | 0                    | Metadata (XML Schema or DTD) is not generated when XML is exported |
| XMLSchema!                           | 1                    | XML Schema is generated when XML is exported                       |
| XMLDTD!                              | 2                    | DTD is generated when XML is exported                              |

**See also**

[SaveMetaData](#)

## RichTextToolbarActivation

**Description**

Values for specifying when a font toolbar appears for a DataWindow.

## Values

| PowerBuilder enumerated value    | Numeric value | Meaning                                                                                                              |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| RichTextToolbarActivationNever!  | 0             | Never displays a rich text toolbar.                                                                                  |
| RichTextToolbarActivationOnEdit! | 1             | Displays a rich text toolbar whenever a column with the rich text edit style has focus. This is the default setting. |
| RichTextToolbarActivationAlways! | 2             | Displays a rich text toolbar at all times when the DataWindow is visible.                                            |

## RowFocusInd

## Description

Values for specifying the indicator for the current row in a DataWindow.

Used in the [SetRowFocusIndicator](#) method for DataWindow controls.

## Values

| PowerBuilder enumerated value | Numeric value | Meaning                                                                                |
|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Off!                          | 0             | There is no indicator for the current row                                              |
| FocusRect!                    | 1             | The row with focus has a dotted rectangle around it                                    |
| Hand!                         | 2             | A pointing hand appears in the left margin of the DataWindow beside the row with focus |

## See also

[SetRowFocusIndicator](#)

## SaveAsType

## Description

Values for specifying a format for data you want to save.

Used in the [SaveAs](#) method for saving the data of a DataWindow, a graph control in a DataWindow, or a PowerBuilder graph control.

## Values

| PowerBuilder enumerated value | Numeric value | Meaning                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Excel!                        | 0             | Microsoft Excel format. |

| <b>PowerBuilder enumerated value</b> | <b>Numeric value</b> | <b>Meaning</b>                                                                     |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Text!                                | 1                    | (Default) Tab-separated columns with a return at the end of each row               |
| CSV!                                 | 2                    | Comma-separated values                                                             |
| SYLK!                                | 3                    | Microsoft Multiplan format                                                         |
| WKS!                                 | 4                    | Lotus 1-2-3 format                                                                 |
| WK1!                                 | 5                    | Lotus 1-2-3 format                                                                 |
| DIF!                                 | 6                    | Data Interchange Format                                                            |
| dBASE2!                              | 7                    | dBASE-II format                                                                    |
| dBASE3!                              | 8                    | dBASE-III format                                                                   |
| SQLInsert!                           | 9                    | SQL syntax                                                                         |
| Clipboard!                           | 10                   | Save an image of the graph to the clipboard                                        |
| PSReport!                            | 11                   | Powersoft Report (PSR) format                                                      |
| WMF!                                 | 12                   | Windows Metafile format                                                            |
| HTMLTable!                           | 13                   | HTML TABLE, TR, and TD elements                                                    |
| Excel5!                              | 14                   | Microsoft Excel Version 5 format                                                   |
| XML!                                 | 15                   | Extensible Markup Language (XML)                                                   |
| XSLFO!                               | 16                   | Extensible Stylesheet Language Formatting Objects (XSL-FO)                         |
| PDF!                                 | 17                   | Portable Document Format (PDF)                                                     |
| Excel8!                              | 18                   | Microsoft Excel Version 8 and higher format                                        |
| EMF!                                 | 19                   | Enhanced Metafile Format                                                           |
| XLSX!                                | 24                   | Microsoft Excel 2007 format for XML data (requires .NET Framework 3.0 or later)    |
| XLSB!                                | 25                   | Microsoft Excel 2007 format for binary data (requires .NET Framework 3.0 or later) |

### Obsolete values

The following SaveAsType values are considered to be obsolete and will be removed in a future release: Excel!, WK1!, WKS!, SYLK!, dBase2!, WMF!. Use Excel8!, XLSB!, or XLSX! for current versions of Microsoft Excel!, and EMF! in place of WMF!.

**Formats supported on UNIX** The following formats are supported in PowerBuilder components deployed to the UNIX platform: Text!, CSV!, **SQLInsert!**, HTMLTable!, XML!, XSLFO!, and PDF!.

The following formats are not supported on UNIX: PSReport!, Excel!, Excel5!, Excel8!, SYLK!, WKS!, WK1!, DIF!, dBase2!, dBase3!, Clipboard!, WMF!, EMF!, XLSB!,and XLSX!.

**PSR format changed** The format of PSR files created in PowerBuilder has changed in order to improve data integrity for the **SaveAsAscii** function. As a result, PSR files created in newer builds of PowerBuilder cannot be opened in builds that predate this change. This change was made in PowerBuilder 8.0 build 7063 and PowerBuilder 7.0.3 build 10102.

See also [SaveAs](#)

## SQLPreviewFunction

**Description** Values passed to the **SQLPreview** DataWindow event to indicate what method triggered the event.

**Values**

| <b>PowerBuilder enumerated value</b> | <b>Numeric value</b> | <b>Meaning</b>                                              |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| PreviewFunction Retrieve!            | 1                    | The program called the DataWindow <b>Retrieve</b> method    |
| PreviewFunction ReselectRow!         | 2                    | The program called the DataWindow <b>ReselectRow</b> method |
| PreviewFunction Update!              | 3                    | The program called the Datawindow <b>Update</b> method      |

See also [SQLPreview](#)

## SaveMetaData

**Description** Values that specify how metadata is saved when it is generated with the XML exported from a DataWindow object.



**Values**

| <b>PowerBuilder enumerated value</b> | <b>Numeric value</b> | <b>Meaning</b>                                                                                                                            |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MetaDataInternal!                    | 0                    | Metadata is saved into the generated XML document or string. To save data using the .Data.XML expression syntax, you must use this value. |
| MetaDataExternal!                    | 1                    | Metadata is saved as an external <i>.xsd</i> or <i>.dtd</i> file ( <i>SaveAs</i> method only).                                            |

**See also**[MetaDataType](#)

## SQLPreviewType

**Description**

Values passed to the [SQLPreview](#) DataWindow event to indicate what [SQL](#) statement is being sent to the DBMS.

**Values**

| <b>PowerBuilder enumerated value</b> | <b>Numeric value</b> | <b>Meaning</b>                      |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| PreviewSelect!                       | 1                    | A <a href="#">SELECT</a> statement  |
| PreviewInsert!                       | 2                    | An <a href="#">INSERT</a> statement |
| PreviewDelete!                       | 3                    | A <a href="#">DELETE</a> statement  |
| PreviewUpdate!                       | 4                    | An <a href="#">UPDATE</a> statement |

**See also**[SQLPreview](#)

## WebPagingMethod

**Description**

Values that specify how the Web DataWindow handles paging requests.

**Obsolete constant**

[WebPagingMethod](#) is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

Values

| <b>PowerBuilder enumerated value</b> | <b>Numeric value</b> | <b>Meaning</b>                                                                                                         |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Postback!                            | 0                    | Post back to server to perform paging operations                                                                       |
| Callback!                            | 1                    | Use script callbacks to retrieve the next page of XML data                                                             |
| XMLClientside!                       | 2                    | Retrieve entire result set and use XSLT transformation of cached stylesheet to perform paging operations on the client |

## Properties of the DataWindow Control and DataStore

### About this chapter

The chapter lists the properties of the DataWindow control and DataStore. These properties can be set in code to control the appearance and behavior of the container for the DataWindow object.

## Properties for PowerBuilder DataWindow

These properties are also documented in the PowerBuilder book *Objects and Controls*.

## Properties for DataStore objects

You can set properties of a DataStore object in code using dot notation.

**Table 7-1: Setting DataStore properties using dot notation**

| DataStore property | Datatype    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DataObject         | String      | Specifies the name of the DataWindow or Report object associated with the control.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| ClassDefinition    | PowerObject | An object of type PowerObject containing information about the class definition of the object or control.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Object             | DWObject    | Used for the direct manipulation of controls within a DataWindow object from a script. These controls could be, for example, columns or text controls.<br><br>For information, see <a href="#">Chapter 4, Accessing Data in Code</a> and <a href="#">Chapter 5, Accessing DataWindow Object Properties in Code</a> . |

## Properties for DataWindow controls

You can set properties of a DataWindow control in the window or user object painter or in code.

**Table 7-2: Properties of DataWindow controls**

| DataWindow property | Datatype                 | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Border              | Boolean                  | Specifies whether the control has a border. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – Control has a border.</li> <li>• <b>False</b> – Control does not have a border.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| BorderStyle         | BorderStyle (enumerated) | Specifies the border style of the control. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>StyleBox!</li> <li>StyleLowered!</li> <li>StyleRaised!</li> <li>StyleShadowBox!</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| BringToTop          | Boolean                  | Specifies whether PowerBuilder moves the control to the top of the front-to-back order.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| ClassDefinition     | PowerObject              | An object of type PowerObject containing information about the class definition of the object or control.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| ControlMenu         | Boolean                  | Specifies whether the Control Menu box displays in the control title bar. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – Control Menu box displays in the control title bar.</li> <li>• <b>False</b> – Control Menu box does not display in the control title bar.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                |
| DataObject          | String                   | Specifies the name of the DataWindow object or Report object associated with the control.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| DragAuto            | Boolean                  | Specifies whether PowerBuilder puts the control automatically into Drag Mode. DragAuto has these boolean values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – When the control is clicked, the control is automatically in Drag Mode.</li> <li>• <b>False</b> – When the control is clicked, the control is not automatically in Drag Mode. You have to manually put the control into Drag Mode by using the Drag function.</li> </ul> |
| DragIcon            | String                   | Specifies the name of the stock icon or the file containing the icon you want to display when the user drags the control (the ICO file). The default icon is a box the size of the control.<br><br>When the user drags the control, the icon displays when the control is over an area in which the control can be dropped (a valid drop area). When the control is over an area that is not a valid drop area, the No-Drop icon displays.       |

| DataWindow property | Datatype | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Enabled             | Boolean  | Specifies whether the control is enabled (can be selected). Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – Control is enabled.</li> <li>• <b>False</b> – Control is not enabled.</li> </ul>                                                                                                      |
| Height              | Integer  | Specifies the height of the DataWindow control, in PowerBuilder units.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| HScrollBar          | Boolean  | Specifies whether a horizontal scroll bar displays in the control when all the data cannot be displayed at one time. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – Horizontal scroll bar is displayed.</li> <li>• <b>False</b> – Horizontal scroll bar is not displayed.</li> </ul>             |
| HSplitScroll        | Boolean  | Specifies whether the split bar displays in the control. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – Split bar is displayed.</li> <li>• <b>False</b> – Split bar is not displayed.</li> </ul>                                                                                                 |
| Icon                | String   | Specifies the name of the ICO file that contains the icon that displays when the DataWindow control is minimized.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| LiveScroll          | Boolean  | Scrolls the rows in the DataWindow control while the user is moving the scroll box.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| MaxBox              | Boolean  | Specifies whether a Maximize Box displays in the DataWindow control title bar. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – Maximize Box displays.</li> <li>• <b>False</b> – Maximize Box does not display.</li> </ul>                                                                         |
| MinBox              | Boolean  | Specifies whether a Minimize Box displays in the DataWindow control title bar. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – Minimize Box displays.</li> <li>• <b>False</b> – Minimize Box does not display.</li> </ul>                                                                         |
| Object              | DWObject | Used for the direct manipulation of controls within a DataWindow object from a script. These controls could be, for example, columns or text controls.<br><br>For information, see <a href="#">Chapter 4, Accessing Data in Code</a> and <a href="#">Chapter 5, Accessing DataWindow Object Properties in Code</a> . |
| Resizable           | Boolean  | Specifies whether the DataWindow control is resizable. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – DataWindow is resizable.</li> <li>• <b>False</b> – DataWindow is not resizable.</li> </ul>                                                                                                 |

| <b>DataWindow property</b> | <b>Datatype</b> | <b>Description</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| RightToLeft                | Boolean         | Specifies that characters should be displayed in right-to-left order. The application must be running on a Hebrew or Arabic version of PowerBuilder under an operating system that supports right-to-left display. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – Characters display in right-to-left order.</li> <li>• <b>False</b> – Characters display in left-to-right order.</li> </ul> |
| TabOrder                   | Integer         | Specifies the tab value of the DataWindow control within the window or user object. (0 means the user cannot tab to the control.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Tag                        | String          | Specifies the tag value assigned to the DataWindow control.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Title                      | String          | Specifies the text that displays in the DataWindow control title bar.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| TitleBar                   | Boolean         | Specifies whether a title bar displays in the DataWindow control. The user can move the DataWindow control only if it has a title bar. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – Title bar is displayed in control.</li> <li>• <b>False</b> – No title bar is displayed in control.</li> </ul>                                                                                          |
| Visible                    | Boolean         | Specifies whether the DataWindow control is visible. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – Control is visible.</li> <li>• <b>False</b> – Control is not visible.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| VScrollBar                 | Boolean         | Specifies whether a vertical scroll bar displays in the control when not all the data can be displayed at one time. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – Vertical scroll bar is displayed.</li> <li>• <b>False</b> – Vertical scroll bar is not displayed.</li> </ul>                                                                                                              |
| Width                      | Integer         | Specifies the width of the DataWindow control, in PowerBuilder units.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| X                          | Integer         | Specifies the X position (the distance from the left edge of the window), in PowerBuilder units.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Y                          | Integer         | Specifies the Y position (the distance from the top edge of the window), in PowerBuilder units.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

**About this chapter**

This chapter describes what DataWindow objects are and the ways you can use them in various programming environments.

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**About return values for DataWindow events**

The way to specify a return code in a DataWindow event is different in each of the DataWindow environments.

**PowerBuilder**

Use a **RETURN** statement as the last statement in the event script. The datatype of the value is long.

For example, in the ItemChanged event, set the return code to 2 to reject an empty string as a data value:

```
IF data = "" THEN
    RETURN 2
```

**Java**

Use the **setReturnCode** method of the event object passed to the event. The datatype of the value is int. The **setReturnCode** method is inherited from the parent EventData class.

For example, in the retrieveStart event, prevent the DataWindow from being reset, so that the newly retrieved rows are appended to the rows already retrieved:

```
event.setReturnCode(2);
```

## Categories of DataWindow events

The reference entries are listed in alphabetical order. To help you find the event you need, the events are organized here by the type of actions that trigger them.

|                 |                                                                                                                                         |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Changing data   | EditChanged<br>ItemChanged<br>ItemError<br>DropDown for drop-down lists                                                                 |
| Database access | DBError<br>RetrieveStart<br>RetrieveRow<br>RetrieveEnd<br>SQLPreview<br>UpdateStart<br>UpdateEnd                                        |
| Error handling  | DBError<br>Error<br>ItemError<br>WSError                                                                                                |
| Focus           | GetFocus<br>LoseFocus<br>ItemFocusChanged<br>RowFocusChanging<br>RowFocusChanged                                                        |
| Key presses     | KeyDown<br>ProcessEnter<br>TabOut<br>BackTabOut<br>TabDownOut<br>TabUpOut                                                               |
| Mouse actions   | ButtonClicked<br>ButtonClicking<br>Clicked<br>DoubleClicked<br>DragDrop<br>DragEnter<br>DragLeave<br>DragWithin<br>MouseMove<br>MouseUp |



|                  |                                                                                                                                                                        |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                  | RButtonDown                                                                                                                                                            |
| Printing         | PrintStart<br>PrintPage<br>PrintMarginChange<br>Printend                                                                                                               |
| Rich Text        | RichTextCurrentStyleChanged<br>RichTextLoseFocus<br>RichTextLimitError                                                                                                 |
| Scrolling        | ScrollHorizontal<br>ScrollVertical                                                                                                                                     |
| TreeView actions | Collapsed<br>Collapsing<br>Expanded<br>Expanding<br>TreeNodeSelected<br>TreeNodeSelecting                                                                              |
| Miscellaneous    | Constructor<br>Destructor<br>Resize<br>GraphCreate for Graph controls and presentation styles<br>HTMLContextApplied (obsolete)<br>MessageText for crosstab DataWindows |

## DataWindow event cross-reference

Event names conform to the conventions of each environment. Events for PowerBuilder DataWindow objects and DataStores are listed in *Objects and Controls*. (In online Help, look up DataWindow control or DataStore object, and click the Events button to view these lists.)

## Alphabetical list of DataWindow events

The list of DataWindow events follows in alphabetical order.

## BackTabOut

### Description

Occurs when the user presses Shift+Tab or, in some edit styles, the left arrow, to move focus to the prior control in the Window or user object.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnbacktabout

BackTabOut is not a standard PowerBuilder DataWindow event. To write a script for this event, you must first define a user-defined event for the event ID pbm\_dwnbacktabout.

### Return codes

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

0 Continue processing

## ButtonClicked

### Description

Occurs when the user clicks a button inside a DataWindow object.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnbuttonclicked

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| row              | Long by value. The number of the row the user clicked.                                                                                                                      |
| actionreturncode | Long by value. The value returned by the action performed by the button.<br>For information about return values, see the <a href="#">Action</a> DataWindow object property. |
| dwo              | DWObject by value. A reference to the control within the DataWindow under the pointer when the user clicked.                                                                |

### Return codes

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

0 Continue processing

### Usage

The ButtonClicked event executes code after the action assigned to the button has occurred.

This event is fired only if you have not selected Suppress Event Processing for the button.

If Suppress Event Processing is on, only the Clicked event and the action assigned to the button are executed when the button is clicked.

If Suppress Event Processing is off, the Clicked event and the ButtonClicked event are fired. If the return code of the ButtonClicking event is 0, the action assigned to the button is executed and the ButtonClicked event is fired. If the return code of the ButtonClicking event is 1, neither the action nor the ButtonClicked event are executed.

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### **Do not use a message box in the Clicked event**

If you call the `MessageBox` function in the Clicked event, the action assigned to the button is executed, but the ButtonClicking and ButtonClicked events are not executed.

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### **Returning the row number**

When you place a button in the DataWindow and use the window's ButtonClicked event to return the row number, you will get different results depending on where you place the button. If the button is in the Detail band, it returns the number of the row. If the button is in the Header band, it returns the number of the first row displayed in the DataWindow control. If the button is in the Summary band, it returns the number of the final row in the list. If the button is in the Footer band, it returns the number of the last row displayed in the DataWindow control.

---

### **Examples**

This statement in the ButtonClicked event displays the value returned by the button's action:

```
MessageBox(" ", actionreturncode)
```

This statement in the ButtonClicked event displays the value returned by the button's action:

```
String    ls_Object
String    ls_Win

ls_Object = String(dwo.name)
If ls_Object = "cb_close" Then
    Close(Parent)

ElseIf ls_Object = "cb_help" Then
    ls_win = parent.ClassName()
    f_open_help(ls_win)
End If
```

### **See also**

[ButtonClicking](#)

## ButtonClicking

### Description

Occurs when the user clicks a button. This event occurs before the ButtonClicked event.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnbuttonclicking

| Argument | Description                                                                                                  |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| row      | Long by value. The number of the row the user clicked.                                                       |
| dwo      | DWObject by value. A reference to the control within the DataWindow under the pointer when the user clicked. |

### Return codes

Set the return code to affect the outcome of the event:

- 0 Execute the action assigned to the button, then trigger the ButtonClicked event
- 1 Prevent the action assigned to button from executing and the ButtonClicked event from firing

For information on setting the return code in a particular environment, see [About return values for DataWindow events on page 501](#).

### Usage

Use the ButtonClicking event to execute code before the action assigned to the button occurs. If the return code is 0, the action assigned to the button is then executed and the ButtonClicked event is fired. If the return code is 1, the action and the ButtonClicked event are inhibited.

This event is fired only if you have not selected Suppress Event Processing for the button.

The Clicked event is fired before the ButtonClicking event.

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### Do not use a message box in the Clicked event

If you call the `MessageBox` function in the Clicked event, the action assigned to the button is executed, but the ButtonClicking and ButtonClicked events are not executed.

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### Returning the row number

When you place a button in the DataWindow and use the window's ButtonClicking event to return the row number, you will get different results depending on where you place the button. If the button is in the Detail band, it returns the number of the row. If the button is in the Header band, it returns the number of the first row displayed in the DataWindow control. If the button is in the Summary band, it returns the number of the final row in the list. If the button is in the Footer band, it returns the number of the last row displayed in the DataWindow control.

#### Examples

This statement in the ButtonClicking event displays a message box before proceeding with the action assigned to the button:

```
MessageBox(" ", "Are you sure you want to proceed?")
```

#### See also

[ButtonClicked](#)

## Clicked

#### Description

Occurs when the user clicks anywhere in a DataWindow control.

#### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnlbuttonclk

| Argument | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| xpos     | Integer by value. The distance of the pointer from the left side of the DataWindow workspace. The distance is given in pixels.                                                                                                               |
| ypos     | Integer by value. The distance of the pointer from the top of the DataWindow workspace. The distance is given in pixels.                                                                                                                     |
| row      | Long by value. The number of the row the user clicked. If the user does not click on a row, the value of the row argument is 0. For example, row is 0 when the user clicks outside the data area, or in the header, summary, or footer area. |
| dwo      | DWObject by value. A reference to the control within the DataWindow under the pointer when the user clicked.                                                                                                                                 |

#### Return codes

Set the return code to affect the outcome of the event:

- 0 Continue processing
- 1 Prevent the focus from changing

For information on setting the return code in a particular environment, see [About return values for DataWindow events on page 501](#).

### Usage

The DataWindow Clicked event occurs when the mouse button is pressed down.

The `dwo`, `Name`, or `object` argument provides easy access to the control the user clicks within the DataWindow. You do not need to know the coordinates of elements within the DataWindow to program control-specific responses to the user's clicks. For example, you can prevent editing of a column and use the Clicked script to set data or properties for the column and row the user clicks.

A click can also trigger RowFocusChanged and ItemFocusChanged events. A double-click triggers a Clicked event, then a DoubleClicked event.

For graphs in DataWindow controls, the `ObjectAtPointer` method provides similar information about objects within the graph control.

**PowerBuilder programming note** The `xpos` and `ypos` arguments provide the same values the functions `PointerX` and `PointerY` return when you call them for the DataWindow control.

### Examples

This code highlights the row the user clicked.

```
This.SelectRow(row, true)
```

If the user clicks on a column heading, this code changes the color of the label and sorts the associated column. The column name is assumed to be the name of the heading text control without `_t` as a suffix.

```
string ls_name

IF dwo.Type = "text" THEN
    dwo.Color = RGB(255,0,0)

    ls_name = dwo.Name
    ls_name = Left(ls_name, Len(ls_name) - 2)

    This.SetSort(ls_name + ", A")
    This.Sort()
END IF
```

### See also

[ButtonClicked](#)  
[ButtonClicking](#)  
[DoubleClicked](#)  
[ItemFocusChanged](#)

RButtonDown  
 RowFocusChanged  
 RowFocusChanging

## Collapsed

### Description

Occurs when a node in a TreeView DataWindow has collapsed.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwncollapsed

| Argument                | Description                                                              |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>row</code>        | Long by value. The number of the first row in the group to be collapsed. |
| <code>grouplevel</code> | Long by value. The TreeView level of the group to be collapsed.          |

### Return codes

There are no return codes.

### Usage

A TreeView node collapses when the user clicks the State icon (-) in the TreeView DataWindow or uses any of the Collapse methods.

The Collapsing event occurs before the Collapsed event.

### Examples

The following statements in the Collapsed event save the current row and level to instance variables:

```
ii_level = grouplevel
ii_row = row
```

### See also

Collapsing  
 Expanded

## Collapsing

### Description

Occurs before a node in a TreeView DataWindow collapses.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwncollapsing

| Argument                | Description                                                              |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>row</code>        | Long by value. The number of the first row in the group to be collapsed. |
| <code>grouplevel</code> | Long by value. The TreeView level of the group to be collapsed.          |

### Return codes

Set the return code to affect the outcome of the event. Return 0 to continue processing (collapse the selected node) or return any other value to cancel the collapse.

### Usage

A TreeView node collapses when the user clicks the State icon (-) in the TreeView DataWindow or uses any of the Collapse methods.

The Collapsing event occurs before the Collapsed event.

### Examples

The following statements in the Collapsing event script display a message box that allows the user to cancel the operation. The message box does not display if the Collapsing event was triggered by the `CollapseAll` or `CollapseLevel` methods:

```
Integer li_ret

if row <>-1 then
    li_ret = MessageBox("Collapsing node", &
        "Are you sure you want to collapse this node?", &
        Exclamation!, OKCancel!)
    IF li_ret = 1 then
        return 0

    ELSE
        RETURN 1
    END IF
END IF
```

### See also

[Collapsed](#)  
[Expanding](#)

## Constructor

### Description

Occurs when the DataWindow control or DataStore object is created, just before the Open event for the window that contains the control.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: `pbm_constructor`



|                     |                                                                                                                                                    |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Return codes</b> | There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:<br>0 Continue processing                                                           |
| <b>Usage</b>        | You can write code for the Constructor event to affect DataWindow properties before it is displayed.                                               |
| <b>Examples</b>     | This example retrieves data for the DataWindow dw_1 before its window is displayed:<br><br><pre>dw_1.SetTransObject (SQLCA) dw_1.Retrieve( )</pre> |
| <b>See also</b>     | Destructor                                                                                                                                         |

## DBError

|                    |                                                                     |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description</b> | Occurs when a database error occurs in the DataWindow or DataStore. |
|                    | <b>PowerBuilder event information</b>                               |
|                    | Event ID: pbm_dwndberror                                            |

| Argument                | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>sqldbcode</code>  | Long by value. A database-specific error code.<br>See your DBMS documentation for information on the meaning of the code.<br>When there is no error code from the DBMS, <code>sqldbcode</code> contains one of these values:<br>-1 – Cannot connect to the database because of missing values in the transaction object.<br>-2 – Cannot connect to the database.<br>-3 – The key specified in an <code>Update</code> or <code>Retrieve</code> no longer matches an existing row. This can happen when another user has changed the row after you retrieved it.<br>-4 – Writing a blob to the database failed. |
| <code>sqlerrtext</code> | String by value. A database-specific error message.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <code>sqlsyntax</code>  | String by value. The full text of the <code>SQL</code> statement being sent to the DBMS when the error occurred.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <code>buffer</code>     | DWBuffer by value. The buffer containing the row involved in the database activity that caused the error.<br>For a list of valid values, see <code>DWBuffer</code> on page 485.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                              |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>row</code> | Long by value.<br>The number of the row involved in the database activity that caused the error (the row being updated, selected, inserted, or deleted). |

### Return codes

Set the return code to affect the outcome of the event:

- 0** Display the error message and trigger the Transaction object's DBError event if it is defined.
- 1** Do not display the error message, and trigger the Transaction object's DBError event if it is defined.
- 2** Display the error message and ignore the Transaction object's DBError event whether it is defined or not.
- 3** Do not display the error message and ignore the Transaction object's DBError event whether it is defined or not.

For information on setting the return code in a particular environment, see [About return values for DataWindow events on page 501](#).

### Usage

By default, when the DBError event occurs in a DataWindow control, it displays a system error message. You can display your own message and suppress the system message by specifying a return code of 1 in the DBError event.

Since DataStores are nonvisual, a system message does not display when the DBError event occurs in a DataStore. You must add code to the DBError event to handle the error.

If the row that caused the error is in the Filter buffer, you must unfilter it if you want the user to correct the problem.

---

### Reported row number

The row number stored in `row` is the number of the row in the buffer, not the number the row had when it was retrieved into the DataWindow object.

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**Obsolete methods in PowerBuilder** Information formerly provided by the `DBErrorCode` and `DBErrorMessage` methods is available in the arguments `sqldbcode` and `sqlerrtext`.

### Examples

This example illustrates how to display custom error messages for particular database error codes:

```
CHOOSE CASE sqldbcode
```

```
CASE -195 // Required value is NULL.
MessageBox("Database Problem", &
    "Error inserting row " + string(row) &
    + ". Please specify a value for Employee ID.")
CASE ...
// Code to handle other errors

END CHOOSE

RETURN 1 // Do not display system error message
```

**See also**

Error  
ItemError  
WSError

## Destructor

**Description**

Occurs when the DataWindow control or DataStore object is destroyed, immediately after the Close event of a window or form.

**PowerBuilder event information**

Event ID: pbm\_destructor

**Return codes**

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

0 Continue processing

**Usage**

The Destructor event destroys the DataWindow control or DataStore object and removes it from memory. After it has been destroyed, you can no longer refer to it in other event code. (If you do, a runtime error occurs.)

---

**Restriction on methods**

Calling a DataStore method that accesses the underlying DataStore internals within this event is not a valid coding practice and can fail silently. Such methods include [RowCount](#), [DBCcancel](#), and [Modify](#).

When you issue a [DESTROY](#) on a DataStore, the Destructor event is triggered and a Windows WM\_DESTROY message is added to the object's message queue. WM\_DESTROY invalidates the memory for the DataStore. If the WM\_DESTROY message is handled before the method calls in the Destructor event, methods that attempt to access the destroyed memory fail silently.

---

See also

Constructor

## DoubleClicked

### Description

Occurs when the user double-clicks in a DataWindow control.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnlbuttondblclk

| Argument          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>xpos</code> | Integer by value. The distance of the pointer from the left side of the DataWindow's workspace. The distance is given in pixels.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <code>ypos</code> | Integer by value. The distance of the pointer from the top of the DataWindow's workspace. The distance is given in pixels.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <code>row</code>  | Long by value. The number of the row the user double-clicked.<br><br>If the user did not double-click on a row, the value of the <code>row</code> argument is 0. For example, <code>row</code> is 0 when the user double-clicks outside the data area, in text or spaces between rows, or in the header, summary, or footer area. |
| <code>dwo</code>  | DWObject by value. A reference to the control within the DataWindow the user double-clicked.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

### Return codes

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

- 0 Continue processing

### Usage

The `dwo`, `Name`, or `DWObject` argument provides easy access to the control the user clicks. You do not need to know the coordinates of elements within the DataWindow to program control-specific responses to the user's clicks. For example, you can prevent editing of a column and use the Clicked event to set data or properties for the column and row the user clicks.

**PowerBuilder programming note** The `xpos` and `ypos` arguments provide the same values the functions `PointerX` and `PointerY` return when you call them for the DataWindow control.

### Examples

This example displays a message box reporting the row and column clicked and the position of the pointer relative to the upper-left corner of the DataWindow control:

```
string ls_columnname
```

```

IF dwo.Type = "column" THEN
    ls_columnname = dwo.Name
END IF

MessageBox("DoubleClicked Event", &
    "Row number: " + row &
    + "~rColumn name: " + ls_columnname &
    + "~rDistance from top of dw: " + ypos &
    + "~rDistance from left side of dw: " + xpos)

```

**See also**

[Clicked](#)  
[ItemFocusChanged](#)  
[RButtonDown](#)  
[RowFocusChanged](#)  
[RowFocusChanging](#)

## DragDrop

**Description**

**PowerBuilder only** Occurs when the user drags an object onto the control and releases the mouse button to drop the object.

**PowerBuilder event information**

Event ID: pbm\_dwndragdrop

| Argument            | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>source</code> | DragObject by value. A reference to the control being dragged.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <code>row</code>    | Long by value. The number of the row the pointer was over when the user dropped the object.<br><br>If the pointer was not over a row, the value of the <code>row</code> argument is 0. For example, <code>row</code> is 0 when the pointer is outside the data area, in text or spaces between rows, or in the header, summary, or footer area. |
| <code>dwo</code>    | DWObject by value. A reference to the control under the pointer within the DataWindow when the user dropped the object.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

**Return codes**

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

0 Continue processing

### Usage

**Obsolete methods in PowerBuilder** You no longer need to call the `DraggedObject` method in a drag event. Use the `source` argument instead.

### Examples

This example for the `DragDrop` event for a `DataWindow` checks whether the source object is a `DataWindow` control. If so, it finds out the current row in the source and moves it to the target:

```
DataWindow ldw_Source

IF source.TypeOf() = DataWindow! THEN
    ldw_Source = source
    IF row > 0 THEN
        ldw_Source.RowsMove(row, row, Primary!, &
            This, 1, Primary!)
    END IF
END IF
```

### See also

`DragEnter`  
`DragLeave`  
`DragWithin`

## DragEnter

### Description

**PowerBuilder only** Occurs when the user is dragging an object and enters the control.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: `pbm_dwndragenter`

| Argument            | Description                                                    |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>source</code> | DragObject by value. A reference to the control being dragged. |

### Return codes

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

0 Continue processing

### Usage

**Obsolete methods in PowerBuilder** You no longer need to call the `DraggedObject` method in a drag event. Use the `source` argument instead.

### See also

`DragDrop`  
`DragLeave`  
`DragWithin`

## DragLeave

### Description

**PowerBuilder only** Occurs when the user is dragging an object and leaves the control.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwndragleave

| Argument            | Description                                                    |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>source</code> | DragObject by value. A reference to the control being dragged. |

### Return codes

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

0 Continue processing

### Usage

**Obsolete methods in PowerBuilder** You no longer need to call the `DraggedObject` method in a drag event. Use the `source` argument instead.

### Examples

This example checks the name of the control being dragged and if it is `dw_1`, it cancels the drag operation:

```
IF ClassName(source) = "dw_1" THEN
    dw_1.Drag(Cancel!)
END If
```

### See also

`DragDrop`  
`DragEnter`  
`DragWithin`

## DragWithin

### Description

**PowerBuilder only** Occurs when the user is dragging an object within the control.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwndragleave

| Argument            | Description                                                    |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>source</code> | DragObject by value. A reference to the control being dragged. |

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>row</code> | Long by value. The number of the row the pointer is over. If the pointer is not over a row, the value of the <code>row</code> argument is 0. For example, <code>row</code> is 0 when the pointer is outside the data area, in text or spaces between rows, or in the header, summary, or footer area. |
| <code>dwo</code> | DWObject by value. A reference to the control under the pointer within the DataWindow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

**Return codes**

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

0 Continue processing

**Usage**

The DragWithin event occurs repeatedly as the mouse moves within the control.

**Obsolete methods in PowerBuilder** You no longer need to call the `DraggedObject` method in a drag event. Use the `source` argument instead.

**See also**

`DragDrop`  
`DragEnter`  
`DragLeave`

## DropDown

**Description**

Occurs just before the list provided by a DropDownDataWindow is displayed. Use this event to retrieve new data for the child DataWindow.

A DropDownDataWindow is a drop-down choice list whose data is provided by retrieving data for another DataWindow. To create a DropDownDataWindow, you assign the DropDownDataWindow edit style to a column and associate it with another DataWindow that retrieves the data for the choice list.

**PowerBuilder event information**

Event ID: `pbm_dwndropdown`

DropDown is not a standard PowerBuilder DataWindow event. To write a script for this event, you must first define a user-defined event for the event ID `pbm_dwndropdown`.

**Return codes**

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

0 Continue processing



## EditChanged

### Description

Occurs for each keystroke the user types in an edit control in the DataWindow.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnchanging

| Argument          | Description                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>row</code>  | Long by value. The number of the row containing the item whose value is being changed.                                                                                            |
| <code>dwo</code>  | DWObject by value. A reference to the column containing the item whose value is being changed. <code>Dwo</code> is a reference to the column control, not the name of the column. |
| <code>data</code> | String by value. The current contents of the DataWindow edit control.                                                                                                             |

### Return codes

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

0 Continue processing

### Examples

This example displays the row and column that the user is editing in a StaticText control:

```
st_1.Text = "Row " + String(row) &
           + " in column " + dwo.Name
```

### See also

[ItemChanged](#)

## Error

### Description

**PowerBuilder** Occurs when an error is found in a data or property expression for an external object or a DataWindow object. Also occurs when a communications error is found in a distributed application.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: None

| Argument                     | Description                                                                                                       |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>errornumber</code>     | Unsigned integer by value (PowerBuilder's error number).                                                          |
| <code>errortext</code>       | String, read-only (PowerBuilder's error message).                                                                 |
| <code>errorwindowmenu</code> | String, read-only. The name of the window or menu that is the parent of the object whose script caused the error. |
| <code>errorobject</code>     | String, read-only. The name of the object whose script caused the error.                                          |

| Argument                 | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>errorsript</code>  | String, read-only. The full text of the script in which the error occurred.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <code>errorline</code>   | Unsigned integer by value. The line in the script where the error occurred.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <code>action</code>      | <p>ExceptionAction by reference.</p> <p>A value you specify to control the application's course of action as a result of the error. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>ExceptionFail!</code> – Fail as if this script were not implemented. This is the default action. The error condition triggers the <code>SystemError</code> event if you do not handle the error in a Try-Catch block.</li> <li>• <code>ExceptionIgnore!</code> – Ignore this error and return as if no error occurred. Use this option with caution because the conditions that caused the error can cause another error.</li> <li>• <code>ExceptionRetry!</code> – Execute the function or evaluate the expression again in case the OLE server was not ready. This option is not valid for <code>DataWindows</code>.</li> <li>• <code>ExceptionSubstituteReturnValue!</code> – Use the value specified in the <code>returnvalue</code> argument instead of the value returned by the OLE server or <code>DataWindow</code> and cancel the error condition.</li> </ul> |
| <code>returnvalue</code> | <p>Any by reference. A value whose datatype matches the expected value that the OLE server or <code>DataWindow</code> would have returned.</p> <p>This value is used when the value of <code>action</code> is <code>ExceptionSubstituteReturnValue!</code>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

**Return codes**

None. (Do not use a `RETURN` statement.)

**Usage**

`DataWindow` and OLE objects are dynamic. Expressions that use dot notation to refer to data and properties of these objects might be valid under some runtime conditions but not others. The Error event allows you to respond to this dynamic situation with error recovery logic.

The Error event also allows you to respond to communications errors in the client component of a distributed application. In the Error event for a custom connection object, you can tell PowerBuilder what action to take when an error occurs during communications between the client and the server.

The Error event gives you an opportunity to substitute a default value when the error is not critical to your application. Its arguments also provide information that is helpful in debugging. For example, the arguments can help you debug DataWindow data expressions that cannot be checked by the compiler—such expressions can only be evaluated at runtime.

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### **When to substitute a return value**

The ExceptionSubstituteReturnValue! action allows you to substitute a return value when the last element of an expression causes an error. Do not use ExceptionSubstituteReturnValue! to substitute a return value when an element in the middle of an expression causes an error. The substituted return value will not match the datatype of the unresolved object reference and will cause a system error.

The ExceptionSubstituteReturnValue! action is most useful for handling errors in data expressions.

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For DataWindows, if an error occurs while evaluating a data or property expression, error processing occurs like this:

- 1 The Error event occurs.  
If you use a Try-Catch block, it is best not to script the Error event.
- 2 If the Error event has no script or its **action** argument is not changed from the default action (ExceptionFail!), either a catch statement is executed or the SystemError event occurs.
- 3 If you do not handle the error in a Try-Catch block and the SystemError event has no script, an application error occurs and the application is terminated.

The chapter on “Using DataWindow Objects” in the *DataWindow Programmers Guide* contains a table of correspondences between Error event arguments and DWRuntimeError properties. You can use the DWRuntimeError properties in a Try-Catch block to obtain the same information about an error condition that you would otherwise obtain from Error event arguments.

The error processing in the client component of a distributed application is the same as for DataWindows. For information about handling communications errors in a distributed application, see the discussion of distributed applications in *Application Techniques*.

For information about error processing in OLE controls, see the ExternalException event description in the *PowerScript Reference*.

For information about using data and property expressions for DataWindow objects, see [Chapter 4, Accessing Data in Code](#) and [Chapter 5, Accessing DataWindow Object Properties in Code](#).

**Examples**

This example displays information about the error that occurred and allows the script to continue:

```
MessageBox("Error Number " + string(errornumber) &
           + " Occurred", "Errortext: " + String(errortext))
action = ExceptionIgnore!
```

**See also**

[DBError](#)

## Expanded

**Description**

Occurs when a node in a TreeView DataWindow has expanded.

**PowerBuilder event information**

Event ID: pbm\_dwnexpanded

| Argument                   | Description                                                                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">row</a>        | Long by value. The number of the first row in the group that has been expanded. |
| <a href="#">grouplevel</a> | Long by value. The TreeView level of the group that has been expanded.          |

**Return codes**

There are no return codes.

**Usage**

A TreeView node expands when the user clicks the State icon (+) in the TreeView DataWindow or uses any of the [Expand](#) methods.

The Expanding event occurs before the Expanded event.

**Examples**

The following statement writes the TreeView level and row to a single-line edit box when a node is expanded:

```
sle_1.text = "TreeView level: " + string(grouplevel)
sle_1.text += " Row: " + string(row)
```

**See also**

[Collapsed](#)  
[Expanding](#)

## Expanding

### Description

Occurs before a node in a TreeView DataWindow expands.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnexpanding

| Argument                | Description                                                             |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>row</code>        | Long by value. The number of the first row in the group to be expanded. |
| <code>grouplevel</code> | Long by value. The TreeView level of the group to be expanded.          |

### Return codes

Set the return code to affect the outcome of the event. Return 0 to continue processing (expand the selected node) or return any other value to cancel the expansion.

### Usage

A TreeView node expands when the user clicks the State icon (+) in the TreeView DataWindow or uses any of the `Expand` methods.

The Expanding event occurs before the Expanded event.

### Examples

The following statements in the Expanding event script display a message box that allows the user to cancel the operation:

```
Integer li_ret

li_ret = MessageBox("Expanding node", &
    "Are you sure you want to expand this node?", &
    Exclamation!, OKCancel!)
IF li_ret = 1 then
    return 0
ELSE
    RETURN 1
END IF
```

### See also

[Collapsing](#)  
[Expanded](#)

## GetFocus

### Description

Occurs just before the control receives focus (before it is selected and becomes active).

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnsetfocus

#### Return codes

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

0 Continue processing

#### See also

[Clicked](#)

[LoseFocus](#)

## GraphCreate

#### Description

Occurs after the DataWindow control creates a graph and populates it with data, but before it has displayed the graph. In this event, you can change the appearance of the data about to be displayed.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwngraphcreate

GraphCreate is not a standard PowerBuilder DataWindow event. To write a script for this event, you must first define a user-defined event for the event ID pbm\_dwngraphcreate.

#### Return codes

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

0 Continue processing

#### Examples

The following statement sets to black the foreground (fill) color of the Q1 series in the graph gr\_quarter, which is in the DataWindow control dw\_report. The statement is in the user event GraphCreate, which is associated with the event ID pbm\_dwngraphcreate:

```
dw_report.SetSeriesStyle("gr_quarter", "Q1", &  
    foreground!, 0)
```

#### See also

[GetFocus](#)

## HTMLContextApplied

#### Description

Occurs when the SetHTMLAction method has been called to apply an action to a DataWindow control or DataStore. The event occurs after the context has been set but before the action is applied.

**Obsolete method**

`HTMLContextApplied` is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

**PowerBuilder event information**

Event ID: `pbm_dwnhtmlcontextapplied`

| Argument            | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>action</code> | String. A descriptor of the action about to be applied to the DataStore. Action strings include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AppendRow</li> <li>DeleteRow</li> <li>InsertRow</li> <li>PageFirst</li> <li>PageLast</li> <li>PageNext</li> <li>PagePrior</li> <li>Retrieve</li> <li>Sort</li> <li>Update</li> </ul> The list is subject to change and additional actions may be added in the future. Case is not relevant for action values. |

**Return codes**

Set the return code to affect the outcome of the event:

- 0 Continue processing (execute the action)
- 1 Prevent the action from being applied

For information on setting the return code in a particular environment, see [About return values for DataWindow events on page 501](#).

**Usage**

Actions include navigating from page to page, inserting and deleting rows, retrieving and updating data. Typically the `HTMLContextApplied` event is used to call server-side methods for validating data that is about to be updated.

The `SetHTMLAction` method triggers the `HTMLContextApplied` event. If the `HTMLContextApplied` event returns 1, then the `SetHTMLAction` method returns -4 to indicate that the action was canceled.

**See also**

`SetHTMLAction` method

## ItemChanged

### Description

Occurs when a field in a DataWindow control has been modified and loses focus (for example, the user presses Enter, the Tab key, or an arrow key or clicks the mouse on another field within the DataWindow). It occurs before the change is applied to the item. ItemChanged can also occur when the [AcceptText](#) or [Update](#) method is called for a DataWindow control or DataStore object.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnitemchange

| Argument             | Description                                                                                                                                                                          |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">row</a>  | Long by value. The number of the row containing the item whose value is being changed.                                                                                               |
| <a href="#">dwo</a>  | DWObject by value. A reference to the column containing the item whose value has been changed. <a href="#">Dwo</a> is a reference to the column control, not the name of the column. |
| <a href="#">data</a> | String by value. The new data the user has specified for the item.                                                                                                                   |

### Return codes

Set the return code to affect the outcome of the event:

- 0 (Default) Accept the data value
- 1 Reject the data value and do not allow focus to change
- 2 Reject the data value but allow the focus to change

For information on setting the return code in a particular environment, see [About return values for DataWindow events on page 501](#).

### Usage

The ItemChanged event does not occur when the DataWindow control itself loses focus. If the user clicks on an Update or Close button, you will need to write a script that calls [AcceptText](#) to see if a changed value should be accepted before the button's action occurs. For information on the right way to do this, see [AcceptText on page 556](#).

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### Obsolete techniques in PowerBuilder

Information formerly provided by the [GetText](#) method is available in the [data](#) argument.

Instead of calling [SetActionCode](#), use a [RETURN](#) statement with a return code.

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### Examples

This example uses the ItemChanged event to provide additional validation; if the column is emp\_name, it checks that only letters were entered in the column:

```
IF Dwo.name = "Emp_name" THEN
    IF NOT Match(Data, "^[A-Za-z]$" ) THEN
```



```

                RETURN 2
            END IF
        END IF
    
```

See also

[ItemError](#)

## ItemError

### Description

Occurs when a field has been modified, the field loses focus (for example, the user presses Enter, Tab, or an arrow key or clicks the mouse on another field in the DataWindow), and the data in the field does not pass the validation rules for its column. ItemError can also occur when a value imported into a DataWindow control or DataStore does not pass the validation rules for its column.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnitemvalidationerror

| Argument          | Description                                                                                                                                          |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>row</code>  | Long by value. The number of the row containing the item whose new value has failed validation.                                                      |
| <code>dwo</code>  | DWObject by value. A reference to the column containing the item. <code>Dwo</code> is a reference to the column control, not the name of the column. |
| <code>data</code> | String by value. The new data the user specified for the item.                                                                                       |

### Return codes

Set the return code to affect the outcome of the event:

- 0 (Default) Reject the data value and show an error message box
- 1 Reject the data value with no message box
- 2 Accept the data value
- 3 Reject the data value but allow focus to change

For information on setting the return code in a particular environment, see [About return values for DataWindow events on page 501](#).

### Usage

If the return code is 0 or 1 (rejecting the data), the field with the incorrect data regains the focus.

The ItemError event occurs instead of the ItemChanged event when the new data value fails a validation rule. You can force the ItemError event to occur by rejecting the value in the ItemChanged event.

### Obsolete techniques in PowerBuilder

Information provided by the `GetText` and `GetRow` methods is now available in the `data` and `row` arguments.

Instead of calling `GetColumnName`, use the `dwo` argument and a reference to its `Name` property.

Instead of calling `SetActionCode`, use a `RETURN` statement with the return codes listed above.

---

### Examples

The following excerpt from an `ItemError` event script of a `DataWindow` control allows the user to blank out a column and move to the next column. For columns with datatypes other than string, the user cannot leave the value empty (the empty string does not match the datatype). If the user tried to leave the value blank, this code sets the value of the column to a null value of the appropriate datatype.

```
string ls_colname, ls_datatype

ls_colname = dwo.Name
ls_datatype = dwo.ColType
// Reject the value if non-blank
IF Trim(data) <> "" THEN
    RETURN 0
END IF

// Set value to null if blank
CHOOSE CASE ls_datatype

    CASE "long"
        integer null_num
        SetNull(null_num)
        This.SetItem(row, ls_colname, null_num)
        RETURN 3

    CASE "date"
        date null_date
        SetNull(null_date)
        This.SetItem(row, ls_colname, null_date)
        RETURN 3

    // Additional cases for other datatypes
END CHOOSE
```

### See also

[ItemChanged](#)

## ItemFocusChanged

**Description** Occurs when the current item in the control changes.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnitemchange focus

| Argument | Description                                                                      |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| row      | Long by value. The number of the row containing the item that just gained focus. |
| dwo      | DWObject by value. A reference to the column containing the item.                |

**Return codes** There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

0 Continue processing

**Usage** ItemFocusChanged occurs when focus is set to another column in the DataWindow, including when the DataWindow is first displayed.

The row and column together uniquely identify an item in the DataWindow.

**PowerBuilder programming note** In the ItemFocusChanged event, `dwo` is always a column control. Therefore, you can get more information about it by examining any properties that are appropriate for columns such as `dwo.id` and `dwo.Name`.

**Examples** This example reports the row and column that just gained focus and that just lost focus. (The first time the event occurs, there is no item that just lost focus; the script saves the row number and column name in two instance variables called `ii_row` and `is_colname` so that the old item is known the next time the event occurs.)

```
IF ii_row > 0 THEN
    sle_olditem.Text = "Old row: " + String(ii_row) &
        + " Old column: " + is_colname
END IF

sle_newitem.Text = "New row: " + String(row) &
    + " New column: " + dwo.Name

// Replace values of instance variables
// with info for next change in focus
ii_row = row

is_colname = dwo.Name
```

**See also** [RowFocusChanged](#)  
[RowFocusChanging](#)

## KeyDown

### Description

Occurs for each keystroke when the user is editing in the DataWindow edit control.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnkey

KeyDown is not a standard PowerBuilder DataWindow event. To write a script for this event, you must first define a user-defined event for the event ID pbm\_dwnkey.

| Argument              | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>key</code>      | Integer by value.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <code>keyflags</code> | UnsignedLong by value. The modifier keys that are pressed. The <code>keyflags</code> value is the sum of the values for all the pressed keys.<br>Key values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 Shift key</li><li>• 2 Ctrl key</li><li>• 3 Shift + Ctrl keys</li></ul> |

### Return codes

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

- 0 Continue processing

## LoseFocus

### Description

Occurs just before a control loses focus (after it becomes inactive).

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnkillfocus

### Return codes

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

- 0 Continue processing

### Usage

Write code for a control's LoseFocus event if you want some processing to occur when the user changes focus to another control.

**PowerBuilder programming note** Because the `MessageBox` function grabs focus, you should not use it when focus is changing, such as in a LoseFocus event. Instead, you might display a message in the window's title or a MultiLineEdit.

**When to call AcceptText** You should not call `AcceptText` in the `LoseFocus` event or from a user event posted from `LoseFocus`, unless the `DataWindow` control no longer has focus. For information about the right way to call `AcceptText` when the `DataWindow` control loses focus, see the `AcceptText` method.

See also `GetFocus`  
`AcceptText` method

## MessageText

**Description** Occurs when a crosstab `DataWindow` generates a message. Typical messages are Retrieving data and Building crosstab.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: `pbm_dwnmessageText`

`MessageText` is not a standard PowerBuilder `DataWindow` event. To write a script for this event, you must first define a user-defined event for the event ID `pbm_dwnmessagetext`.

| Argument          | Description                        |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| <code>text</code> | String by value. The message text. |

**Return codes** There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

0 Continue processing

**Examples** The following line in the user event for `pbm_dwnmessagetext` displays informational messages as `MicroHelp` in an MDI application (`w_crosstab` is an MDI frame window). The informational messages are displayed in the MDI application's `MicroHelp` as the crosstab is rebuilt:

```
w_crosstab.SetMicroHelp(text)
```

See also `GetFocus`

## MouseMove

**Description** Occurs when the user moves the mouse pointer in a `DataWindow` control.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnmousemove

MouseMove is not a standard PowerBuilder DataWindow event. To write a script for this event, you must first define a user event for the event ID pbm\_dwnmousemove.

| Argument | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| xpos     | Integer by value. The distance of the pointer from the left side of the DataWindow's workspace. The distance is given in pixels.                                                                                                                                                     |
| ypos     | Integer by value. The distance of the pointer from the top of the DataWindow's workspace. The distance is given in pixels.                                                                                                                                                           |
| row      | Long by value. The number of the row under the pointer.<br>If the pointer is not over a row, the value of the row argument is 0. For example, row is 0 when the user double-clicks outside the data area, in text or spaces between rows, or in the header, summary, or footer area. |
| dwo      | DWObject by value. A reference to the control within the DataWindow that is under the pointer.                                                                                                                                                                                       |

### Return codes

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

0 Continue processing

### Usage

The `dwo`, `Name`, or `DWObject` argument provides easy access to the control the user clicks. You do not need to know the coordinates of elements within the DataWindow to program control-specific responses to the user's clicks. For example, you can prevent editing of a column and use the Clicked event to set data or properties for the column and row the user clicks.

**PowerBuilder programming note** The `xpos` and `ypos` arguments provide the same values the functions `PointerX` and `PointerY` return when you call them for the DataWindow control.

### See also

Clicked  
DoubleClicked  
MouseUp  
RButtonDown

## MouseUp

### Description

Occurs when the user releases a mouse button in a DataWindow control.

**PowerBuilder event information**

Event ID: pbm\_dwnlbuttonup

MouseDown is not a standard PowerBuilder DataWindow event. To write a script for this event, you must first define a user event for the event ID pbm\_dwnlbuttonup.

| Argument | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| xpos     | Integer by value. The distance of the pointer from the left side of the DataWindow's workspace. The distance is given in pixels.                                                                                                                                                     |
| ypos     | Integer by value. The distance of the pointer from the top of the DataWindow's workspace. The distance is given in pixels.                                                                                                                                                           |
| row      | Long by value. The number of the row under the pointer.<br>If the pointer is not over a row, the value of the row argument is 0. For example, row is 0 when the user double-clicks outside the data area, in text or spaces between rows, or in the header, summary, or footer area. |
| dwo      | DWObject by value. A reference to the control within the DataWindow that is under the pointer.                                                                                                                                                                                       |

**Return codes**

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

0 Continue processing

**Usage**

The dwo, Name, or DWObject argument provides easy access to the control the user clicks. You do not need to know the coordinates of elements within the DataWindow to program control-specific responses to the user's clicks. For example, you can prevent editing of a column and use the Clicked event to set data or properties for the column and row the user clicks.

**PowerBuilder programming note** The xpos and ypos arguments provide the same values the functions PointerX and PointerY return when you call them for the DataWindow control.

**See also**

Clicked  
DoubleClicked  
MouseMove

**OnSubmit****Description**

This event is triggered just before the Web DataWindow causes a submit.

**Obsolete event**

`OnSubmit` is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

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**Web DataWindow client control event information**

Event name: `OnSubmit`

**Return codes**

Returning 1 from this event will prevent the submit from occurring.

**Usage**

Use to host multiple DataWindows.

**Examples**

The following client side script transfers the context and action from one DataWindow to the DataWindow being submitted.

```
<SCRIPT>
function dw_first_OnSubmit()
{
    dw_first.submitForm.dw_second_context.value =
        dw_second.GetFullContext();
    dw_first.submitForm.dw_second_action.value = "";
}

function dw_second_OnSubmit()
{
    dw_second.submitForm.dw_first_context.value =
        dw_first.GetFullContext();
    dw_second.submitForm.dw_first_action.value = "";
}
</SCRIPT>
```

To enable the second DataWindow to create the required fields on the submit form, each of the DataWindows must have two arguments defined in the `SelfLinkArgs` property:

- `dw_first` must have `dw_second_context` and `dw_second_action` defined
- `dw_second` must have `dw_first_context` and `dw_first_action` defined

## Printend

**Description**

Occurs when the printing of a DataWindow or DataStore ends.



**PowerBuilder event information**

Event ID: pbm\_dwnprintend

| Argument     | Description                                                 |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| pagesprinted | Long by value. The total number of pages that were printed. |

**Return codes**

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

0 Continue processing

**Examples**This statement displays the number of pages that were printed after the `Print` method was called to print the contents of the DataWindow control:

```
st_1.Text = String(pagesprinted) &
           + " page(s) have been printed."
```

**See also**

`PrintMarginChange`  
`PrintPage`  
`PrintStart`

## PrintMarginChange

**Description**

Occurs when the print margins of the DataWindow change.

**PowerBuilder event information**

Event ID: pbm\_dwnprintmarginchange

`PrintMarginChange` is not a standard PowerBuilder DataWindow event. To write a script for this event, you must first define a user-defined event for the event ID `pbm_dwnprintmarginchange`.

**Return codes**

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

0 Continue processing

**See also**

`Printend`  
`PrintPage`  
`PrintStart`

## PrintPage

### Description

Occurs before each page of the DataWindow or DataStore is formatted for printing.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnprintpage

| Argument                | Description                                                |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>pagenumber</code> | Long by value. The number of the page about to be printed. |
| <code>copy</code>       | Long by value. The number of the copy being printed.       |

### Return codes

Set the return code to affect the outcome of the event:

- 0 Do not skip the page
- 1 Skip the page

For information on setting the return code in a particular environment, see [About return values for DataWindow events on page 501](#).

### Usage

The PrintPage event for a DataWindow control recalculates DataWindow pages before each page of a DataWindow object is formatted for printing. However, you cannot use this event to modify the page number of the current page or the remaining pages in the DataWindow.

### Examples

After a script prints a DataWindow control, you can limit the number of pages to be printed by suppressing every page after page 50.

This statement in a CommandButton's Clicked event script prints the contents of the DataWindow control:

```
dw_1.Print()
```

This code in the PrintPage event of dw\_1 cancels printing after reaching page 50:

```
IF pagenumber > 50 THEN This.PrintCancel()
```

If you know every fifth page of the DataWindow contains the summary information you want, you can suppress the other pages with some arithmetic and a RETURN statement:

```
IF Mod(pagenumber / 5) = 0 THEN  
    RETURN 0  
ELSE  
    RETURN 1  
END IF
```

### See also

[Printend](#)  
[PrintMarginChange](#)

## PrintStart

### PrintStart

#### Description

Occurs when the printing of the DataWindow or DataStore starts.

#### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnprintstart

| Argument | Description                                                                              |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| pagesmax | Long by value. The total number of pages that will be printed, unless pages are skipped. |

#### Return codes

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

0 Continue processing

#### Usage

To skip printing some of the pages in the DataWindow or DataStore, write code for the PrintPage event.

#### See also

Printend  
PrintMarginChange  
PrintPage

### ProcessEnter

#### Description

Occurs when the user presses the Enter key when focus is in the DataWindow or the DataWindow's edit control.

#### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnprocessenter

ProcessEnter is not a standard PowerBuilder DataWindow event. To write a script for this event, you must first define a user-defined event for the event ID pbm\_dwnprocessenter.

#### Return codes

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

0 Continue processing

## RButtonDown

### Description

Occurs when the right mouse button is pressed on the DataWindow control.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnrbuttondown

| Argument | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| flags    | <p>UnsignedLong by value. The modifier keys and mouse buttons that are pressed. The <code>flags</code> value is the sum of the values for all the pressed keys and buttons.</p> <p>Key and button values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 – Left mouse button</li><li>• 2 – Right mouse button</li><li>• 4 – Shift key</li><li>• 8 – Ctrl key</li><li>• 16 – Middle mouse button</li></ul> <p>In the RButtonDown event, the right mouse button is always pressed, so 2 is always summed in the value of <code>flags</code>.</p> <p>For information on evaluating the <code>flags</code> value, see Syntax 2 of <a href="#">MouseMove</a> in the <i>PowerScript Reference</i>.</p> |
| xpos     | <p>Integer by value. The distance of the pointer from the left edge of the window's workspace in pixels.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| ypos     | <p>Integer by value. The distance of the pointer from the top of the window's workspace in pixels.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

### Return codes

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

0 Continue processing

### See also

[Clicked](#)

## Resize

### Description

Occurs when the user or a script opens or resizes the client area of a DataWindow control.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnresize

| Argument               | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>sizetype</code>  | UnsignedLong by value. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 – (SIZE_RESTORED) The DataWindow has been resized, but it was not minimized or maximized. The user may have dragged the borders or a script may have called the Resize method.</li> <li>1 – (SIZE_MINIMIZED) The DataWindow has been minimized.</li> <li>2 – (SIZE_MAXIMIZED) The DataWindow has been maximized.</li> </ul> |
| <code>newwidth</code>  | Integer by value. The width of the client area of the DataWindow control in pixels.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <code>newheight</code> | Integer by value. The height of the client area of the DataWindow control in pixels.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

**Return codes**

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

- 0 Continue processing

## RetrieveEnd

**Description**

Occurs when the retrieval for the DataWindow or DataStore is complete.

**PowerBuilder event information**

Event ID: `pbm_dwnretrieveend`

| Argument              | Description                                            |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>rowcount</code> | Long by value. The number of rows that were retrieved. |

**Return codes**

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

- 0 Continue processing

**Usage**

The number of rows retrieved in the `rowcount` argument is an unfiltered value.

**Examples**

This message box displayed in the RetrieveEnd event script tells the user the number of rows just retrieved:

```
MessageBox("Total rows retrieved", String(rowcount))
```

**See also**

RetrieveRow  
RetrieveStart  
SQLPreview

UpdateStart

## RetrieveRow

### Description

Occurs after a row has been retrieved.

#### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnretrieverow

| Argument | Description                                                  |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| row      | Long by value. The number of the row that was just retrieved |

### Return codes

Set the return code to affect the outcome of the event:

- 0 Continue processing
- 1 Stop the retrieval

For information on setting the return code in a particular environment, see [About return values for DataWindow events on page 501](#).

### Usage

If you want to guard against potentially large queries, you can have code in the RetrieveRow event check the row argument and decide whether the user has reached a maximum limit. When row exceeds the limit, you can return 1 to abort the retrieval (in which case the retrieval cannot be resumed).

A script in the RetrieveRow event (even a comment) can significantly increase the time it takes to complete a query.

**Obsolete methods in PowerBuilder** Instead of calling `SetActionCode`, use the `RETURN` statement with a return code instead.

### Examples

This code for the RetrieveRow event aborts the retrieval after 250 rows have been retrieved.

```
IF ll_row > 250 THEN
    MessageBox("Retrieval Halted", &
        "You have retrieved 250 rows, the allowed &
        maximum.")
    RETURN 1
ELSE
    RETURN 0
END IF
```

### See also

RetrieveEnd  
RetrieveStart

SQLPreview  
UpdateStart

## RetrieveStart

**Description** Occurs when the retrieval for the DataWindow or DataStore is about to begin.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnretrievestart

### Return codes

Set the return code to affect the outcome of the event:

- 0 Continue processing
- 1 Do not perform the retrieval
- 2 Do not reset the rows and buffers before retrieving data

For information on setting the return code in a particular environment, see [About return values for DataWindow events on page 501](#).

### Usage

A return code of 2 prevents previously retrieved data from being cleared, allowing the current retrieval process to append new rows to the old data.

**Obsolete methods in PowerBuilder** Instead of calling `SetActionCode`, use the `RETURN` statement with a return code instead.

### Examples

This statement in the RetrieveStart event prevents a reset from taking place (rows will be added to the end of the previously retrieved rows):

```
RETURN 2
```

This statement in the RetrieveStart event aborts the retrieval:

```
RETURN 1
```

This code allows rows to be retrieved only when a user has an ID between 101 and 200 inclusive (the ID was stored in the instance variable `il_id_number` when the user started the application); all other IDs cannot retrieve rows:

```
CHOOSE CASE il_id_number
    CASE IS < 100
        RETURN 1

    CASE 101 to 200
        RETURN 0

    CASE IS > 200
        RETURN 1
```

END CHOOSE

See also

RetrieveEnd  
RetrieveRow  
SQLPreview  
UpdateStart

## RichTextCurrentStyleChanged

Description

Occurs when a column with the RichText edit style has focus and the current style of the selection or cursor position has changed.

**PowerBuilder event information**

Event ID: pbm\_dwnrichtextcurrentstlechanged

| Argument | Description                                                                                                  |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| row      | Long by value. The number of the row the user clicked.                                                       |
| dwo      | DWObject by value. A reference to the control within the DataWindow under the pointer when the user clicked. |

Return codes

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

- 0 Continue processing

## RichTextLoseFocus

Description

Occurs when a column with the RichText edit style loses focus.

**PowerBuilder event information**

Event ID: pbm\_dwnrichtextlosefocus

| Argument | Description                                                                                                  |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| row      | Long by value. The number of the row the user clicked.                                                       |
| dwo      | DWObject by value. A reference to the control within the DataWindow under the pointer when the user clicked. |

Return codes

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

- 0 Continue processing



## RichTextLimitError

**Description** Occurs when data in a column with the RichText edit style exceeds column size.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnrichtextlimiterror

| Argument | Description                                                                                                  |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| row      | Long by value. The number of the row the user clicked.                                                       |
| dwo      | DWObject by value. A reference to the control within the DataWindow under the pointer when the user clicked. |
| text     | String by value. Plain text of column the user edited.                                                       |

**Return codes** There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

- 0 Continue processing

## RowFocusChanged

**Description** Occurs when the current row changes in the DataWindow.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnrowchange

| Argument   | Description                                                        |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| currentrow | Long by value. The number of the row that has just become current. |

**Return codes** There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

- 0 Continue processing

### Usage

The `SetRow` method, as well as user actions, can trigger the RowFocusChanged and ItemFocusChanged events.

In a read-only DataWindow, when you click on any column that is not in the current row, the RowFocusChanging and RowFocusChanged events fire, but the current column is not changed—the current column remains at 0, since no column can have focus. DataWindows are read-only if updates are not allowed, all tab orders are set to 0, or all tab columns are protected.

If, however, focus is on an editable column in an updatable DataWindow (a DataWindow that has one or more editable columns), the row focus events do not fire when you click on a protected column or on a column whose tab order is 0. The focus remains on the current, editable column.

If focus moves off an editable column in an updatable DataWindow, the DataWindow switches to read-only mode. This can happen when the last row in the DataWindow does not have an editable column. In this case, tabbing off the last editable column causes the row focus to move to the row following the row with the last editable column. The DataWindow then remains in read-only mode until focus is given to an editable column.

When you use the [ScrollToRow](#) method to change focus, the RowFocusChanging event is triggered before the scroll occurs, and the RowFocusChanged event is triggered after the scroll occurs.

### Examples

This example displays the current row number and the total number of rows in a SingleLineEdit:

```
sle_1.Text = "Row " + String(currentrow) &  
           + " of " + String(This.RowCount())
```

### See also

[ItemFocusChanged](#)  
[RowFocusChanging](#)

## RowFocusChanging

### Description

Occurs when the current row is about to change in the DataWindow. (The current row of the DataWindow is not necessarily the same as the current row in the database.)

The RowFocusChanging event occurs just before the RowFocusChanged event.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnrowchanging

| Argument                   | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">currentrow</a> | Long by value. The number of the row that is current (before the row is deleted or its number changes). If the DataWindow object is empty, <a href="#">currentrow</a> is 0 to indicate there is no current row. |

| Argument            | Description                                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>newrow</code> | Long by value. The number of the row that is about to become current. If the new row is going to be an inserted row, <code>newrow</code> is 0 to indicate that it does not yet exist. |

**Return codes**

Set the return code to affect the outcome of the event:

- 0 Continue processing (setting the current row)
- 1 Prevent the current row from changing

For information on setting the return code in a particular environment, see [About return values for DataWindow events on page 501](#).

**Usage**

Typically the `RowFocusChanging` event is coded to respond to a mouse click or keyboard action that would change the current row in the `DataWindow` object. The following methods can also trigger the `RowFocusChanging` event, as well as the `RowFocusChanged` and `ItemFocusChanged` events, when the action changes the current row:

- `SetRow`
- `Retrieve`
- `RowsCopy`
- `RowsMove`
- `DeleteRow`
- `RowsDiscard`

In these cases, the `RowFocusChanging` event script can prevent the changing of the `DataWindow` object's current row only. The script cannot prevent the data from being changed (for example, the rows still get moved).

When you use the `ScrollToRow` method to change focus, the `RowFocusChanging` event is triggered before the scroll occurs, and the `RowFocusChanged` event is triggered after the scroll occurs.

In a tabular `DataWindow`, if the user clicks to change rows, the row focus does not change, and the row and `DataWindow` do not scroll. You can still scroll programmatically or by using the scroll bar.

In a read-only `DataWindow`, when you click on any column that is not in the current row, the `RowFocusChanging` and `RowFocusChanged` events fire, but the current column is not changed—the current column remains at 0, since no column can have focus. `DataWindows` are read-only if updates are not allowed, all tab orders are set to 0, or all tab columns are protected.

However, if focus is on an editable column in an updatable DataWindow (a DataWindow that has one or more editable columns), the row focus events do not fire when you click on a protected column or on a column whose tab order is 0. The focus remains on the current, editable column.

If focus moves off an editable column in an updatable DataWindow, the DataWindow switches to read-only mode. This can happen when the last row in the DataWindow does not have an editable column. In this case, tabbing off the last editable column causes the row focus to move to the row following the row with the last editable column. The DataWindow then remains in read-only mode until focus is given to an editable column.

### Examples

This example displays a message alerting you that changes have been made in the window dw\_detail which will be lost if the row focus is changed to the window dw\_master.

```
IF dw_detail.DeletedCount() > 0 OR &
    dw_detail.ModifiedCount() > 0 THEN
    MessageBox("dw_master", "Changes will be lost &
        in Detail")
ELSE
    RETURN 0
END IF
```

### See also

[ItemFocusChanged](#)  
[RowFocusChanged](#)

## ScrollHorizontal

### Description

Occurs when user scrolls left or right in the DataWindow with the TAB or arrow keys or the scroll bar.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnhscroll

| Argument                  | Description                                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">scrollpos</a> | Long by value. The distance in PowerBuilder units of the scroll box from the left end of the scroll bar (if the DataWindow is split, in the pane being scrolled). |

| Argument          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>pane</code> | Integer by value. The number of the pane being scrolled. (When the DataWindow is split with two scroll bars, there are two panes.) Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 – The left pane (if the scroll bar is not split, the only pane).</li> <li>• 2 – The right pane.</li> </ul> |

**Return codes**

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

0 Continue processing

**Examples**

This example displays the customer ID of the current row (the `cust_id` column) in a `SingleLineEdit` control when the pane being scrolled is pane 1 and the position is greater than 100:

```
string ls_id
ls_id = ""
IF pane = 1 THEN
    IF scrollpos > 100 THEN
        ls_id = String(dw_1.Object.Id[dw_1.GetRow()])
    END If
END IF
sle_message.Text = ls_id
RETURN 0
```

**See also**

[ScrollVertical](#)

## ScrollVertical

**Description**

Occurs when user scrolls up or down in the DataWindow with the Tab or arrow keys or the scroll bar.

**PowerBuilder event information**

Event ID: `pbm_dwnvscroll`

| Argument               | Description                                                                                         |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>scrollpos</code> | Long by value. The distance in PowerBuilder units of the scroll box from the top of the scroll bar. |

**Return codes**

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

0 Continue processing

**Examples**

As the user scrolls vertically, this script displays the range of rows currently being displayed in the DataWindow:

```
long ll_numrows
string ls_firstrow, ls_lastrow

ll_numrows = dw_1.RowCount()
ls_firstrow = dw_1.Object.Datawindow.FirstRowOnPage
ls_lastrow = dw_1.Object.Datawindow.LastRowOnPage

sle_message.Text = "Rows " + ls_firstrow &
    + " through " + ls_lastrow + " of " &
    + String(ll_numrows)

RETURN 0
```

**See also**

[ScrollHorizontal](#)

## SQLPreview

**Description**

Occurs immediately before a **SQL** statement is submitted to the DBMS. Methods that trigger DBMS activity are [Retrieve](#), [Update](#), and [ReselectRow](#).

**PowerBuilder event information**

Event ID: pbm\_dwnsql

| Argument                  | Description                                                                                                                                                                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">request</a>   | <a href="#">SQLPreviewFunction</a> by value. The function that initiated the database activity.<br>For a list of valid values, see <a href="#">SQLPreviewFunction on page 494</a> . |
| <a href="#">sqltype</a>   | <a href="#">SQLPreviewType</a> by value. The type of <b>SQL</b> statement being sent to the DBMS.<br>For a list of valid values, see <a href="#">SQLPreviewType on page 495</a> .   |
| <a href="#">sqlsyntax</a> | String by value. The full text of the <b>SQL</b> statement.                                                                                                                         |
| <a href="#">buffer</a>    | DWBuffer by value. The buffer containing the row involved in the database activity.<br>For a list of valid values, see <a href="#">DWBuffer on page 485</a> .                       |
| <a href="#">row</a>       | Long by value. The number of the row involved in the database activity, that is, the row being updated, selected, inserted, or deleted.                                             |

**Return codes**

Set the return code to affect the outcome of the event:

- 0 Continue processing
- 1 Stop processing
- 2 Skip this request and execute the next request

For information on setting the return code in a particular environment, see [About return values for DataWindow events on page 501](#).

### Usage

Some uses for the `sqlsyntax` argument are:

- Changing the **SQL** to be executed (you can get the value of `sqlsyntax`, modify it, and call `SetSQLPreview`)
- Keeping a record (you can write the **SQL** statement to a log file)

---

### Reported row number

The row number stored in `row` is the number of the row in the buffer, not the number the row had when it was retrieved into the DataWindow object.

If the row that caused the error is in the Filter buffer, you must unfilter it if you want the user to correct the problem.

---

### GetSQLPreview and binding

When binding is enabled for your database, the **SQL** returned in the `GetSQLPreview` method may not be complete—the input arguments are not replaced with the actual values. For example, when binding is enabled, `GetSQLPreview` might return the following **SQL** statement:

```
INSERT INTO "cust_order" ( "ordnum", "custnum",
"duedate", "balance" ) VALUES ( ?, ?, ?, ? )
```

When binding is disabled, it returns:

```
INSERT INTO "cust_order" ( "ordnum", "balance",
"duedate", "custnum" ) VALUES ( '12345', 900,
'3/1/94', '111' )
```

If you require the complete **SQL** statement for logging purposes, you should disable binding in your DBMS.

For more information about binding, see [Connecting to Your Database](#).

---

**Obsolete methods in PowerBuilder** Information formerly provided by `GetSQLPreview` and `GetUpdateStatus` is available in the arguments `sqlsyntax`, `row`, and `buffer`.

### Examples

This statement in the **SQLPreview** event sets the current **SQL** string for the DataWindow dw\_1:

```
dw_1.SetSQLPreview( &
    "INSERT INTO billings VALUES(100, " + &
    String(Current_balance) + ")")
```

### See also

[RetrieveStart](#)  
[UpdateEnd](#)  
[UpdateStart](#)

## TabDownOut

### Description

Occurs when the user presses Enter or the down arrow to change focus to the next control in a window or user object.

#### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwntabdownout

TabDownOut is not a standard PowerBuilder DataWindow event. To write a script for this event, you must first define a user-defined event for the event ID pbm\_dwntabdownout.

### Return codes

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

0 Continue processing

## TabOut

### Description

Occurs when the user presses Tab or, in some edit styles, the right arrow, to move to the next control in a window or user object.

#### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwntabout

TabOut is not a standard PowerBuilder DataWindow event. To write a script for this event, you must first define a user-defined event for the event ID pbm\_dwntabout.

### Return codes

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

0 Continue processing



## TabUpOut

### Description

Occurs when the user presses Shift+Enter or the up arrow to move to the previous control in a window or user object.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwntabupout

TabUpOut is not a standard PowerBuilder DataWindow event. To write a script for this event, you must first define a user-defined event for the event ID pbm\_dwntabupout.

### Return codes

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

0 Continue processing

## TreeNodeSelected

### Description

Occurs after a node in a TreeView DataWindow is selected.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwntreenodeselect

| Argument   | Description                                                                     |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| row        | Long by value. The number of the first row in the group that has been selected. |
| grouplevel | Long by value. The level of the group that has been selected.                   |

### Return codes

There are no return codes.

### Usage

A TreeView node is selected when the user clicks the State icon (-) in the TreeView DataWindow or uses any of the Collapse methods.

The TreeNodeSelected event occurs after the selecting operation when the user selects a tree node using the `SelectTreeNode` method.

### Examples

The following statements in the TreeNodeSelected event refresh the text box value with the new node:

```
sle_row.text = string(row)
sle_level.text = string(grouplevel)
return 0
```

### See also

`TreeNodeSelecting`

## TreeNodeSelecting

### Description

Occurs before a node in a TreeView DataWindow is selected.

#### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwntreenodeselecting

| Argument   | Description                                                             |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| row        | Long by value. The number of the first row in the group to be selected. |
| grouplevel | Long by value. The TreeView level of the group to be selected.          |

### Return codes

Set the return code to affect the outcome of the event. Return 0 to continue the selecting operation or return any other value to cancel the selecting operation.

### Usage

The TreeNodeSelecting event occurs before the user selects a TreeNode or uses the `SelectTreeNode` method.

### Examples

The following statements in the TreeNodeSelecting event refresh the text box value with the new node:

```
sle_row.text = string(row)
sle_level.text = string(grouplevel)
return 0
```

### See also

`TreeNodeSelected`

## UpdateEnd

### Description

Occurs when all the updates to the database from the DataWindow (or DataStore) are complete.

#### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnupdateend

| Argument     | Description                                 |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------|
| rowsinserted | Long by value. The number of rows inserted. |
| rowsupdated  | Long by value. The number of rows updated.  |
| rowsdeleted  | Long by value. The number of rows deleted.  |

### Return codes

There are no special outcomes for this event. The only code is:

0 Continue processing

### See also

`RetrieveStart`

SQLPreview  
UpdateStart

## UpdateStart

### Description

Occurs after a script calls the [Update](#) method and just before changes in the DataWindow or DataStore are sent to the database.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnupdatestart

### Return codes

Set the return code to affect the outcome of the event:

- 0 Continue processing
- 1 Do not perform the update

For information on setting the return code in a particular environment, see [About return values for DataWindow events on page 501](#).

### See also

RetrieveStart  
SQLPreview  
UpdateEnd

## WSError

### Description

Occurs when an error is returned for a DataWindow using a Web service data source. The error can occur during any of the following operations: connect, retrieve, delete, insert, update, or disconnect.

### PowerBuilder event information

Event ID: pbm\_dwnwerror

| Argument          | Description                                                                                                              |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>operation</i>  | <b>String</b> for the type of operation (Retrieve, Update, Insert, Delete, Connect, or Disconnect)                       |
| <i>rownum</i>     | <b>Long</b> for the row number or 0 if not applicable, such as when an error occurs during connection to the Web service |
| <i>buffername</i> | <b>String</b> for the name of the buffer being accessed while the error occurred (Primary, Filter, or Delete)            |

| Argument            | Description                                                                                                                |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>wsinfo</i>       | <b>String</b> for the WSDL file, the URL that defines the Web service, or the assembly that is used access the Web service |
| <i>method</i>       | <b>String</b> for the name of the Web service method invoked                                                               |
| <i>errormessage</i> | <b>String</b> for the exception message returned from the method                                                           |

**Return codes**

Set the return code to affect the outcome of the event:

- 0 Display the error message
- 1 Do not display the error message

For information on setting the return code in a particular environment, see [About return values for DataWindow events on page 501](#).

**Usage**

Because you cannot use the DBError event with a Web Service DataWindow, you must use the WSError event to obtain any error information.

**Examples**

The following code in a WSError event script causes information about an error to display in a message box:

```
MessageBox("Error event", "Error in row " &  
+ string(rownum) + ", Occurred during " + method &  
+ "; the cause of the error is: "+ errormessage)
```

**See also**

[DBError](#)

# Methods for the DataWindow Control

## About this chapter

This chapter documents the methods of the DataWindow control in the PowerBuilder and Web environments. You will find syntax, notes, and examples for all environments.

Methods for graphs are in [Chapter 10, Methods for Graphs in the DataWindow Control](#).

## Contents

The methods in this chapter are listed alphabetically.

## Before you begin

For methods (or functions) in the PowerBuilder environment that apply to controls other than DataWindows and DataStores, see the *PowerScript Reference*.

# AboutBox

## Description

Displays a dialog identifying the DataWindow, including copyright and version information.

---

### Obsolete method

`AboutBox` is obsolete and should not be used, because the DataWindow Web Control for ActiveX technology is obsolete.

---

## Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Web ActiveX     | DataWindow control |

## Syntax

### Web ActiveX

```
void dwcontrol.AboutBox ( )
```

## Return value

None

# AcceptText

## Description

Applies the contents of the DataWindow's edit control to the current item in the buffer of a DataWindow control or DataStore. The data in the edit control must pass the validation rule for the column before it can be stored in the item.

## Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

## Syntax

### PowerBuilder

integer *dwcontrol*.AcceptText ( )

| Argument         | Description                                                         |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow |

## Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if it fails (for example, the data did not pass validation).

If there is no DataWindow object assigned to the DataWindow control or DataStore, this method returns 1.

## Usage

When a user moves from item to item in a DataWindow control, the control validates and accepts data the user has edited.

**How to call AcceptText** When a user modifies a DataWindow item then immediately changes focus to another control in the window, the DataWindow control does not accept the modified data—the data remains in the edit control. Use the **AcceptText** method in this situation to ensure that the DataWindow object contains the data the user edited.

However, you must not call **AcceptText** in the LoseFocus event or in a user event posted from LoseFocus if the DataWindow control still has focus. If you do, an infinite loop can occur.

*The problem* Normally, new data is validated and accepted when the user moves to a new cell in the DataWindow. If the new data causes an error, a message box displays, which causes the DataWindow to lose focus. If you have also coded the LoseFocus event or an event posted from LoseFocus to call **AcceptText** to validate data when the control loses focus, this **AcceptText** runs because of the message box and triggers an infinite loop of validation errors.

*The solution* It is desirable to validate the last changed data when the control loses focus. You can accomplish this by making sure `AcceptText` gets called only when the DataWindow control really has lost focus. The third PowerBuilder example illustrates how to use an instance variable to keep track of whether the DataWindow control has focus. The posted event calls `AcceptText` only when the DataWindow control does not have focus.

This is a change from previous versions of PowerBuilder. Previously, the posted user event would run while the message box for the validation error was displayed. Now, it runs after the message box is dismissed, causing another validation error to occur and another message box to be displayed, resulting in an infinite loop.

**Events** `AcceptText` can trigger an `ItemChanged` or an `ItemError` event.

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### AcceptText in the ItemChanged event

Calling `AcceptText` in the `ItemChanged` event has no effect.

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### Examples

In this example, the user is expected to enter a key value (such as an employee number) in a column of the DataWindow object, then click the OK button. This script for the `Clicked` event for the button calls `AcceptText` to validate the entry and place it in the DataWindow control. Then the script uses the item in the `Retrieve` method to retrieve the row for that key:

```
IF dw_emp.AcceptText() = 1 THEN
    dw_emp.Retrieve(dw_emp.GetItemNumber &
        (dw_emp.GetRow(), dw_emp.GetColumn()))
END IF
```

This script for the `Clicked` event for a `CommandButton` accepts the text in the DataWindow `dw_Emp` and counts the rows in which the column named `balance` is greater than 0:

```
integer i, Count
dw_employee.AcceptText()
FOR i = 1 to dw_employee.RowCount()
    IF dw_employee.GetItemNumber(i, 'balance') &
        > 0 THEN
        Count = Count + 1
    END IF
NEXT
```

This example illustrates how to validate newly entered data when the DataWindow control loses focus. An instance variable keeps track of whether the DataWindow control has focus. It is set in the GetFocus and LoseFocus events. The LoseFocus event posts the ue\_acceptText event, which calls the `AcceptText` method only if the DataWindow control does not have focus.

The instance variable:

```
boolean dw_has_focus
```

The GetFocus event:

```
dw_has_focus = true
```

The LoseFocus event:

```
dw_has_focus = false
dw_1.event post ue_acceptText( )
```

The ue\_acceptText event:

```
IF dw_has_focus = false THEN
    dw_1.accepttext( )
END IF
```

See also

[Update](#)

## CanUndo

**Description**

Tests whether `Undo` can reverse the most recent edit in the editable control over the current row and column.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

```
boolean dwcontrol.CanUndo ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                         |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control |

**Return value**

Returns `true` if the last edit can be reversed (undone) using the Undo method and `false` if the last edit cannot be reversed.



If *dwcontrol* is null, the method returns null.

**Usage****PowerBuilder environment**

For use with other PowerBuilder controls, see CanUndo in the *PowerScript Reference*.

**Examples**

These statements check to see if the last edit in the edit control of dw\_contact can be reversed; if yes the statements reverse it, and if no they display a message:

```
IF dw_contact.CanUndo() THEN
    dw_contact.Undo()
ELSE
    MessageBox(Parent.Title, "Nothing to Undo")
END IF
```

**See also**

Undo

## ClassName

**Description**

Provides the class (or name) of the specified object.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
string dwcontrol.ClassName ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                         |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control |

**Return value**

Returns the class of *dwcontrol*, the name assigned to the control. Returns the empty string ("") if an error occurs.

**Usage**

Method inherited from PowerObject. For use with variables in the PowerBuilder environment, see *ClassName* in *PowerScript Reference*.

## Clear

### Description

Deletes selected text in the edit control over the current row and column, but does not store it in the clipboard.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
long dwcontrol.Clear ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                         |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control |

### Return value

Returns the number of characters that **Clear** removed from *dwcontrol*. If no text is selected, no characters are removed and **Clear** returns 0. If an error occurs, **Clear** returns -1.

### Usage

To select text for deleting, the user can use the mouse or keyboard. You can also call the **SelectText** method in a script.

To delete selected text and store it in the clipboard, use the **Cut** method.

#### PowerBuilder environment

For use with other PowerBuilder controls, see **Clear** in the *PowerScript Reference*.

### Examples

If the user is editing the emp\_name column in dw\_emp and selects the text Wilson, this statement clears Wilson from the edit control and returns 6:

```
long chars_returned
chars_returned = dw_emp.Clear ( )
```

If the text in the edit control in dw\_emp is Wilson, the first statement selects the W and the second clears W from the edit control. The return value would be 1:

```
dw_emp.SelectText(1,1)
dw_emp.Clear ( )
```

### See also

Clear in the *PowerScript Reference*

**Cut**  
**Paste**  
**ReplaceText**  
**SelectText**

## ClearValues

### Description

Deletes all the items from a value list or code table associated with a DataWindow column. (A value list is called a code table when it has both display and data values.) ClearValues does not affect the data stored in the column.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
integer dwcontrol.ClearValues ( string column )
integer dwcontrol.ClearValues ( integer column )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                               |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control or DataStore.                                                                         |
| <i>column</i>    | The column whose value list you want to delete. <i>Column</i> can be a column number (integer) or a column name (string). |

### Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. The return value is usually not used.

### Usage

The edit style of the column can be DropDownListBox, Edit, or RadioButton. ClearValues has no effect when *column* has the EditMask or DropDownDataWindow edit style.

### Examples

This statement clears all values from the drop-down list of dw\_Employee's status column:

```
dw_Employee.ClearValues ("status")
```

### See also

GetValue  
SetValue

## Collapse

### Description

Collapses a group in a TreeView DataWindow that has the specified TreeView level and includes the specified row.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

Integer *dw\_control*.Collapse(long *row*, long *groupLevel*)

| Argument          | Description                                                                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dw_control</i> | A reference to a TreeView-style DataWindow control                                    |
| <i>row</i>        | The number of the row that belongs to the TreeView level of the group to be collapsed |
| <i>groupLevel</i> | The TreeView level of the group to be collapsed                                       |

### Return value

Returns 1 if the collapse operation succeeds and one of the following negative values if it fails:

- 1 DataWindow is null
- 5 One or more of the parameters are invalid
- 16 DataWindow is not a TreeView DataWindow

### Usage

A TreeView DataWindow has several TreeView level bands (groups) that can be expanded and collapsed. You can use the Collapse method to collapse a group in a TreeView DataWindow that includes a particular row in a particular TreeView level.

The Collapse method triggers the Collapsing and Collapsed events.

### Examples

The following example collapses the group at TreeView level 2 that includes row 3:

```
integer li_ret  
li_ret = dw_treeview.Collapse(3,2)
```

### See also

CollapseAll  
CollapseAllChildren  
CollapseLevel  
Expand

## CollapseAll

### Description

Collapses all groups in a TreeView DataWindow.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
Integer dw_control.CollapseAll( )
```

| Argument          | Description                                        |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dw_control</i> | A reference to a TreeView-style DataWindow control |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if the `CollapseAll` operation succeeds and one of the following negative values if it fails:

**-1** DataWindow is null

**-16** DataWindow is not a TreeView DataWindow

**Usage**

A TreeView DataWindow has several TreeView level bands (groups) that can be expanded and collapsed. You can use the `CollapseAll` method to collapse all groups in a TreeView DataWindow.

The `CollapseAll` method triggers the Collapsing and Collapsed events with row and level arguments of -1.

**Examples**

The following example collapses all groups:

```
integer li_ret
li_ret = dw_treeview.CollapseAll( )
```

**See also**

`Collapse`  
`CollapseAllChildren`  
`CollapseLevel`  
`ExpandAll`

## CollapseAllChildren

**Description**

Collapses a group in a TreeView DataWindow that has the specified TreeView level and includes the specified row; also collapses all the group's children.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

Integer `dw_control.ExpandAllChildren(long row, long groupLevel)`

| Argument                | Description                                                     |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>dw_control</code> | A reference to a TreeView-style DataWindow control              |
| <code>row</code>        | The number of the row that belongs to the group to be collapsed |
| <code>groupLevel</code> | The TreeView level of the group to be collapsed                 |

### Return value

Returns 1 if the expand operation succeeds and one of the following negative values if it fails:

- 1 DataWindow is null
- 5 One or more of the parameters are invalid
- 16 DataWindow is not a TreeView DataWindow

### Usage

A TreeView DataWindow has several TreeView level bands (groups) that can be expanded and collapsed. You can use the `CollapseAllChildren` method to collapse a group with a specified TreeView level in a TreeView DataWindow and all of its children.

The `CollapseAllChildren` method triggers the Collapsing and Collapsed events.

### Examples

The following example collapses the group in a TreeView DataWindow that has TreeView level 2 and includes row 3 and all the group's children:

```
integer li_ret
li_ret = dw_treeview.CollapseAllChildren(3,2)
```

### See also

`Collapse`  
`CollapseAll`  
`CollapseLevel`  
`ExpandAllChildren`

## CollapseLevel

### Description

Collapses all the groups in a TreeView DataWindow that have the specified TreeView level.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

### Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

Integer `dw_control.CollapseLevel` (long `groupLevel`)

| Argument                | Description                                        |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <code>dw_control</code> | A reference to a TreeView-style DataWindow control |
| <code>groupLevel</code> | The TreeView level of the group to be collapsed    |

### Return value

Returns 1 if the CollapseLevel operation succeeds and one of the following negative values if it fails:

- 1 DataWindow is null
- 5 One or more of the parameters are invalid
- 16 DataWindow is not a TreeView DataWindow

### Usage

A TreeView DataWindow has several TreeView level bands (groups) that can be expanded and collapsed. You can use the `CollapseLevel` method to collapse all the groups in a TreeView DataWindow that have a particular TreeView level.

The `CollapseLevel` method triggers the Collapsing and Collapsed events with a row argument of -1.

### Examples

The following example collapses TreeView level 2:

```
integer li_ret
li_ret = dw_treeview.CollapseLevel(2)
```

### See also

`Collapse`  
`CollapseAll`  
`CollapseAllChildren`  
`ExpandLevel`

## Copy

### Description

Puts selected text from the current row and column of an edit control onto the clipboard. Copy does not change the source text.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to               |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, OLE DWOject |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
integer objectref.Copy ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>objectref</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control<br><i>or</i><br>The fully qualified name of a OLE DWOBJECT within a DataWindow control that contains the object you want to copy to the clipboard.<br>The fully qualified name for a DWOBJECT has this syntax:<br><i>dwcontrol.Object.dwojectname</i> |

**Return value**

Returns the number of characters that were copied to the clipboard. If no text is selected in *objectref*, no characters are copied and **Copy** returns 0. If an error occurs, **Copy** returns -1.

For OLE DWOBJECTS, **Copy** returns 0 if it succeeds and one of the following negative values if an error occurs:

- 1 Container is empty
- 2 Copy Failed
- 9 Other error

If *objectref* is null, the method returns null.

**Usage**

To select text for copying, the user can use the mouse or keyboard. You can also call the **SelectText** method in a script. For the RichTextEdit presentation style in PowerBuilder, there are several additional methods for selecting text: **SelectTextAll**, **SelectTextLine**, and **SelectTextWord**.

To insert the contents of the clipboard into a control, use the **Paste** method.

**Copy** does not delete the selected text or OLE object. To delete the data, use the **Clear** or **Cut** method.

**PowerBuilder environment**

For use with other PowerBuilder controls, see **Copy** in the *PowerScript Reference*.

**Examples**

Assuming the selected text in the edit control of `dw_emp` is Temporary Address, these statements copy Temporary Address to the clipboard and store 17 in `copy_amt`:

```
integer copy_amt
copy_amt = dw_emp.Copy()
```

**See also**

**Clear**  
Clipboard in the *PowerScript Reference*



Cut  
 Paste  
 ReplaceText  
 SelectedText

## CopyRTF

### Description

Returns the selected text, pictures, and input fields in a RichText DataWindow as a string with rich text formatting. Bitmaps and input fields are included in the string.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                    |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
string dwcontrol.CopyRTF ( { boolean selected {, Band band } } )
```

| Argument                      | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>              | A reference to a DataWindow control or DataStore object. The DataWindow object in the DataWindow control or DataStore must be a RichText DataWindow.                                                                                |
| <i>selected</i><br>(optional) | A value indicating whether to copy selected text only. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>true</b> – (Default) Copy selected text only.</li> <li><b>false</b> – Copy the entire contents of the band.</li> </ul> |
| <i>band</i><br>(optional)     | A value specifying the band from which to copy text. Values for this enumerated datatype are listed in <a href="#">Chapter 6, DataWindow Constants</a> .<br>The default is the band that contains the insertion point.              |

### Return value

Returns the selected text as a string.

CopyRTF returns an empty string (“”) if:

- There is no selection and *selected* is **true**
- An error occurs

### Usage

CopyRTF does not involve the clipboard. The copied information is stored in a string. If you use the standard clipboard methods (**Copy** and **Cut**) the clipboard will contain the text without any formatting.

To incorporate the text with RTF formatting into another RichTextEdit control, use `PasteRTF`.

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### PowerBuilder environment

For use with RichTextEdit controls, see `CopyRTF` in the *PowerScript Reference*. For information about rich text format, see the chapter about implementing rich text in *Application Techniques*.

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### Examples

This statement returns the text that is selected in the RichText DataWindow `dw_letter` and stores it in the string `ls_richtext`:

```
string ls_richtext
ls_richtext = dw_letter.CopyRTF()
```

This example copies the text in `dw_1`, saving it in `ls_richtext`, and pastes it into `dw_2`. The user clicks the `RadioButton` `rb_true` to copy selected text and `rb_false` to copy all the text. The number of characters pasted is saved in `ll_numchars` reported in the `StaticText` `st_status`:

```
string ls_richtext
boolean lb_selected
long ll_numchars

IF rb_true.Checked = true THEN
    lb_selected = true
ELSE
    lb_selected = false
END IF

ls_richtext = dw_1.CopyRTF(lb_selected)
ll_numchars = dw_2.PasteRTF(ls_richtext)
st_status.Text = String(ll_numchars)
```

### See also

`Copy`  
`CopyRTF` in the *PowerScript Reference*  
`Cut`  
`PasteRTF`

## Create

### Description

Creates a DataWindow object using DataWindow source code and puts that object in the specified DataWindow control or DataStore object. This dynamic DataWindow object does not become a permanent part of the application source library.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                    |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
integer dwcontrol.Create ( string syntax {, string errorbuffer } )
```

| Argument                         | Description                                                                                                                                                      |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                 | A reference to the DataWindow control or DataStore in which PowerBuilder will create the new DataWindow object.                                                  |
| <i>syntax</i>                    | A string whose value is the DataWindow source code that will be used to create the DataWindow object.                                                            |
| <i>errorbuffer</i><br>(optional) | The name of a string that will hold any error messages that are generated. If you do not specify an error buffer, a message box will display the error messages. |

### Return value

In PowerBuilder, returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

If any argument's value is null, the method returns null.

### Usage

The Create method creates a DataWindow object using the source code in *syntax*. It substitutes the new DataWindow object for the DataWindow object currently associated with *dwcontrol*.

DataWindow source code syntax is complex and is best produced by copying existing DataWindows. In a PowerBuilder application, you can use the Describe and LibraryExport methods to obtain the source code of existing DataWindows to use as models. In the PowerBuilder development environment, you can export the syntax of a DataWindow object in the Library painter.

Another source of DataWindow code is the [SyntaxFromSQL](#) method, which creates DataWindow source code based on a [SQL](#) statement. Many values in the source code syntax correspond to properties of the DataWindow object, which are documented in [Chapter 3, DataWindow Object Properties](#).

When you examine syntax for existing DataWindow objects, you will see that the order of the syntax can vary. Release must be the first statement, and DataWindow should be the next statement. If you change the order, use care; the order can affect the results.

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### Calling `SyntaxFromSQL` as the `syntax` argument

You can call `SyntaxFromSQL` directly as the value for `syntax`. However, this does not give you the chance to check whether errors have been reported in its error argument. Before you use `SyntaxFromSQL` in `Create`, make sure the `SQL` syntax is valid.

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**Comments** To designate text in your DataWindow syntax as a comment, use either of the standard PowerBuilder methods:

- Use double slashes (`//`) to indicate that the text after the slashes and on the same line is a comment.

When you use this method, the comment can be all or part of a line but cannot cover multiple lines; the compiler ignores everything following the double slashes on the line.

- Begin a comment with slash asterisk (`/*`) and end it with asterisk slash (`*/`) to indicate that all the text between the delimiters is a comment.

When you use this method, the comment can be all or part of a line or occupy multiple lines; the compiler ignores everything between `/*` and `*/`.

**For DataWindows in group boxes** If a DataWindow object is in a group box, it is not automatically moved to the top when you call `Create`, even if the `BringToTop` property is set to `true` in the DataWindow painter. You must explicitly set the `BringToTop` property to `true` after you call `Create`. For example:

```
dw_1.Create(ls_syntax, ls_errors)
dw_1.BringToTop=true
```

### Examples

These statements create a new DataWindow in the control `dw_new` from the DataWindow source code returned by the `SyntaxFromSQL` method. Errors from `SyntaxFromSQL` and `Create` are displayed in the MultiLineEdits `mle_sfs` and `mle_create`. After creating the DataWindow, you must call `SetTransObject` for the new DataWindow object before you can retrieve data:

```
string error_syntaxfromSQL, error_create
string new_sql, new_syntax
```

```

new_sql = 'SELECT emp_data.emp_id, ' &
          + 'emp_data.emp_name ' &
          + 'from emp_data ' &
          + 'WHERE emp_data.emp_salary>45000'

new_syntax = SQLCA.SyntaxFromSQL(new_sql, &
                                'Style(Type=Form)', error_syntaxfromSQL)

IF Len(error_syntaxfromSQL) > 0 THEN
    // Display errors
    mle_sfs.Text = error_syntaxfromSQL
ELSE
    // Generate new DataWindow
    dw_new.Create(new_syntax, error_create)
    IF Len(error_create) > 0 THEN
        mle_create.Text = error_create
    END IF
END IF

dw_new.SetTransObject(SQLCA)
dw_new.Retrieve()

```

See also

[SyntaxFromSQL](#) in *PowerScript Reference*  
[SetTrans](#)  
[SetTransObject](#)

## CreateError

Description

Returns the error messages that were generated during a previous call to Create.

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### Obsolete method

[CreateError](#) is obsolete and should not be used, because the DataWindow Web Control for ActiveX technology is obsolete.

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Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Web ActiveX     | DataWindow control |

Syntax

**Web ActiveX**

string *dwcontrol*.CreateError ( )

| Argument         | Description                                                                       |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow control for which you just called the Create method |

**Return value** Returns a string whose value is the error message text that was generated when attempting to create a DataWindow from source code. If no errors occur, returns an empty string.

**Usage** Call **CreateError** immediately after the **Create** method to get error messages generated by Create.

**See also** [Create](#)

## CreateFrom

**Description** Creates a DataStore object from the passed ResultSet object.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataStore object  |

**Syntax** **PowerBuilder**

integer *dsubject*.CreateFrom ( ResultSet *rssource* )

| Argument        | Description                                                                                           |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dsubject</i> | The name of the DataStore object into which you want to place the data in the passed result set       |
| <i>rssource</i> | A ResultSet or ADOResultSet object that contains meta data from which the DataStore object is created |

**Return value** Integer. Returns 1 if it succeeds or a negative number if an error occurs. If any argument is null, in PowerBuilder the method returns null.

**Usage** Use **CreateFrom** to create a DataStore from a passed result set. Typically, a PowerBuilder client calls methods on a component running in a transaction server and converts results sets returned from those methods to DataStore objects using **CreateFrom**.

**CreateFrom** creates an external DataWindow definition with no visual component—it has no controls and the height of all bands is zero. Since the data source for the DataStore object is external, Update methods on the DataStore object have no effect. The Print method will print a blank page.

Client applications can use the DataStore object directly or display the data in a DataWindow control using the ShareData method.

For more information about result sets and methods for exchanging data between components and clients, see Usage for **GenerateResultSet**.

### Examples

This example creates an instance of the SVUBookstore component, calls the **GetMajors** method, and creates a DataStore object using the data definition in the returned ResultSet object:

```
SVUBookstore lcst_mybookstore
resultset lrs_resultset
datastore ds_local
integer li_rc

li_rc = myconnect.CreateInstance(lcst_mybookstore)
IF li_rc <> 0 THEN
    MessageBox("Create Instance", string(li_rc) )
    myconnect.DisConnectServer()
    RETURN
END IF

lrs_resultset = lcst_mybookstore.GetMajors()

ds_local = CREATE DataStore
ds_local.CreateFrom(lrs_resultset)
```

This example creates a DataStore object from an ADO Recordset returned from a method on an MTS component.

```
OLEObject loo_mycomponent
OLEObject loo_ADOrecordset
ADOREsultset lrs_ADOresultset
datastore ds_local
integer li_rc

loo_mycomponent = CREATE OLEObject
li_rc =
loo_mycomponent.ConnectToNewObject("PB.Test")
IF li_rc <> 0 THEN
    MessageBox("Connect Failed", string(li_rc) )
    RETURN
END IF
```

```

// Use an OLEObject to hold ADO Recordset
// returned from method on MTS component
loo_ADOrecordset = loo_mycomponent.GetTestResult()

// Create an ADOResultSet and get its data
// from OLEObject holding passed ADO Recordset
lrs_ADOresultset = CREATE ADOResultSet
lrs_ADOresultset.SetRecordSet(loo_ADOrecordset)

// Use CreateFrom to populate DataStore
// from ADOResultSet object
ds_local = CREATE DataStore
ds_local.CreateFrom(lrs_ADOresultset)

```

See also

[GenerateResultSet](#)SetRecordSet in the *PowerScript Reference*SetResultSet in the *PowerScript Reference*

## CrosstabDialog

Description

Displays the Crosstab Definition dialog box so the user can modify the definition of a crosstab DataWindow at runtime. The dialog box is the one you use in the DataWindow painter to define the crosstab.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

integer *dwcontrol*.**CrossTabDialog** ( )

| Argument         | Description                         |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control |

Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

If *dwcontrol* is null, the method returns null.

Usage

If the style of the DataWindow object in the DataWindow control is not crosstab, [CrosstabDialog](#) has no effect. You must connect to a database and set the DataWindow control's transaction object before you call [CrossTabDialog](#).



**Examples**

This statement in the script for the CommandButton `cb_define` displays the Crosstab Definition dialog so the user can modify the definition of the crosstab DataWindow object in `dw_1`:

```
dw_1.CrosstabDialog ()
```

**Cut****Description**

Deletes selected text in the current row and column of an edit control and stores it on the clipboard, replacing the clipboard contents with the deleted text.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
long dwcontrol.Cut ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                 |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control. The text is cut from the edit control over the current row and column. |

**Return value**

Returns the number of characters that were cut from *dwcontrol* and stored in the clipboard. If no text is selected, no characters are cut and `Cut` returns 0. If an error occurs, `Cut` returns -1.

If *dwcontrol* is null, the method returns null.

**Usage**

To select text for deleting, the user can use the mouse or keyboard. You can also call the `SelectText` method in a script. For the RichTextEdit presentation style in PowerBuilder, there are several additional methods for selecting text: `SelectTextAll`, `SelectTextLine`, and `SelectTextWord`.

To insert the contents of the clipboard into a control, use the `Paste` method.

To delete selected text but not store it in the clipboard, use the `Clear` method.

**PowerBuilder environment**

For use with other PowerBuilder controls, see `Cut` in the *PowerScript Reference*.

**Examples**

Assuming the selected text in the edit control of `dw_emp` is `Temporary`, this statement deletes `Temporary` from the edit control, stores it in the clipboard, and returns 9:

```
dw_emp.Cut ()
```

**See also**

Copy  
 Clear  
 Clipboard in the *PowerScript Reference*  
 Paste

## DBCcancel

**Description**

Cancels the retrieval in process in a DataWindow.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.DBCcancel ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                            |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindows |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

If *dwcontrol* is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage**

To cancel a database retrieval, you need two pieces of code:

- Code that calls `DBCcancel`. To let the user cancel the retrieval, you could call `DBCcancel` (or call a user function or member method that calls it) in code for a button or an item on a menu. This code would generally set an instance variable or data member to indicate that the user requested cancellation.

In PowerBuilder, this code might be:

```
ib_cancel = true
dw_1.DBCcancel ()
```

- Code for the RetrieveRow event that sets an action/return code of 1 to stop the retrieval.

In PowerBuilder, this code might be:

```
IF ib_cancel = true THEN
    RETURN 1
END IF
```

Coding something in the RetrieveRow event's script (even just a comment) enables the operating system to process events while the DataWindow is being populated with rows from the database. If the RetrieveRow event's script is empty, menus and command buttons can't even be clicked until the retrieval is completely finished. This can be frustrating if the user inadvertently starts a retrieval that is going to take a long time.

If the Async DBParm parameter is set to 1 (for asynchronous operation), a user or a script can cancel a query either before the first row is returned or during the data retrieval process. If Async is set to 0 (for synchronous operation), the user cannot select the menu or CommandButton until the first row is retrieved. The asynchronous setting is useful when a query might take a long time to retrieve its first row.

For a list of the DBMSs that support the Async DBParm parameter, see the *Connection Reference*.

## Examples

In this example, the menu bar for an MDI application has menu items for starting and canceling a retrieval. When the user cancels the retrieval, a user function calls `DBCcancel` and sets a boolean instance variable to `Get/SetSeriesStyle` and `Get/SetDataStyle`. The RetrieveStart and RetrieveRow events check this variable and return the appropriate value.

In this hypothetical application, the user starts a retrieval by selecting Retrieve from a menu. The script for the Retrieve menu item calls a user function for the window:

```
w_async1.wf_retrieve()
```

The `wf_retrieve` function sets the Async DBParm for asynchronous processing and starts the retrieval. Because Async is set to 1, the user can select the Cancel menu item at any time, even before the first row is retrieved. (In your own application, you would include error handling to make sure Retrieve returned successfully.)

```
long rc
ib_cancel = false
SQLCA.DBParm = 'Async = 1'
```

```
rc = dw_1.Retrieve()
```

The user can stop the retrieval by selecting Cancel from the menu. The script for the Cancel menu item reads:

```
w_async1.wf_cancel()
```

The user function wf\_cancel for the window w\_async1 calls DBCancel and sets a flag indicating that the retrieval is canceled. Other events for the DataWindow will check this flag and abort the retrieval too. The variable ib\_cancel is an instance variable for the window:

```
ib_cancel = true
dw_1.DBCancel()
```

Scripts for the RetrieveStart and RetrieveRow events both check the ib\_cancel instance variable and, if it is true, stop the retrieval by returning a value of 1. In order to cancel the retrieval, some code or comment in the script for the RetrieveRow event is required:

```
IF ib_cancel = true THEN
    RETURN 1
END IF
```

See also

Retrieve

## DBErrorCode

Description

Reports the database-specific error code that triggered the DBError event.

### Obsolete method

DBErrorCode is obsolete and will be discontinued in the future. You should replace all use of DBErrorCode as soon as possible. The database error code is available as an argument in the DBError event.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object |

Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

```
long dwcontrol.DBErrorCode ()
```

| Argument         | Description                                             |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control or child DataWindow |

**Return value**

Returns an error code when a database error occurs in *dwcontrol*. Error codes -1 through -4 are PowerBuilder codes. Other codes are database-specific. Returns 0 if there is no error.

If *dwcontrol* is null, the method returns null.

PowerBuilder error codes are:

- -1 Can't connect to the database because of missing values in the transaction object.
- -2 Can't connect to the database.
- -3 The key specified in an Update or Retrieve no longer matches an existing row. (This can happen when another user has changed the row after you retrieved it.)
- -4 Writing a blob to the database failed.

**Usage**

When a database error occurs while a DataWindow control is interacting with the database, PowerBuilder triggers the DBError event. Since `DBErrorCode` is meaningful only if a database error has occurred, you should call this method only in the DBError event.

**Examples**

This statement returns the error code for `dw_employee`:

```
dw_employee.DBErrorCode()
```

Since this method is meaningful only in a DataWindow DBError event, you can use the pronoun *This* instead of the DataWindow's name:

```
This.DBErrorCode()
```

These statements check the error code for `dw_employee` and if it is -4, perform some processing:

```
long ll_Error_Nbr
ll_Error_Nbr = This.DBErrorCode()
IF ll_Error_Nbr = - 4 THEN ...
```

When an error occurs in `dw_Emp`, the following statements in the DBError event's script will display the error number and message. A return code of 1 suppresses the default error message:

```
long ll_Error_Nbr

ll_Error_Nbr = This.DBErrorCode()
```

```
IF ll_Error_Nbr <> 0 THEN
    MessageBox("Database Error", "Number " &
        + string(ll_Error_Nbr) + " " &
        + This.DBErrorMessage(), StopSign!)
    // Stop PowerBuilder from displaying the
error
RETURN 1
END IF
```

See also

[DBErrorMessage](#)

## DBErrorMessage

### Description

Reports the database-specific error message that triggered the DBError event.

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### Obsolete method

[DBErrorMessage](#) is obsolete and will be discontinued in a future release. You should replace all use of [DBErrorMessage](#) as soon as possible. The database error message is available as an argument in the DBError event.

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### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
string dwcontrol.DBErrorMessage ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                             |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control or child DataWindow |

### Return value

Returns a string whose value is a database-specific error message generated by a database error in *dwcontrol*. Returns the empty string (“”) if there is no error.

If *dwcontrol* is null, the method returns null.

**Usage**

When a database error occurs while a DataWindow control is interacting with the database, PowerBuilder triggers the DBError event. Since `DBErrorMessage` is meaningful only if a database error has occurred, you should call this method only in the DBError event.

**Examples**

This statement returns the error message generated by a database error in `dw_employee`:

```
dw_employee.DBErrorMessage()
```

Since this method is meaningful only in a DataWindow, you can use the pronoun *This* instead of the DataWindow's name:

```
This.DBErrorMessage()
```

If data processing fails in `dw_Emp` and these statements are coded in the script for the DBError event, a message box containing the error number and the message displays:

```
string err_msg

err_msg = This.DBErrorMessage()

IF err_msg <> "" THEN
    MessageBox("DBError", "Number" + &
        String(This.DBErrorCode()) + " " + &
        err_msg, StopSign!)
    // Stop PowerBuilder from displaying the
    error
    RETURN 1
END IF
```

**See also**

`DBErrorCode`

## DeletedCount

**Description**

Reports the number of rows that have been marked for deletion in the database.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

long *dwcontrol*.DeletedCount ( )

| Argument         | Description                                                         |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow |

### Return value

Returns the number of rows that have been deleted from *dwcontrol* but not updated in the associated database table.

Returns 0 if no rows have been deleted or if all the deleted rows have been updated in the database table. DeletedCount returns -1 if it fails.

If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

### Usage

An updatable DataWindow control or DataStore has several buffers. The primary buffer stores the rows currently being displayed. The delete buffer stores rows that the application has marked for deletion by calling the DeleteRow method. These rows are saved until the database is updated. You can use DeletedCount to find out if there are any rows in the delete buffer.

If a DataWindow is not updatable, rows that are deleted are discarded—they are not stored in the delete buffer. Therefore, DeletedCount returns 0 for a nonupdatable DataWindow unless a method, such as RowsCopy or RowsMove, has been used to populate the delete buffer.

### Examples

Assuming two rows in dw\_employee have been deleted but have not been updated in the associated database table, these statements set ll\_Del to 2:

```
Long ll_Del  
ll_Del = dw_employee.DeletedCount ( )
```

This example tests whether there are rows in the delete buffer, and if so, updates the database table associated with dw\_employee:

```
Long ll_Del  
ll_Del = dw_employee.DeletedCount()  
IF ll_Del <> 0 THEN dw_employee.Update()
```

### See also

DeleteRow  
FilteredCount  
ModifiedCount  
RowCount



## DeleteRow

### Description

Deletes a row from a DataWindow control, DataStore object, or child DataWindow.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

integer *dwcontrol*.DeleteRow ( long *row* )

| Argument         | Description                                                                                           |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                                  |
| <i>row</i>       | A value identifying the row you want to delete. To delete the current row, specify 0 for <i>row</i> . |

### Return value

Returns 1 if the row is successfully deleted and -1 if an error occurs.

If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null. If there is no DataWindow object assigned to the DataWindow control or DataStore, this method returns -1.

### Usage

DeleteRow deletes the row from the DataWindow's primary buffer.

If the DataWindow is not updatable, all storage associated with the row is cleared. If the DataWindow is updatable, DeleteRow moves the row to the DataWindow's delete buffer; PowerBuilder uses the values in the delete buffer to build the SQL DELETE statement.

The row is not deleted from the database table until the application calls the Update method. After the Update method has updated the database and the update flags are reset, the storage associated with the row is cleared.

#### Apply GetChanges after deleting rows in a distributed application

If a DataWindow or data store is populated using SetChanges or SetFullState, and an Update is done that includes deleted rows, the deleted rows remain in the delete buffer until a subsequent GetChanges is applied to the DataWindow or data store.

### Examples

This statement deletes the current row from dw\_employee:

```
dw_employee.DeleteRow(0)
```

These statements delete row 5 from `dw_employee` and then update the database with the change:

```
dw_employee.DeleteRow(5)
dw_employee.Update()
```

See also

[DeletedCount](#)  
[InsertRow](#)

## Describe

Description

Reports the values of properties of a DataWindow object and controls within the DataWindow object. Each column and graphic control in the DataWindow has a set of properties (listed in [Chapter 3, DataWindow Object Properties](#)). You specify one or more properties as a string, and `Describe` returns the values of the properties.

`Describe` can also evaluate expressions involving values of a particular row and column. When you include `Describe`'s `Evaluate` function in the property list, the value of the evaluated expression is included in the reported information.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

```
string dwcontrol.Describe ( string propertylist )
```

| Argument            | Description                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>    | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                                                                                                                 |
| <i>propertylist</i> | A string whose value is a blank-separated list of properties or Evaluate functions.<br>For a list of valid properties, see <a href="#">Chapter 3, DataWindow Object Properties</a> . |

Return value

Returns a string that includes a value for each property or `Evaluate` function. A newline character (`~n` or `\n`) separates the value of each item in *propertylist*.

If the property list contains an invalid item, `Describe` returns an exclamation point (!) for that item and ignores the rest of the property list. `Describe` returns a question mark (?) if there is no value for a property.

When the value of a property contains an exclamation point or a question mark, the value is returned in quotes so that you can distinguish between the returned value and an invalid item or a property with no value.

If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

### Usage

Use `Describe` to understand the structure of a DataWindow. For example, you can find out which bands the DataWindow uses and what the datatypes of the columns are. You can also use `Describe` to find out the current value of a property and use that value to make further modifications.

`Describe` is often used to obtain the DataWindow's `SELECT` statement in order to modify it (for example, by adding a `WHERE` clause).

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### When you can obtain the DataWindow's SQL statement

When you use the Select painter to graphically create a `SELECT` statement, PowerBuilder saves its own `SELECT` statement (called a `PBSELECT` statement), and not a `SQL SELECT` statement, with the DataWindow definition.

When you call `Describe` with the property `Table.Select`, it returns a `SQL SELECT` statement *only if* you are connected to the database. If you are not connected to the database, `Describe` returns a `PBSELECT` statement.

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*Property syntax* The syntax for a property in the property list is:

*controlname.property*

For the types of controls in a DataWindow and their properties with examples, see [Chapter 3, DataWindow Object Properties](#).

*Properties whose value is a list* When a property returns a list, the tab character separates the values in the list. For example, the `Bands` property reports all the bands in use in the DataWindow as a list.

header[tab]detail[tab]summary[tab]footer[tab]header.1[tab]trailer.1

If the first character in a property's returned value list is a quotation mark, it means the whole list is quoted and any quotation marks within the list are single quotation marks.

For example, the following is a single property value.

```
" Student[tab]' Andrew ' or '[newline]Andy' "
```

*Specifying special characters* There are different ways of specifying special characters in a string in each environment:

**Table 9-1: Specifying special characters in different environments**

| Character    | PowerBuilder | JavaScript |
|--------------|--------------|------------|
| tab          | ~t           | \t         |
| newline      | ~n           | \n         |
| single quote | ~'           | \'         |
| double quote | ~"           | \"         |

*Quoted property values* `Describe` returns a property's value enclosed in quotes when the text would otherwise be ambiguous. For example, if the property's value includes a question mark, then the text is returned in quotes. A question mark without quotes means that the property has no value.

*Column name or number* When the control is a column, you can specify the column name or a pound sign (#) followed by the column number. For example, if salary is column 5, then "salary.coltype" is equivalent to "#5.coltype".

*Control names* The DataWindow painter automatically gives names to all controls. (In previous versions of PowerBuilder, the painter only named columns and column labels.)

*Evaluating an expression* `Describe`'s `Evaluate` function allows you to evaluate DataWindow painter expressions within a script using data in the DataWindow. Evaluate has the following syntax, which you specify for *propertylist*.

```
Evaluate ( 'expression', rownumber )
```

*Expression* is the expression you want to evaluate and *rownumber* is the number of the row for which you want to evaluate the expression. The expression usually includes DataWindow painter functions. For example, in the following statement, `Describe` reports either 255 or 0 depending on the value of the salary column in row 3:

```
ls_ret = dw_1.Describe( &
    "Evaluate('If(salary > 100000, 255, 0)', 3)")
```

You can call DataWindow control functions in a script to get data from the DataWindow, but some painter functions (such as `LookUpDisplay`) cannot be called in a script. Using `Evaluate` is the only way to call them. (See the example [Evaluating the display value of a DropDownDataWindow on page 588](#).)

*Sample property values* To illustrate the types of values that Describe reports, consider a DataWindow called `dw_emp` with one group level. Its columns are named `emp` and `empname`, and its headers are named `emp_h` and `empname_h`. The following table shows several properties and the returned value. In the first example below, a sample command shows how you might specify these properties for Describe and what it reports.

**Table 9-2: Examples of return values for Describe method**

| Property                        | Reported value                                                                            |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>datawindow.Bands</code>   | <code>header[tab]detail[tab]summary[tab]footer[tab]header.1[tab]trailer.1</code>          |
| <code>datawindow.Objects</code> | <code>emp[tab]empname[tab]emp_h[tab]empname_h</code>                                      |
| <code>emp.Type</code>           | <code>column</code>                                                                       |
| <code>empname.Type</code>       | <code>column</code>                                                                       |
| <code>empname_h.Type</code>     | <code>text</code>                                                                         |
| <code>emp.Coltype</code>        | <code>char(20)</code>                                                                     |
| <code>state.Type</code>         | <code>!</code> (! indicates an invalid item—there is no column named <code>state</code> ) |
| <code>empname_h.Visible</code>  | <code>?</code>                                                                            |

## Examples

### PowerBuilder examples

This example calls `Describe` with some of the properties shown in the previous table. The reported values (formatted with tabs and newlines) follow. Note that because `state` is not a column in the DataWindow, `state.type` returns an exclamation point (!):

```
string ls_request, ls_report

ls_request = "DataWindow.Bands DataWindow.Objects "&
    + "empname_h.Text " &
    + "empname_h.Type emp.Type emp.Coltype " &
    + "state.Type empname.Type empname_h.Visible"

ls_report = dw_1.Describe(ls_request)
```

Describe sets the value of `ls_report` to the following string:

```
header~tdetail~tsummary~tfooter~thead.1~ttrailer.
```

```

1~N emp~tempname~temp_h~tempname_h~N
"Employee~R~NName"~N text~N column~Nchar(20)~N!

```

These statements check the datatype of the column named salary before using `GetItemNumber` to obtain the salary value:

```

string ls_data_type
integer li_rate

ls_data_type = dw_1.Describe("salary.ColType")
IF ls_data_type = "number" THEN
li_rate = dw_1.GetItemNumber(5, "salary")
ELSE
. . . // Some processing
END IF

```

**Column name or number** This statement finds out the column type of the current column, using the column name:

```
s = This.Describe(This.GetColumnName() + ".ColType")
```

For comparison, this statement finds out the same thing, using the current column's number:

```
s = This.Describe("#" + String(This.GetColumn()) &
+ ".ColType")
```

**Scrolling and the current row** This example, as part of the DataWindow control's `ScrollVertical` event, makes the first visible row the current row as the user scrolls through the DataWindow:

```
s = This.Describe("DataWindow.FirstRowOnPage")
IF IsNumber(s) THEN This.SetRow(Integer(s))
```

**Evaluating the display value of a DropDownDataWindow** This example uses `Describe`'s `Evaluate` function to find the display value in a DropDownDataWindow column called `state_code`. You must execute the code *after* the `ItemChanged` event, so that the value the user selected has become the item value in the buffer. This code is the script of a custom user event called `getDisplayvalue`:

```

string rownumber, displayvalue

rownumber = String(dw_1.GetRow())
displayvalue = dw_1.Describe( &
"Evaluate('LookUpDisplay(state_code) ', " &
+ rownumber + ")")

```

This code, as part of the `ItemChanged` event's script, posts the `getDisplayvalue` event:

```
dw_1.PostEvent("getdisplayvalue")
```

**Assigning null values based on the column's datatype** The following excerpt from the ItemError event script of a DataWindow control allows the user to blank out a column and move to the next column. For columns with datatypes other than string, the user cannot leave the value empty (which is an empty string and does not match the datatype) without the return code. Data and row are arguments of the ItemError event:

```
string s
s = This.Describe(This.GetColumnName() &
+ ".Coltype")

CHOOSE CASE s
CASE "number"
IF Trim(data) = "" THEN
integer null_num
SetNull(null_num)
This.SetItem(row, &
This.GetColumn(), null_num)
RETURN 3
END IF

CASE "date"
IF Trim(data) = "" THEN
date null_date
SetNull(null_date)
This.SetItem(row, &
This.GetColumn(), null_date)
RETURN 3
END IF

. . . // Additional cases for other datatypes

END CHOOSE
```

See also

Create  
Modify

## Drag

Description

Starts or ends the dragging of a control.

## Expand

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### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

integer *dwcontrol*.**Drag** ( DragMode *dragvalue* )

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control or child DataWindow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <i>dragvalue</i> | A value indicating the action you want to take on a control: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Begin! – Put <i>dwcontrol</i> in drag mode.</li><li>• Cancel! – Stop dragging <i>dwcontrol</i> but do not cause a DragDrop event.</li><li>• End! – Stop dragging <i>dwcontrol</i> and if <i>dwcontrol</i> is over a target object, cause a DragDrop event.</li></ul> |

### Usage

Inherited from DragObject. For information, see **Drag** in the *PowerScript Reference*.

## Expand

### Description

Expands a group in a TreeView DataWindow that has the specified TreeView level and includes the specified row.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

Integer *dw\_control*.**Expand**(long *row*, long *groupLevel*)

| Argument          | Description                                                                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dw_control</i> | A reference to a TreeView-style DataWindow control                                   |
| <i>row</i>        | The number of the row that belongs to the TreeView level of the group to be expanded |
| <i>groupLevel</i> | The TreeView level of the group to be expanded                                       |

### Return value

Returns 1 if the expand operation succeeds and one of the following negative values if it fails:

- 1 DataWindow is null



- 5 One or more of the parameters are invalid
- 16 DataWindow is not a TreeView DataWindow

**Usage**

A TreeView DataWindow has several TreeView level bands (groups) that can be expanded and collapsed. You can use the **Expand** method to expand a group in a TreeView DataWindow that includes a particular row in a particular TreeView level.

The **Expand** method triggers the Expanding and Expanded events.

**Examples**

The following example expands the group at TreeView level 2 that includes row 3:

```
integer li_ret
li_ret = dw_treeview.Expand(3,2)
```

**See also**

Collapse  
ExpandAll  
ExpandAllChildren  
ExpandLevel  
IsExpanded

## ExpandAll

**Description**

Expands all groups in a TreeView DataWindow.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
Integer dw_control.ExpandAll( )
```

| Argument          | Description                                        |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dw_control</i> | A reference to a TreeView-style DataWindow control |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if the ExpandAll operation succeeds and one of the following negative values if it fails:

- 1 DataWindow is null
- 16 DataWindow is not a TreeView DataWindow

### Usage

A TreeView DataWindow has several TreeView level bands (groups) that can be expanded and collapsed. You can use the `ExpandAll` method to expand all groups in a TreeView DataWindow.

The `ExpandAll` method triggers the Expanding and Expanded events with row and level arguments of -1.

### Examples

The following example expands all groups:

```
integer li_ret  
li_ret = dw_treeview.ExpandAll()
```

### See also

[Collapse](#)  
[Expand](#)  
[ExpandAllChildren](#)  
[ExpandLevel](#)  
[IsExpanded](#)

## ExpandAllChildren

### Description

Expands a group in a TreeView DataWindow that has the specified TreeView level and includes the specified row; also expands all the group's children.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

Integer *dw\_control*.**ExpandAllChildren**(long *row*, long *groupLevel*)

| Argument          | Description                                                    |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dw_control</i> | A reference to a TreeView-style DataWindow control             |
| <i>row</i>        | The number of the row that belongs to the group to be expanded |
| <i>groupLevel</i> | The TreeView level of the group to be expanded                 |

### Return value

Returns 1 if the expand operation succeeds and one of the following negative values if it fails:

- 1 DataWindow is null
- 5 One or more of the parameters are invalid
- 16 DataWindow is not a TreeView DataWindow

**Usage** A TreeView DataWindow has several TreeView level bands (groups) that can be expanded and collapsed. You can use the `ExpandAllChildren` method to expand a group with a specified TreeView level in a TreeView DataWindow and all of its children.

The `ExpandAllChildren` method triggers the Expanding and Expanded events.

**Examples** The following example expands the group in a TreeView DataWindow that has TreeView level 2 and includes row 3; it also expands all the group's children:

```
integer li_ret
li_ret = dw_treeview.ExpandAllChildren(3,2)
```

**See also** `CollapseAllChildren`  
`Expand`  
`ExpandAll`  
`ExpandLevel`  
`IsExpanded`

## ExpandLevel

**Description** Expands all the groups in a TreeView DataWindow that have the specified TreeView level.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

`Integer dw_control.ExpandLevel (long groupLevel)`

| Argument                | Description                                        |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <code>dw_control</code> | A reference to a TreeView-style DataWindow control |
| <code>groupLevel</code> | The TreeView level of the group to be expanded     |

**Return value** Returns 1 if the ExpandLevel operation succeeds and one of the following negative values if it fails:

- 1 DataWindow is null
- 5 One or more of the parameters are invalid

**-16** DataWindow is not a TreeView DataWindow

**Usage**

A TreeView DataWindow has several TreeView level bands (groups) that can be expanded and collapsed. You can use the `ExpandLevel` method to expand all the groups in a TreeView DataWindow that have a particular TreeView level.

The `ExpandLevel` method triggers the Expanding and Expanded events with a row argument of -1.

**Examples**

The following example expands all the groups at TreeView level 2:

```
integer li_ret
li_ret = dw_treeview.ExpandLevel(2)
```

**See also**

- CollapseLevel
- Expand
- ExpandAll
- ExpandAllChildren
- IsExpanded

## Filter

**Description**

Displays rows in a DataWindow that pass the current filter criteria. Rows that do not meet the filter criteria are moved to the filter buffer.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.Filter ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                         |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. The return value is usually not used.

If *dwcontrol* is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage**

Filter causes all rows to be retrieved and then it applies the filter. Even when the Retrieve As Needed option is set, the **Filter** method retrieves all rows before applying the filter.

Filter uses the current filter criteria for the DataWindow. To change the filter criteria, use the **SetFilter** method. The **SetFilter** method is equivalent to using the Filter command on the Rows menu of the DataWindow painter. If you do not call SetFilter to assign or change criteria before calling the **Filter** method, the DataWindow will default to use the criteria in the object definition.

When the **Retrieve** method retrieves data for the DataWindow, PowerBuilder applies the filter that was defined for the DataWindow object, if any. You only need to call **Filter** after you change the filter criteria with **SetFilter** or if the data has changed because of processing or user input.

Filter has no effect on the DataWindows in a composite report.

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**Filtering and groups**

When you filter a DataWindow with groups, you might need to call **GroupCalc** after you call **Filter**.

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For information on removing the filter or letting the user specify a filter expression, see **SetFilter**.

**Examples**

This statement displays rows in dw\_Employee based on its current filter criteria:

```
dw_Employee.SetRedraw(false)
dw_Employee.Filter()
dw_Employee.SetRedraw(true)
```

**See also**

**FilteredCount**  
**RowCount**  
**SetFilter**

## **FilteredCount**

**Description**

Reports the number of rows that are not displayed in the DataWindow because of the current filter criteria.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

long *dwcontrol*.FilteredCount ( )

| Argument         | Description                                                         |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow |

Return value

Returns the number of rows in *dwcontrol* that are not displayed because they do not meet the current filter criteria. Returns 0 if all rows are displayed and -1 if an error occurs.

If *dwcontrol* is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

Usage

A DataWindow object can have a filter as part of its definition. After the DataWindow retrieves data, the filter is applied and rows that do not meet the filter criteria are moved to the filter buffer. You can change the filter criteria by calling the **SetFilter** method, and you can apply the new criteria with the **Filter** method.

Examples

These statements retrieve data in dw\_Employee, display employees with area code 617, and then test to see if any other data was retrieved. If the filter criteria specifying the area code was part of the DataWindow definition, it would be applied automatically after calling **Retrieve** and you would not need to call **SetFilter** and **Filter**:

```
dw_Employee.Retrieve()  
dw_Employee.SetFilter("AreaCode=617")  
dw_Employee.SetRedraw(false)  
dw_Employee.Filter()  
dw_Employee.SetRedraw(true)  
  
// Did any rows get filtered out  
IF dw_Employee.FilteredCount() > 0 THEN  
    ... // Process rows not in area code 617  
END IF
```

These statements retrieve data in dw\_Employee and display the number of employees whose names do not begin with B:

```
dw_Employee.Retrieve()
```

```

dw_Employee.SetFilter("Left(emp_lname, 1)~"B~")
dw_Employee.SetRedraw(false)
dw_Employee.Filter()
dw_Employee.SetRedraw(true)

IF dw_Employee.FilteredCount() > 0 THEN
    MessageBox("Employee Count", &
        String(dw_Employee.FilteredCount()) + &
        "Employee names do not begin with B.")
END IF

```

See also

Filter  
 ModifiedCount  
 RowCount  
 SetFilter

## Find

Description

Finds the next row in a DataWindow or DataStore in which data meets a specified condition.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

Syntax

### PowerBuilder

long *dwcontrol*.Find ( string *expression*, long *start*, long *end* )

| Argument          | Description                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>  | A reference to the DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow in which you want to search the detail band.                                                               |
| <i>expression</i> | A string whose value is a boolean expression that you want to use as the search criterion. The expression includes column names.                                                 |
| <i>start</i>      | A value identifying the row location at which to begin the search. <i>Start</i> can be greater than the number of rows.                                                          |
| <i>end</i>        | A value identifying the row location at which to end the search. <i>End</i> can be greater than the number of rows. To search backward, make <i>end</i> less than <i>start</i> . |

### Return value

Returns the number of the first row that meets the search criteria within the search range. Returns 0 if no rows are found and one of these negative numbers if an error occurs:

- 1 General error
- 5 Bad argument

If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

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### Usage

#### PowerBuilder environment

For use with a RichTextEdit control or presentation style, see [Find](#) in the *PowerScript Reference*.

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The search is case-sensitive. When you compare text to a value in a column, the case must match.

**When the Find expression includes quotes** If the text you want to find includes quotes, you must treat the nested quote as doubly nested, because the DataWindow parses the string twice before the [Find](#) method uses it. Therefore, you cannot simply alternate double and single quotes, as you can in most strings.

For example, to find the name O'Connor, the Find expression can be:

"O~~~'Connor" (3 tildes and single quote) or  
"O~~~~"Connor" (5 tildes and double quote)

but not:

"O' Connor" or "O~"OConnor"

**When the last row satisfies the search criteria** If you use [Find](#) in a loop that searches through all rows, you may end up with an endless loop if the last row satisfies the search criteria. When the *start* value becomes greater than *end*, the search reverses direction and Find would always succeed, resulting in an endless loop.

To solve this problem, you could make the *end* value 1 greater than the number of rows (see the examples). Another approach, shown below, would be to test within the loop whether the current row is greater than the row count and, if so, exit. This PowerBuilder code illustrates how:

```
long ll_find = 1, ll_end
ll_end = dw_main.RowCount()
ll_find = dw_main.Find(searchstr, ll_find, ll_end)
DO WHILE ll_find > 0
    ... // Collect found row
```



```

ll_find++
// Prevent endless loop
IF ll_find > ll_end THEN EXIT
ll_find = dw_main.Find(searchstr, ll_find,
ll_end)
LOOP

```

**Examples**

This statement searches for the first row in `dw_status` in which the value of the `emp_salary` column is greater than 100,000. The search begins in row 3 and continues until it reaches the last row in `dw_status`:

```

long ll_found
ll_found = dw_status.Find("emp_salary > 100000", &
3, dw_status.RowCount())

```

To test values in more than one column, use boolean operators to join conditional expressions. The following statement searches for the employee named Smith whose salary exceeds 100,000:

```

long ll_found
ll_found = dw_status.Find( &
"emp_lname = 'Smith' and emp_salary >
100000", &
1, dw_status.RowCount())

```

These statements search for the first row in `dw_emp` that matches the value that a user entered in the `SingleLineEdit` called Name (note the single quotes embedded in the search expression around the name):

```

string ls_lname_emp
long ll_nbr, ll_foundrow

ll_nbr = dw_emp.RowCount()

// Remove leading and trailing blanks.
ls_lname_emp = Trim(sle_Name.Text)

ll_foundrow = dw_emp.Find( &
"emp_lname = '" + ls_lname_emp + "'", 1,
ll_nbr)

```

This script excerpt finds the first row that has a null value in `emp_id`. If no null is found, the script updates the `DataWindow` object. If a null is found, it displays a message:

```

IF dw_status.AcceptText() = 1 THEN
  IF dw_status.Find("IsNull(emp_id)", &
1, dw_status.RowCount()) > 0 THEN
    MessageBox("Caution", "Cannot Update")

```

```
        ELSE
            dw_status.Update()
        END IF
    END IF
```

The following script attached to a Find Next command button searches for the next row that meets the specified criteria and scrolls to that row. Each time the button is clicked, the number of the found row is stored in the instance variable `il_found`. The next time the user clicks Find Next, the search continues from the following row. When the search reaches the end, a message tells the user that no row was found. The next search begins again at the first row.

Note that although the search criteria are hard-coded here, a more realistic scenario would include a Find button that prompts the user for search criteria. You could store the criteria in an instance variable, which Find Next could use:

```
    long ll_row

    // Get the row num. for the beginning of the search
    // from the instance variable, il_found
    ll_row = il_found

    // Search using predefined criteria
    ll_row = dw_main.Find( &
        "item_id = 3 or item_desc = 'Nails'", &
        ll_row, dw_main.RowCount())

    IF ll_row > 0 THEN
        // Row found, scroll to it and make it current
        dw_main.ScrollToRow(ll_row)
    ELSE
        // No row was found
        MessageBox("Not Found", "No row found.")
    END IF

    // Save the number of the next row for the start
    // of the next search. If no row was found,
    // ll_row is 0, making il_found 1, so that
    // the next search begins again at the beginning
    il_found = ll_row + 1
```

This example searches all the rows in `dw_main` and builds a list of the names that include a lowercase `a`. Note that the end value of the search is one greater than the row count, avoiding an infinite loop if the name in the last row satisfies the search:

```

long ll_find, ll_end
string ll_list

// The end value is one greater than the row count
ll_end = dw_main.RowCount() + 1
ll_find = 1

ll_find = dw_main.Find("Pos(last_name,'a') > 0", &
    ll_find, ll_end)

DO WHILE ll_find > 0
    //collect names
    ll_list = ll_list + '~r' &
        +
dw_main.GetItemString(ll_find,'last_name')

    // Search again
    ll_find++
    ll_find = dw_main.Find("Pos(last_name,'a') &
        > 0", ll_find, ll_end )

LOOP

```

See also

FindGroupChange  
FindRequired

## FindGroupChange

### Description

Searches for the next break for the specified group. A group break occurs when the value in the column for the group changes. `FindGroupChange` reports the row that begins the next section.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                    |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

long *dwcontrol*.FindGroupChange ( long *row*, integer *level* )

| Argument         | Description                                                                           |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control or the DataStore.                                 |
| <i>row</i>       | A value identifying the row at which you want to begin searching for the group break. |

| Argument     | Description                                                                                                      |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>level</i> | The number of the group for which you are searching. Groups are numbered in the order in which you defined them. |

### Return value

Returns the number of the row whose group column has a new value, meaning that it begins a new group. Returns 0 if the value in the group column did not change and a negative number if an error occurs.

If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

The return value observes these rules based on the value of *row*. If the starting row is:

- The first row in a group, then `FindGroupChange` returns the starting row number
- A row within a group, other than the last group, then `FindGroupChange` returns the row number of the first row of the next group
- A row in the last group, other than the first row of the last group, then `FindGroupChange` returns 0

### Usage

If the starting row begins a new section at the specified level, then that row is the one returned. To continue searching for subsequent breaks, increment the starting row so that the search resumes with the second row in the group.

### Examples

This statement searches for the first break in group 2 in `dw_regions`. The search begins in row 5:

```
dw_regions.FindGroupChange(5, 2)
```

This code finds the number of the row at which a break occurs in group 1. It then checks whether the department number is 121. The search begins at row 0:

```
boolean lb_found
long ll_breakrow

lb_found = false
ll_breakrow = 0

DO WHILE NOT (lb_found)
    ll_breakrow = dw_1.FindGroupChange(ll_breakrow,
    1)
```

```

// If no breaks are found, exit.
IF ll_breakrow <= 0 THEN EXIT

// Have we found the section for Dept 121?
IF dw_1.GetItemNumber(ll_breakrow, &
    "dept_id") = 121 THEN
    lb_found = true
END IF

// Increment starting row to find next break
ll_breakrow = ll_breakrow + 1
LOOP

IF lb_found = false THEN
    MessageBox( &
        "Not Found", &
        "The Department was not found.")
ELSE
    ... // Processing for Dept 121
END IF

```

See also

Find  
FindRequired

## FindNext

Description

Finds the next occurrence of text in a RichTextEdit DataWindow control and highlights it, using criteria set up in a previous call of the [Find](#) method.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.FindNext ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                          |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control containing a DataWindow with the RichTextEdit presentation style |

Return value

Returns the number of characters found. [FindNext](#) returns 0 if no matching text is found and -1 if the DataWindow's presentation style is not RichTextEdit or an error occurs.

Usage

**PowerBuilder environment**

For use with PowerBuilder RichTextEdit controls, see FindNext in the *PowerScript Reference*.

---

Examples

This example searches the DataWindow control dw\_1 for text the user specifies in the SingleLineEdit sle\_search. The search proceeds forward from the cursor position, is case-insensitive, and is not limited to whole words:

```
integer li_charsfound
li_charsfound = dw_1.Find(sle_search.Text, &
    true, true, false, true)
```

A second button labeled Find Next would have a script like this:

```
dw_1.FindNext()
```

See also

Find

## FindRequired

Description

Reports the next row and column that is required and contains a null value. The method arguments that specify where to start searching also store the results of the search. You can speed up the search by specifying that FindRequired check only inserted and modified rows.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                    |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataStore object |

Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.FindRequired ( DWBuffer dwbuffer, long row,  
integer colnbr, string colname, boolean updateonly )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                                                       |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow control or DataStore in which you want to find required columns that have null values.                                                              |
| <i>dwbuffer</i>  | A value indicating the DataWindow buffer you want to search for required columns. Valid buffers are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Primary!</li><li>• Filter!</li></ul> |

| Argument          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>row</i>        | <p>A value identifying the first row to be searched. Row also stores the number of the found row. <b>FindRequired</b> increments the row number automatically after it validates each row's columns. When it finds a row with a required column that contains a null value, the row number is stored in <i>row</i>. After <b>FindRequired</b> validates the last column in the last row, it sets <i>row</i> to 0.</p> <p><b>PowerBuilder</b> The <i>row</i> argument must be a variable so it can return a value for the found row.</p> |
| <i>colnbr</i>     | <p>A value identifying the first column to be searched. <i>Colnbr</i> also stores the number of the found column. After validating the last column, <b>FindRequired</b> sets <i>colnbr</i> to 1 and increments <i>row</i>. When it finds a required column that contains a null value, the column number is stored in <i>colnbr</i>.</p> <p><b>PowerBuilder</b> The <i>colnbr</i> argument must be a variable so it can return a value for the found column.</p>                                                                        |
| <i>colname</i>    | <p>A string in which you want to store the name of the required column that contains a null value (the name of <i>colnbr</i>).</p> <p><b>PowerBuilder</b> The <i>colname</i> argument must be a variable so it can hold a value for the name of the found column.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>updateonly</i> | <p>A value indicating whether you want to validate all rows and columns or only rows that have been inserted or modified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>true</b> – Validate only those rows that have changed. Setting <i>updateonly</i> to <b>true</b> enhances performance in large DataWindows.</li> <li>• <b>false</b> – Validate all rows and columns.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if **FindRequired** successfully checked the rows and -1 if an error occurs.

If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage**

For **FindRequired** to report an empty required column, the column's value must actually be null, not an empty string.

To make a column required, set the Required property to true in a script or check the Required check box for the column in the DataWindow painter.

New rows have null values in their columns, unless the columns have default values. If *updateonly* is false, **FindRequired** reports empty required columns in new rows. If *updateonly* is true, **FindRequired** does not check new rows because new, empty rows are not updated in the database.

When the user modifies a row and leaves a column empty, the new value is an empty string, unless the column's edit style has the Empty String Is null check box checked. `FindRequired` does not report empty required columns in modified rows unless this property is set.

### Examples

The following code makes a list of all the row numbers and column names in `dw_1` in which required columns are missing values. The list is displayed in the MultiLineEdit `mle_required`:

```
long ll_row = 1
integer colnbr = 0
string colname

mle_required.Text = ""
DO WHILE ll_row <> 0
    colnbr++ // Continue searching at next column
    // If there's an error, exit
    IF dw_1.FindRequired(Primary!, &
        ll_row, colnbr, &
        colname, false) < 0 THEN EXIT

    // If a row was found, save the row and column
    IF ll_row <> 0 THEN
        mle_required.Text = mle_required.Text &
            + String(ll_row) + "~t" &
            + colname + "~r~n"
    END IF

    // When FindRequired returns 0 (meaning
    // no more rows found), drop out of loop
LOOP
```

This example is a function that ensures that no required column in a DataWindow control is empty (contains null). It takes one argument—the DataWindow control, which is declared in the function declaration like this:

```
DataWindow adw_control
```

The function returns `-2` if the user's last entry cannot be accepted or if `FindRequired` returns an error. It returns `-1` if an empty required column is found. It returns `1` if all required columns have data:

```
integer li_colnbr = 1
long ll_row = 1
string ls_colname, ls_textname

// Make sure the last entry is accepted
```



```

IF adw_control.AcceptText() = -1 THEN
    adw_control.SetFocus()
    RETURN -2
END IF

// Find the first empty row and column, if any
IF adw_control.FindRequired(Primary!, ll_row, &
    li_colnbr, ls_colname, true) < 1 THEN
    //If search fails due to error, then return
    RETURN -2
END IF

// Was any row found?
IF ll_row <> 0 THEN
    // Get the text of that column's label.
    ls_textname = ls_colname + "_t.Text"
    ls_colname =
adw_control.Describe(ls_textname)

    // Tell the user which column to fill in
    MessageBox("Required Value Missing", &
        "Please enter a value for '" &
        + ls_colname + "'", row " &
        + String(ll_row) + ".", &
        StopSign! )

    // Make the problem column current.
    adw_control.SetColumn(li_colnbr)
    adw_control.ScrollToRow(ll_row)
    adw_control.SetFocus()
    RETURN -1
END IF

// Return success code if all required
// rows and columns have data
RETURN 1

```

**See also**

[Find](#)  
[FindGroupChange](#)  
[FindRequiredColumn](#)  
[FindRequiredColumnName](#)  
[FindRequiredRow](#)  
[ScrollToRow](#)  
[SetColumn](#)  
[SetTransObject](#)

## FindRequiredColumn

### Description

Returns the column number that the [FindRequired](#) method found. The column is being reported because it is a required column but contains a null value. You must call [FindRequired](#) first to search for the required but missing information.

---

### Obsolete method

[FindRequiredColumn](#) is obsolete and should not be used, because the DataWindow Web Control for ActiveX technology is obsolete.

---

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Web ActiveX     | DataWindow control |

### Syntax

#### Web ActiveX

number *dwcontrol*.[FindRequiredColumn](#) ( )

| Argument         | Description                                                                                  |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow control for which you just called <a href="#">FindRequired</a> |

### Return value

Returns the number of a column in the DataWindow.

### Usage

[FindRequiredColumn](#), [FindRequiredColumnName](#), and [FindRequiredRow](#) can all be called after [FindRequired](#) to identify rows and columns with missing data. For details, see [FindRequired on page 604](#).

### See also

[FindRequired](#)  
[FindRequiredColumnName](#)  
[FindRequiredRow](#)

## FindRequiredColumnName

### Description

Returns the column name that the [FindRequired](#) method found. The column is being reported because it is a required column but contains a null value. You must call [FindRequired](#) first to search for the required but missing information.

**Obsolete method**

`FindRequiredColumnName` is obsolete and should not be used, because the DataWindow Web Control for ActiveX technology is obsolete.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Web ActiveX     | DataWindow control |

**Syntax****Web ActiveX**

```
string dwcontrol.FindRequiredColumnName ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                               |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow control for which you just called <code>FindRequired</code> |

**Return value**

Returns the name of a column in the DataWindow.

**Usage**

`FindRequiredColumn`, `FindRequiredColumnName`, and `FindRequiredRow` can all be called after `FindRequired` to identify rows and columns with missing data. For details, see [FindRequired on page 604](#).

**See also**

`FindRequired`  
`FindRequiredColumn`  
`FindRequiredRow`

## FindRequiredRow

**Description**

Returns the row number that the `FindRequired` method found. The row is being reported because it contains a required column that has a null value. You must call `FindRequired` first to search for the required but missing information.

**Obsolete method**

`FindRequiredRow` is obsolete and should not be used, because the DataWindow Web Control for ActiveX technology is obsolete.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Web ActiveX     | DataWindow control |

Syntax

**Web ActiveX**

number *dwcontrol*.**FindRequiredRow** ( )

| Argument         | Description                                                                         |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow control for which you just called <b>FindRequired</b> |

Return value

Returns the number of a row in the DataWindow.

Usage

**FindRequiredColumn**, **FindRequiredColumnName**, and **FindRequiredRow** can all be called after **FindRequired** to identify rows and columns with missing data. For details, see **FindRequired on page 604**.

See also

**FindRequired**  
**FindRequiredColumn**  
**FindRequiredColumnName**

## Generate

Description

Creates HTML syntax for the Web DataWindow.

---

**Obsolete method**

**Generate** is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

---

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Web             | Server component  |

Syntax

**Web DataWindow server component**

string *dwcontrol*.**Generate** ( )

Return value

Returns an HTML rendering of the current page of the DataWindow if the method succeeds and an empty string if an error occurs.

Usage

Call this method to create HTML syntax from the DataWindow defined for the server component. The **Generate** method is usually called by a server-side script running on a page server. The page server creates the complete Web page by combining the return value with other appropriate HTML elements.

The contents of the page of data can be affected by user actions in the client control. The page server calls the `SetAction` method before calling `Generate` to apply the user's actions.

The `Generate` method causes DataWindow columns to be rendered as HTML INPUT elements with the following exceptions:

- A column to which you assign a hyperlink. The hyperlink is valid only if the column tab order is set to 0, its `Protect` property is set to 1, or if it has an `Edit.DisplayOnly` property that is set to "yes". A column with a valid hyperlink is rendered in an `<A HREF>` tag.
- A column for which the `ValuesHTML` property is set to `true`. The column value can be plain text or some combination of HTML tags and plain text. The column value is included unchanged within the generated HTML page.
- A column with a `DropDownListBox` or `DropDownDW` edit style. Columns with these edit styles are always be rendered in `<SELECT>` tags.
- Computed fields that are not dynamically calculated on the client. Computed fields are rendered as HTML INPUT elements only if the `ClientComputedFields` property for the DataWindow is set to "yes". Otherwise they are rendered as text.

If the column has a validation rule, it is translated to JavaScript if possible. Parts of the DataWindow object included in the generated HTML are:

- Columns, computed fields, text controls
- Pictures (picture format should be GIF or JPEG)
- Buttons
- Page headers and footers
- Group headers and trailers
- Summary bands
- Display formats, validation rules, edit styles (EditMasks are converted to display formats)

DataWindow features that will not be rendered into HTML include:

- Graph, OLE, and RichText presentation styles and controls
- Drawing controls (lines, circles, rectangles)

- Client-side expressions that include aggregate functions. Such expressions will be computed on the server
- Resizable and movable controls
- Sliding of controls to fill empty space
- Autosizing of height or width

### Examples

The following example generates a DataWindow object in HTML:

```
dwGen.Generate ();
```

### See also

[GenerateXHTML](#)  
[GenerateXMLWeb](#)  
[SetAction](#)  
[SetBrowser](#)  
[SetColumnLink](#)  
[SetDWObject](#)  
[SetHTMLObjectName](#)  
[SetPageSize](#)  
[SetSelfLink](#)  
[SetServerSideState](#)  
[SetTrans](#)  
[SetWeight](#)

## GenerateHTMLForm

### Description

Creates an HTML Form element containing columns for one or more rows in a DataWindow control or DataStore. This method also returns an HTML Style element containing style sheet information.

---

### Obsolete method

[GenerateHTMLForm](#) is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

---

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

### Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.GenerateHTMLForm ( string syntax, string style,
string action { , long startrow, long endrow, integer startcolumn,
integer endcolumn {, DWBuffer buffer } } )
```

**Return value**

Returns 1 if the method succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

If any argument is null, the method returns null.

## GenerateResultSet

**Description**

Generates a result set from data in a DataStore or DataWindow control.

In PowerBuilder, when the result set is generated in a component on a transaction server, the format of the result set is ADO Recordset on MTS.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataStore object  |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
integer dsubject.GenerateResultSet (REF ResultSet rsdest {
, dwBuffer dwbuffer } )
```

| Argument                      | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dsubject</i>               | The name of the DataStore object that contains the data to be returned in the result set.                                                                                                                                              |
| <i>rsdest</i>                 | The ResultSet object into which the data in the DataStore is written. This value is passed by reference.                                                                                                                               |
| <i>dwbuffer</i><br>(optional) | A value of the dwBuffer enumerated datatype identifying the DataWindow buffer containing the data for the result set. The default is the primary buffer.<br><br>For a list of valid values, see <a href="#">DWBuffer on page 485</a> . |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if it fails. If any argument is null, it returns null.

**Usage**

**How to use it** Result sets are intended for exchanging data between a DataStore and some data-aware application that does not use DataWindow technology. With result sets, the receiving end does not support updating of the data.

The `GenerateResultSet` method is typically used in a PowerBuilder custom class user object that has been packaged as a component on an MTS server. A function in the user object generates a result set from information that has been retrieved into a `DataStore`. The function then returns the result set or passes it to another method.

For example, a function for PowerBuilder custom class user object running in a transaction server can retrieve data into a `DataStore` object, create a result set object, and return the result set. A client application calls the function to get the data. The client application must be able to handle result sets, but it does not need to have support for `DataWindow` technology.

Likewise, a client application can generate a result set from a `DataStore` and pass the result set to the server.

The `CreateFrom` method can convert a result set back to a `DataStore`.

**Result set format** The result set is returned to a client in a format that is standard for the server. In MTS, returning a result set created by `GenerateResultSet` causes an ADO Recordset to be marshaled to the client.

The `GenerateResultSet` method can also be called in a client application. Since the format of the result set depends on the server on which it is used, the format is fixed when that result set is passed to a server. For MTS, the format is an ADO Recordset.

---

### Destroying or modifying the DataStore

The generated `ResultSet` object maintains a reference to the `DataStore` from which it was generated, so changes made to the `DataStore` object after the result set is generated will be reflected in the generated `ResultSet` object. If you destroy the `DataStore` object before returning the result set, the result set becomes invalid. You can rely on garbage collection to destroy the `DataStore` object or destroy it explicitly in the component's deactivate event.

---

### Examples

In this example, a `DataStore` object is created and data is retrieved into it, and then the `GenerateResultSet` method is used to create a result set that can be returned to a client.

```
datastore ds_datastore
resultset lrs_resultset
integer li_rc

ds_datastore = CREATE DataStore
```



```

ds_datastore.SetTransObject (SQLCA)
IF ds_datastore.Retrieve() = -1 THEN
    ... // report error and return
END IF

li_rc =
ds_datastore.GenerateResultSet (lrs_resultset)
IF li_rc <> 1 THEN
    ... // report error and return
END IF
return lrs_resultset

```

See also

CreateFrom  
SetRecordSet in *PowerScript Reference*

## GenerateXHTML

Description

Generates the inline content of the Web DataWindow in XHTML.

### Obsolete method

`GenerateXHTML` is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Web             | Server component  |

Syntax

### Web DataWindow server component

```
string dwcontrol.GenerateXHTML ({page[ ] variables})
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                  |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | The name of the server-side DataWindow control you want to generate in XHTML.                |
| <i>page</i>      | An array for passing page variables. The page variables must be defined as String datatypes. |

Return value

Integer. 1 indicates success, and -1 indicates failure.

### Usage

At runtime, `GenerateXHTML` performs the tasks required to generate the dynamic XHTML, including retrieving the action context and generating the XHTML inline. Connection errors, including database error messages, are also generated inline.

For information about the advantages and limitations of each rendering format, see the *DataWindow Programmers Guide*.

The `GenerateXHTML` method delivers the DataWindow in XHTML to the client browser and it generates a CSS style sheet and JS files that are cached on the client side and referenced in the XHTML source.

### Examples

The following JSP example specifies subdirectories of the current application directory to publish the CSS and JS components of the Web DataWindow and generates the DataWindow in XHTML:

```
String resourceBase = request.getScheme() + "://" +
    request.getServerName() + ":" +
    request.getServerPort() +
    request.getContextPath();

String publishPath = application.getRealPath("/");

dwGen.Modify("DataWindow.CSSGen.ResourceBase = '" +
    resourceBase + "/css'");

dwGen.Modify("DataWindow.CSSGen.PublishPath = '" +
    publishPath + "css'");

dwGen.Modify("DataWindow.JSGen.ResourceBase = '" +
    resourceBase + "/js'");

dwGen.Modify("DataWindow.JSGen.PublishPath = '" +
    publishPath + "js'");

String dwXHTML = dwGen.GenerateXHTML();
out.print(dwXHTML);
```

### See also

`Generate`  
`GenerateXMLWeb`

## GenerateXMLWeb

### Description

Generates the XML content and the XSLT and CSS style sheets for a Web DataWindow, which is transformed to XHTML on the client side.

### Obsolete method

`GenerateXMLWeb` is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Web             | Server component  |

### Syntax

#### Web DataWindow server component

```
string dwcontrol.GenerateXMLWeb ({page[ ] variables})
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                  |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | The name of the server-side DataWindow control                                               |
| <i>page</i>      | An array for passing page variables. The page variables must be defined as String datatypes. |

### Return value

Integer. 1 indicates success, and -1 indicates failure.

### Usage

The `GenerateXMLWeb` function uses the resource base and publish paths for a DataWindow object to determine where it generates XML, XSLT, CSS, and JS files. If a resource base or a publish path is not specified for a DataWindow object, the `GenerateXMLWeb` function creates a TEMP directory on the server where the XML, XSLT, CSS, and JS files are stored.

At design time, you can override the resource base and publish paths by making `Modify` calls on the DataWindow object in the Source view before you call `GenerateXMLWeb`. The following example creates separate subdirectories for XML, XSLT, CSS, and JS files:

```
String resourceBase = request.getScheme() + "://" +
    request.getServerName() + ":" +
    request.getServerPort() +
    request.getContextPath();

String publishPath = application.getRealPath("/");

dwGen.Modify("DataWindow.XMLGen.ResourceBase = '" +
    resourceBase + "/xml'");
```

```
dwGen.Modify("DataWindow.XMLGen.PublishPath = '" +
    publishPath + ".xml'");

dwGen.Modify("DataWindow.XSLTGen.ResourceBase = '"
+
    resourceBase + "/xsl'");

dwGen.Modify("DataWindow.XSLTGen.PublishPath = '" +
    publishPath + ".xsl'");

dwGen.Modify("DataWindow.CSSGen.ResourceBase = '" +
    resourceBase + "/css'");

dwGen.Modify("DataWindow.CSSGen.PublishPath = '" +
    publishPath + ".css'");

dwGen.Modify("DataWindow.JSGen.ResourceBase = '" +
    resourceBase + "/js'");

dwGen.Modify("DataWindow.JSGen.PublishPath = '" +
    publishPath + ".js'");
```

At runtime, the client browser displays an XHTML page that it transforms from XML using XSLT applied with CSS and JS files that it gets initially from the server. However, in most cases, after the initial loading of the page, the client does not need to go back to the server to obtain layout (XSLT) or styling (CSS) information, as these remain in the browser's cache. This provides greater efficiency and scalability for your Web applications.

### Examples

In the following example, the Web DataWindow component generates the XML document, XSLT and CSS style sheets, and JS files for the content, structure, styling, and client-side functionality of the Web DataWindow:

```
dwGen.GenerateXMLWeb();
```

### See also

[Generate](#)  
[GenerateXHTML](#)

## GetBandAtPointer

### Description

Reports the band in which the pointer is currently located, as well as the row number associated with the band. The bands are the headers, trailers, and detail areas of the DataWindow and correspond to the horizontal areas of the DataWindow painter.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
string dwcontrol.GetBandAtPointer ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                          |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control. |

### Return value

Returns a string that names the band in which the pointer is located, followed by a tab character and the number of the row associated with the band (see the table in Usage). Returns the empty string (“”) if an error occurs.

If *dwcontrol* is null, the method returns null.

### Usage

The following table lists the band names, where the pointer is when a given band is reported, and the row that is associated with the band.

| Band             | Location of pointer                     | Associated row                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>detail</i>    | In the body of the DataWindow object    | The row at the pointer. If rows do not fill the body of the DataWindow object because of a group with a page break, then the first row of the next group. If the body is not filled because there are no more rows, then the last row. |
| <i>header</i>    | In the header of the DataWindow object  | The first row visible in the DataWindow body.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>header.n</i>  | In the header of group level n          | The first row of the group.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <i>trailer.n</i> | In the trailer of group level n         | The last row of the group.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <i>footer</i>    | In the footer of the DataWindow object  | The last row visible in the DataWindow body.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>summary</i>   | In the summary of the DataWindow object | The last row before the summary.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

You can parse the return value by searching for the tab character (ASCII 09). In PowerBuilder, search for ~t. For an example that parses a string that includes a tab, see [GetValue](#).

**Examples**

These statements set the string named band to the location of the pointer in DataWindow dw\_rpt:

```
String band
band = dw_rpt.GetBandAtPointer ()
```

Some possible return values are:

**Table 9-3: Example return values for the GetBandAtPointer method**

| Return value           | Meaning                                                  |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>detail[tab]8</i>    | In row 8 of the detail band of dw_rpt                    |
| <i>header[tab]10</i>   | In the header of dw_rpt; row 10 is the first visible row |
| <i>header.2[tab]1</i>  | In the header of group level 2 for row 1                 |
| <i>trailer.1[tab]5</i> | In the trailer of group level 1 for row 5                |
| <i>footer[tab]111</i>  | In the footer of dw_rpt; the last visible row is 111     |
| <i>summary[tab]23</i>  | In the summary of dw_rpt; the last row is 23             |

**See also**

[GetObjectAtPointer](#)

## GetBorderStyle

**Description**

Reports the border style of a column in a DataWindow control or DataStore object.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

```
border dwcontrol.GetBorderStyle ( integer column )
border dwcontrol.GetBorderStyle ( string column )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                      |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                                             |
| <i>column</i>    | The column for which you want to obtain the border style. <i>Column</i> can be a column number or a column name. |

**Return value**

Returns the border style of *column* in *dwcontrol* as a value of the Border enumerated datatype. For a list of possible values, see [Border on page 483](#).

Returns null if it fails. If any argument is null, the method returns null.

**Examples**

This code gets the border style for the current column:

```
border B2
B2 = dw_emp.GetBorderStyle(dw_emp.GetColumn())
```

This code tests the border of column 2 in *dw\_emp* and, if there is no border, displays a shadow box border:

```
border B2
B2 = dw_emp.GetBorderStyle(2)
IF B2 = NoBorder! THEN
    dw_emp.SetBorderStyle(2, ShadowBox!)
END IF
```

**See also**

[SetBorderStyle](#)

## GetChanges

**Description**

Retrieves changes made to a DataWindow or DataStore as a blob. This method is used primarily in distributed applications.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                    |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataStore object |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
long dwcontrol.GetChanges ( REF blob changeblob {, blob cookie } )
```

| Argument                    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>            | A reference to a DataWindow control or DataStore.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <i>changeblob</i>           | A variable into which the returned DataWindow changes will be placed.                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>cookie</i><br>(obsolete) | A read-only blob created by <a href="#">GetStateStatus</a> that is compared with the <i>changeblob</i> to determine the likely success of a subsequent call to <a href="#">SetChanges</a> .<br><i>This argument is obsolete and will be disabled in a future release.</i> |

### Return value

Returns the number of rows in the DataWindow change blob if it succeeds and one of the following values if it fails:

- -1 An internal error occurred.
- -2 There is a conflict between the state of the DataWindow change blob and the state of the DataWindow from which the cookie was created; an attempt to use this blob in a **SetChanges** call against the DataWindow will fail.
- -3 There is a conflict between the state of the DataWindow change blob and the state of the DataWindow from which the cookie was created; but partial changes from the change blob can be applied.

If any argument is null, the method returns null.

### Usage

**GetChanges** is used in conjunction with **SetChanges** to synchronize two or more DataWindows or DataStores. **GetChanges** retrieves data buffers and status flags for changed rows in a DataWindow or DataStore and places this information in a blob. **SetChanges** then applies the contents of this blob to another DataWindow or DataStore.

---

### Reapplying changes from one DataWindow (or DataStore) to another

If you call **GetChanges** on a DataWindow and apply the data passed in the *changeblob* argument to another DataWindow using **SetChanges**, you must call **GetChanges** on the second DataWindow before you reapply changes to it from the first DataWindow. The **GetChanges** call on the second DataWindow updates the original timestamp on that DataWindow so that it matches the current timestamp. (You cannot use the **Reset**, **ResetUpdate**, or **AcceptText** calls to update the original timestamp.) If you try to reapply changes without first calling **GetChanges** on the second DataWindow, you will get an error due to the conflict between the state of the DataWindow *changeblob* and the state of the second DataWindow.

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The change blob created by **GetChanges** includes only those rows that have a status of **New!**, **NewModified!**, or **DataModified!**.

For information about status values, see [DWItemStatus on page 486](#).

### Examples

These statements use **GetChanges** to capture changes to a DataWindow control on a client. If **GetChanges** succeeds, the client calls a remote object function that applies the changes to a DataStore on the server and updates the database:

```
blob lblob_changes
long ll_rv
```



```

ll_rv = dw_employee.GetChanges (lblb_changes)

IF ll_rv = -1 THEN
    MessageBox("Error", "GetChanges call
failed!")
ELSE
    iuo_employee.UpdateData (lblb_changes)
END IF

```

See also

[GetFullState](#)  
[GetStateStatus](#)  
[SetChanges](#)  
[SetFullState](#)

## GetChangesBlob

Description

Returns changes made to a DataWindow or DataStore. You must call [GetChanges](#) first to set up the change information. This method is used primarily in distributed applications.

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### Obsolete method

[GetChangesBlob](#) is obsolete and should not be used, because the DataWindow Web Control for ActiveX technology is obsolete.

---

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Web ActiveX     | DataWindow control |

Syntax

### Web ActiveX

```
string dwcontrol.GetChangesBlob ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow control for which you just called <a href="#">GetChanges</a> |

Return value

Returns a string whose value is the DataWindow change blob set up by [GetChanges](#).

If *dwcontrol* is null, the method returns null.

**Usage**

GetChanges and GetChangesBlob are used in conjunction with SetChanges to synchronize two or more DataWindows or DataStores. For details, see GetChanges.

**Examples**

These statements use GetChanges to capture changes to a DataWindow control on a client. If GetChanges succeeds, the client calls a remote object function that applies the changes to a DataStore on the server and updates the database:

```
blob lblb_changes
long ll_rv

ll_rv = dw_employee.GetChanges(lblb_changes)

IF ll_rv = -1 THEN
    MessageBox("Error", "GetChanges call
failed!")
ELSE
    iuo_employee.UpdateData(lblb_changes)
END IF
```

**See also**

- GetFullState
- GetStateStatus
- SetChanges
- SetFullState

## GetChild

**Description**

Provides a reference to a child DataWindow or to a report in a composite DataWindow, which you can use in DataWindow functions to manipulate that DataWindow or report.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                    |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataStore object |

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.GetChild (string name, REF DataWindowChild dwchildvariable )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                      |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow control or DataStore that contains the child DataWindow or report. |

| Argument               | Description                                                                                                          |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>name</i>            | A string that names the column containing the child DataWindow or that names the report in the composite DataWindow. |
| <i>dwchildvariable</i> | A variable in which you want to store the reference to the child DataWindow or report.                               |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs—for example, if the child object does not exist.

If any argument is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage**

A child DataWindow is a DropDownDataWindow in a DataWindow object.

A report is a DataWindow that is part of a composite DataWindow. A report is read-only. When you define the composite DataWindow in the DataWindow painter, each report is given a name. You can see the name in the Name option of the Properties view. You must use the report name (not the name of the DataWindow object in which the report has been placed) when calling `GetChild`.

Use `GetChild` when you need to explicitly retrieve data for a child DataWindow or report. Although PowerBuilder automatically retrieves data for the child or report when the main DataWindow is displayed, you need to explicitly retrieve data when there are retrieval arguments or when conditions change and you want to retrieve new rows.

When you insert a row or retrieve data in the main DataWindow, PowerBuilder automatically retrieves data for the child DataWindow. If the child DataWindow has retrieval arguments, PowerBuilder displays a dialog box asking the user for values for those arguments. To suppress the dialog box, you can explicitly retrieve data for the child before changing the main DataWindow (see the example).

**Nested reports**

You cannot use `GetChild` to get a reference to a report in a composite DataWindow when the report itself is a composite or nested DataWindow.

Changing `property` values with the `Modify` method can cause the reference returned by `GetChild` to become invalid. After setting such a property, call `GetChild` again. If a property causes this behavior, this is noted in its description in [Chapter 3, DataWindow Object Properties](#).

### Examples

This example retrieves data for the child DataWindow associated with the column emp\_state before retrieving data in the main DataWindow. The child DataWindow expects a region value as a retrieval argument. Because you populate the child DataWindow first, specifying a value for its retrieval argument, there is no need for PowerBuilder to display the retrieval argument dialog box:

```
DataWindowChild state_child
integer rtncode

rtncode = dw_1.GetChild('emp_state', state_child)
IF rtncode = -1 THEN MessageBox( &
    "Error", "Not a DataWindowChild")

// Establish the connection
CONNECT USING SQLCA;

// Set the transaction object for the child
state_child.SetTransObject(SQLCA)

// Populate with values for eastern states
state_child.Retrieve("East")

// Set transaction object for main DW and retrieve
dw_1.SetTransObject(SQLCA)
dw_1.Retrieve()
```

In a composite DataWindow there are two reports: orders and current inventory. The orders report has a retrieval argument for selecting the order status. This report displays open orders. The composite DataWindow is displayed in a DataWindow control called dw\_news and the reports are named open\_orders and current\_inv. The following code in the Open event of the window that contains dw\_news provides a retrieval argument for open\_orders:

```
DataWindowChild dwc_orders
dw_news.GetChild("open_orders", dwc_orders)
dwc_orders.SetTransObject(SQLCA)
dwc_orders.Retrieve("open")
```

### See also

[GetChildObject](#)  
[SetTransObject](#)

## GetChildObject

### Description

Gets the reference to a child object for a Web ActiveX DataWindow.

### Obsolete method

`GetChildObject` is obsolete and should not be used, because the DataWindow Web Control for ActiveX technology is obsolete.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Web ActiveX     | DataWindow control |

### Syntax

#### Web ActiveX

OleObject *dwcontrol*.`GetChildObject` ( )

| Argument         | Description                                                                                     |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow control or DataStore that contains the child DataWindow or report |

### Return value

Returns an object that is the DataWindowChild or report. If no object is found, a null object reference is returned.

### Usage

You must call `GetChild` before you call `GetChildObject`.

### Examples

The following example displays the reference to the child object in a message box:

```
var ls ;
var ldwc;

window.dw_1.GetChild ("dept_id");
ldwc = window.dw_1.GetChildObject();
ls = ldwc.Describe ("Datawindow.Table.Select");
window.alert(ls);
```

### See also

`GetChild`

## GetClickedColumn

### Description

Obtains the number of the column the user clicked or double-clicked in a DataWindow control or DataStore object.

## Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

## Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.GetClickedColumn ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore object, or child DataWindow |

## Return value

Returns the number of the column that the user clicked or double-clicked in *dwcontrol*. Returns 0 if the user did not click or double-click a column (for example, the user double-clicked outside the data area, in text or spaces between columns, or in the header, summary, or footer area).

If *dwcontrol* is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

## Usage

Call `GetClickedColumn` in the Clicked or DoubleClicked event for a DataWindow control.

When the user clicks on the column, that column becomes the current column after the Clicked or DoubleClicked event is finished. During those events, `GetColumn` and `GetClickedColumn` can return different values.

If the user arrived at a column by another means, such as tabbing, `GetClickedColumn` cannot identify that column. Use `GetColumn` instead to identify the current column.

## Examples

These statements return the number of the column the user clicked or double-clicked in `dw_employee`:

```
integer li_ColNbr
li_ColNbr = dw_employee.GetClickedColumn ( )
```

## See also

`GetClickedRow`  
`GetColumn`

## GetClickedRow

## Description

Obtains the number of the row the user clicked or double-clicked in a DataWindow control or DataStore object.

## Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                    |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataStore object |

## Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

```
long dwcontrol.GetClickedRow ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                             |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control or DataStore object |

## Return value

Returns the number of the row that the user clicked or double-clicked in *dwcontrol*. Returns 0 if the user did not click or double-click a row (for example, the user double-clicked outside the data area, in text or spaces between rows, or in the header, summary, or footer area).

If *dwcontrol* is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

## Usage

Call `GetClickedRow` in the Clicked or DoubleClicked event for a DataWindow control.

When the user clicks on the row, that row becomes the current row after the Clicked or DoubleClicked event is finished. During those events, `GetRow` and `GetClickedRow` can return different values.

If the user arrived at a row by another means, such as tabbing, `GetClickedRow` cannot identify that row. Use `GetRow` instead to identify the current row.

**Not on child DataWindows**

The `GetClickedRow` method does not work on child DataWindows.

## Examples

These statements return the number of the row the user clicked or double-clicked in `dw_Employee`:

```
long li_RowNbr
li_RowNbr = dw_employee.GetClickedRow ( )
```

## See also

`GetClickedColumn`  
`GetRow`

## GetColumn

### Description

Obtains the number of the current column. The current column is the column that has focus.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

integer *dwcontrol*.GetColumn ( )

| Argument         | Description                                                        |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control DataStore, or child DataWindow |

### Return value

Returns the number of the current column in *dwcontrol*. Returns 0 if no column is current (because all the columns have a tab value of 0, making all of them uneditable), and -1 if an error occurs.

If *dwcontrol* is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

### Usage

GetColumn and GetClickedColumn, when called in the Clicked or DoubleClicked event, can return different values. The column the user clicked does not become current until after the event.

Use GetColumnName (instead of GetColumn) when you need the column's name. Use SetColumn to change the current column.

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#### PowerBuilder environment

For use with PowerBuilder ListView controls, see GetColumn in the *PowerScript Reference*.

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#### The current column

A column becomes the current column after the user tabs to it or clicks it or if a script calls the SetColumn method. A column cannot be current if it cannot be edited (if it has a tab value of 0).

A DataWindow always has a current column, even when the control is not active, as long as there is at least one editable column.

---



**Examples**

These statements return the number of the current column in dw\_Employee:

```
integer li_ColNum
li_ColNum = dw_employee.GetColumn()
```

**See also**

[GetClickedColumn](#)  
[GetColumnName](#)  
[GetRow](#)  
[SetColumn](#)  
[SetRow](#)

## GetColumnName

**Description**

Obtains the name of the current column. The current column is the column that has the focus.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
string dwcontrol.GetColumnName ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                        |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control DataStore, or child DataWindow |

**Return value**

Returns the name of the current column in *dwcontrol*. Returns the empty string (“”) if no column is current or if an error occurs.

If *dwcontrol* is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage**

For information on the current column, see [GetColumn](#) on page 630.

**Examples**

These statements return the name of the current column in dw\_Employee:

```
string ls_ColName
ls_ColName = dw_employee.GetColumnName ()
```

**See also**

[GetColumn](#)  
[GetRow](#)  
[SetColumn](#)

SetRow

## GetContextService

**Description**

Returns a reference to a context-specific instance of the specified service.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax**

### PowerBuilder

integer *objectname*.GetContextService ( string *servicename*, PowerObject *servicereference* )

| Argument                | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>objectname</i>       | A reference to an object or control for which you want a service.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>servicename</i>      | String specifying the service object. Valid values include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ContextInformation – Context information service</li> <li>Internet – Internet service</li> <li>ContextKeyword – Context keyword service</li> </ul> |
| <i>servicereference</i> | PowerObject into which the method places a reference to the service object specified by <i>servicename</i> . This argument is passed by reference.                                                                                                    |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if the method succeeds and –1 if an error occurs.

**Usage**

Inherited from PowerObject. For information, see [GetContextService](#) in the *PowerScript Reference*.

## GetFormat

**Description**

Obtains the display format assigned to a column in a DataWindow control or DataStore object.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
string dwcontrol.GetFormat ( string column )
string dwcontrol.GetFormat ( integer column )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                 |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                                                        |
| <i>column</i>    | The column for which you want the display format. <i>Column</i> can be a column number (integer) or a column name (string). |

**Return value**

Returns the display format specification for *column* in *dwcontrol*. If an error occurs, `GetFormat` returns the empty string (“”).

If any argument value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage**

If you want to change the display format of a column temporarily, you can use `GetFormat` to save the current format.

**Examples**

These statements save the format of column salary of `dw_employee` before changing it to a new format:

```
string OldFormat, NewFormat = "$##,###.00"
OldFormat = dw_employee.GetFormat("salary")
dw_employee.SetFormat("salary", NewFormat)
```

**See also**

`SetFormat`

## GetFullContext

**Description**

This method returns a string representing the context of the client-side control to be passed on a form submit.

**Obsolete method**

`GetFullContext` is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Web             | Client control    |

Syntax

**Web DataWindow client control**

```
string dwcontrol.GetFullContext ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                         |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control |

Return value

String

Usage

Use to host multiple DataWindows.

Examples

The following client side script transfers the context and action from one DataWindow to the DataWindow being submitted.

```
<SCRIPT>
function dw_first_OnSubmit()
{
    dw_first.submitForm.dw_second_context.value
=
    dw_second.GetFullContext();
    dw_first.submitForm.dw_second_action.value =
"";
}

function dw_second_OnSubmit()
{
    dw_second.submitForm.dw_first_context.value
=
    dw_first.GetFullContext();
    dw_second.submitForm.dw_first_action.value =
"";
}
</SCRIPT>
```

To enable the second DataWindow to create the required fields on the submit form, each of the DataWindows must have two arguments defined in the SelfLinkArgs property:

- dw\_first must have dw\_second\_context and dw\_second\_action defined
- dw\_second must have dw\_first\_context and dw\_first\_action defined

## GetFullState

### Description

Retrieves the complete state of a DataWindow or DataStore as a blob. This method is used primarily in distributed applications.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                    |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
long dwcontrol.GetFullState ( blob dwasblob )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                   |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control or DataStore.             |
| <i>dwasblob</i>  | A variable into which the returned DataWindow will be placed. |

### Return value

Returns the number of rows in the DataWindow blob if it succeeds and –1 if an error occurs. `GetFullState` will return –1 if the DataWindow control or DataStore does not have a DataWindow object associated with it.

If any argument value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

### Usage

`GetFullState` retrieves the entire state of a DataWindow or DataStore, including the DataWindow object specification, the data buffers, and the status flags. When you call `SetFullState` to apply the blob created by `GetFullState` to another DataWindow, the target DataWindow has enough information to recreate the source DataWindow.

Because the blob created by `GetFullState` contains the DataWindow object specification, a subsequent call to `SetFullState` will overwrite the DataWindow object for the target DataWindow control or DataStore. If the target of `SetFullState` does not have a DataWindow object associated with it, the blob will assign one. In this case, `SetFullState` has the effect of setting the `DataObject` property for the target.

When you use `GetFullState` and `SetFullState` to synchronize a DataWindow control on a client with a DataStore on a server, you need to make sure that the DataWindow object for the DataStore contains the presentation style you want to display on the client.

### Examples

These statements retrieve data into a DataStore and use `GetFullState` to retrieve the complete state of the DataStore into a blob:

```
// Instance variables:
// datastore ids_datastore
```

```
// blob blb_data
long ll_rv

ids_datastore = create datastore
ids_datastore.dataobject = "d_emplist"
ids_datastore.SetTransObject (SQLCA)
ids_datastore.Retrieve()
ll_rv = ids_datastore.GetFullState(blb_data)
```

See also

GetChanges  
 GetFullStateBlob  
 GetStateStatus  
 SetChanges  
 SetFullState

## GetFullStateBlob

Description

Returns the state of a DataWindow or DataStore. You must call `GetFullState` first to set up the state information. This method is used primarily in distributed applications.

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### Obsolete method

`GetFullStateBlob` is obsolete and should not be used, because the DataWindow Web Control for ActiveX technology is obsolete.

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Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Web ActiveX     | DataWindow control |

Syntax

### Web ActiveX

```
string dwcontrol.GetFullStateBlob ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                               |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow control for which you just called <code>GetFullState</code> |

Return value

Returns a string whose value is the DataWindow state blob set up by `GetFullState`.

If *dwcontrol* is null, the method returns null.

**Usage**

`GetFullState` and `GetFullStateBlob` are used in conjunction with `SetFullState` to synchronize two or more DataWindows or DataStores. For details, see [GetFullState on page 635](#).

**Examples**

These statements use `GetChanges` to capture changes to a DataWindow control on a client. If `GetChanges` succeeds, the client calls a remote object function that applies the changes to a DataStore on the server and updates the database:

```
blob l1b1b_changes
long ll_rv

ll_rv = dw_employee.GetChanges(l1b1b_changes)

IF ll_rv = -1 THEN
    MessageBox("Error", "GetChanges call
failed!")
ELSE
    iuo_employee.UpdateData(l1b1b_changes)
END IF
```

**See also**

[GetFullState](#)  
[GetStateStatus](#)  
[SetChanges](#)  
[SetFullState](#)

## GetItem

**Description**

Gets the value of an item for the specified row and column in a Web DataWindow client control. Use one of the datatype-specific methods such as `GetItemString` for other types of DataWindow control. `GetItem` returns the value available in the data available to the client. This is equivalent to the primary buffer in other environments.

**Obsolete method**

`GetItem` is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Web             | Client control    |

Syntax

**Web DataWindow client control**

returnvalue *dwcontrol*.**GetItem** (number *row*, number *column* )

returnvalue *dwcontrol*.**GetItem** (number *row*, string *column* )

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>row</i>       | A value identifying the row location of the data.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <i>column</i>    | The column location of the data. <i>Column</i> can be a column number or a column name. The column number is the number of the column as it is listed in the Column Specification view of the DataWindow painter—not necessarily the number of the column in the Design view.<br><br>To get the contents of a computed field, specify the name of the computed field for <i>column</i> . Computed fields do not have numbers. |

Return value

Returns the value in the specified row and column. The datatype of the returned data corresponds to the datatype of the column. Returns null if the column value is null. Returns the empty string (“”) if an error occurs.

If any argument value is null, the method returns null.

Usage

Use **GetItem** to get data that has been accepted by the DataWindow. In a script for the ItemChanged or ItemError event, you can use the newValue argument to find out what the user entered before the data is accepted.

Examples

This statement sets LName to the value for row 3 of the emp\_name column in the DataWindow dw\_employee:

```
var LName = dw_employee.GetItem(3, "emp_name");
```

See also

**SetItem**

## GetItemDate

Description

Gets data whose type is Date from the specified buffer of a DataWindow control or DataStore object. You can obtain the data that was originally retrieved and stored in the database from the original buffer, as well as the current value in the primary, delete, or filter buffers.



## Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

## Syntax

## PowerBuilder

```
date dwcontrol.GetItemDate ( long row, string column
    {, DWBuffer dwbuffer , boolean originalvalue } )
date dwcontrol.GetItemDate ( long row, integer column
    {, DWBuffer dwbuffer, boolean originalvalue } )
```

| Argument                           | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                   | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>row</i>                         | A value identifying the row location of the data.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>column</i>                      | The column location of the data. The datatype of the column must be date. <i>Column</i> can be a column number or a column name. The column number is the number of the column as it is listed in the Column Specification view of the DataWindow painter—not necessarily the number of the column in the Design view.<br><br>To get the contents of a computed field, specify the name of the computed field for <i>column</i> . Computed fields do not have numbers. |
| <i>dwbuffer</i><br>(optional)      | A value identifying the DataWindow buffer from which you want to get the data.<br><br>For a list of valid values, see <a href="#">DWBuffer on page 485</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>originalvalue</i><br>(optional) | A boolean indicating whether you want the original or current values for <i>row</i> and <i>column</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – Returns the original values (the values initially retrieved from the database).</li> <li>• <b>False</b> – (Default) Returns the current values.</li> </ul> If you specify <i>dwbuffer</i> , you must also specify <i>originalvalue</i> .                                                                |

## Return value

Returns the date value in the specified row and column. Returns null if the column value is null or if there is no DataWindow object assigned to the DataWindow control or DataStore. Returns 1900-01-01 if any other error occurs.

If any argument value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

### Usage

Use `GetItemDate` when you want to get information from the `DataWindow`'s buffers. To find out what the user entered in the current column before that data is accepted, use `GetText`. In the `ItemChanged` or `ItemError` events, use the data argument.

To access a row in the original buffer, specify the buffer that the row currently occupies (primary, delete, or filter) and the number of the row in that buffer. When you specify `true` for *originalvalue*, the method gets the original data for that row from the original buffer.

An execution error occurs when the datatype of the `DataWindow` column does not match the datatype of the method; in this case, date.

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### Datatypes of columns and computed fields

There is a difference in datatypes between columns and computed columns retrieved from the database and computed fields defined in the `DataWindow` painter. Computed columns from the database can have a datatype of date, but a date computed field always has a datatype of `DateTime`, not date. In `PowerBuilder`, use the `GetItemDateTime` method instead.

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### PowerBuilder only: using GetItemDate in a String function

When you call `GetItemDate` as an argument for the `String` function and do not specify a display format, the value is formatted as a `DateTime` value. This statement returns a string like "2/26/96 00:00:00":

```
String(dw_1.GetItemDate(1, "start_date"))
```

To get a simple date string, you can specify a display format:

```
String(dw_1.GetItemDate(1, "start_date"), "m/d/yy")
```

or you can assign the date to a date variable before calling the `String` function:

```
date ld_date
string ls_date
ld_date = dw_1.GetItemDate(1, "start_date")
ls_date = String(ld_date)
```

### Examples

These statements set `hiredate` to the current Date data in the third row of the primary buffer in the column named `first_day` of `dw_employee`:

```
Date hiredate
hiredate = dw_employee.GetItemDate(3, "first_day")
```

These statements set hiredate to the current Date data in the third row of the filter buffer in the column named first\_day of dw\_employee:

```
Date hiredate
hiredate = dw_employee.GetItemDate(3, &
    "first_day", Filter!, false)
```

These statements set hiredate to original Date data in the third row of the primary buffer in the column named hdate of dw\_employee:

```
Date hiredate
hiredate = dw_employee.GetItemDate(3, &
    "hdate", Primary!, true)
```

See also

GetItemDateTime  
GetItemDecimal  
GetItemNumber  
GetItemString  
GetItemTime  
GetText  
SetItem  
SetText

## GetItemDateTime

Description

Gets data whose type is DateTime from the specified buffer of a DataWindow control or DataStore object. You can obtain the data that was originally retrieved and stored in the database from the original buffer, as well as the current value in the primary, delete, or filter buffers.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

Syntax

### PowerBuilder

```
DateTime dwcontrol.GetItemDateTime ( long row, string column
    {, DWBuffer dwbuffer, boolean originalvalue } )
DateTime dwcontrol.GetItemDateTime ( long row, integer column
    {, DWBuffer dwbuffer, boolean originalvalue } )
```

| Argument                           | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                   | A reference to the DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow in which you want to obtain the DateTime data contained in a specific row and column.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <i>row</i>                         | A value identifying the row location of the data.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>column</i>                      | The column location of the data. The datatype of the column must be DateTime. <i>Column</i> can be a column number or a column name. The column number is the number of the column as it is listed in the Column Specification view of the DataWindow painter—not necessarily the number of the column in the Design view.<br><br>To get the contents of a computed field, specify the name of the computed field for <i>column</i> . Computed fields do not have numbers. |
| <i>dwbuffer</i><br>(optional)      | A value identifying the DataWindow buffer from which you want to get the data.<br><br>For a list of valid values, see <a href="#">DWBuffer on page 485</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>originalvalue</i><br>(optional) | A boolean indicating whether you want the original or current values for <i>row</i> and <i>column</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b>—Returns the original values, that is, the values initially retrieved from the database.</li> <li>• <b>False</b>—(Default) Returns the current values.</li> </ul> If you specify <i>dwbuffer</i> , you must also specify <i>originalvalue</i> .                                                                |

**Return value**

Returns the DateTime or Timestamp value in the specified row and column. Returns null if the column value is null or if there is no DataWindow object assigned to the DataWindow control or DataStore. Returns 1900-01-01 00:00:00.000000 if any other error occurs.

If any argument value is null, in PowerBuilder the method returns null.

**Usage**

Use GetItemDateTime when you want to get information from the DataWindow’s buffers. To find out what the user entered in the current column before that data is accepted, use [GetText](#). In the ItemChanged or ItemError events, use the data argument.

To access a row in the original buffer, specify the buffer that the row currently occupies (primary, delete, or filter) and the number of the row in that buffer. When you specify **true** for *originalvalue*, the method gets the original data for that row from the original buffer.

**Datatype mismatch**

An execution error occurs when the datatype of the DataWindow column does not match the datatype of the method—in this case, DateTime.

Computed fields displaying date or time values have a datatype of DateTime, not date or time. Always use `GetItemDateTime` to get their value, not `GetItemDate` or `GetItemTime`.

**Examples**

These statements set `as_of` to the current DateTime data in the primary buffer for row 3 of the column named `start_dt` in the DataWindow `dw_emp`:

```
DateTime as_of
as_of = dw_emp.GetItemDateTime(3, "start_dt")
```

These statements set `as_of` to the current DateTime data in the delete buffer for row 3 of the `end_dt` column of `dw_emp`:

```
DateTime as_of
as_of = dw_emp.GetItemDateTime(3, "end_dt", &
    Delete!, false)
```

These statements set `AsOf` to the original DateTime data in the primary buffer for row 3 of the `end_dt` column of `dw_emp`:

```
DateTime as_of
as_of = dw_emp.GetItemDateTime(3, "end_dt", &
    Primary!, true)
```

**See also**

`GetItemDate`  
`GetItemDecimal`  
`GetItemNumber`  
`GetItemString`  
`GetItemTime`  
`SetItem`

**GetItemDecimal****Description**

Gets data whose type is decimal from the specified buffer of a DataWindow control or DataStore object. You can obtain the data that was originally retrieved and stored in the database from the original buffer, as well as the current value in the primary, delete, or filter buffers.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

decimal *dwcontrol*.**GetItemDecimal** ( long *row*, integer *column* {, DWBuffer *dwbuffer*, boolean *originalvalue* } )

decimal *dwcontrol*.**GetItemDecimal** ( long *row*, string *column* {, DWBuffer *dwbuffer*, boolean *originalvalue* } )

| Argument                        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                | A reference to a DataWindow control or DataStore.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>row</i>                      | A value identifying the row location of the decimal data.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <i>column</i>                   | The column location of the data. The datatype of the column must be one of type decimal. <i>Column</i> can be a column number or a column name. The column number is the number of the column as it is listed in the Column Specification view of the DataWindow painter—not necessarily the number of the column in the Design view.<br><br>To get the contents of a computed field, specify the name of the computed field for <i>column</i> . Computed fields do not have numbers. |
| <i>dwbuffer</i> (optional)      | A value of the dwBuffer enumerated datatype identifying the DataWindow buffer from which you want to get the data. For a list of valid values, see <a href="#">DWBuffer on page 485</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <i>originalvalue</i> (optional) | A boolean indicating whether you want the original or current values for <i>row</i> and <i>column</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – Returns the original values, that is, the values initially retrieved from the database.</li> <li>• <b>False</b> – (Default) Returns the current values.</li> </ul> If you specify <i>dwbuffer</i> , you must also specify <i>originalvalue</i> .                                                                       |

Return value

Returns the decimal value in the specified row and column. Returns null if the column value is null or if there is no DataWindow object assigned to the DataWindow control or DataStore. Triggers the SystemError event and returns -1 if any other error occurs (see [Handling errors on page 645](#)).

If any argument value is null, the method returns null.

Usage

Use **GetItemDecimal** when you want to get information from the DataWindow’s buffers. To find out what the user entered in the current column before that data is accepted, use **GetText**. In the ItemChanged or ItemError events, use the data argument.

To access a row in the original buffer, specify the buffer that the row currently occupies (primary, delete, or filter) and the number of the row in that buffer. When you specify `true` for *originalvalue*, the method gets the original data for that row from the original buffer.

**Handling errors** The return value is a valid value from the database unless the `SystemError` event is triggered. When the value cannot be converted because the column's datatype does not match the method's datatype, an execution error occurs, which triggers the `SystemError` event. The default error processing halts the application.

If you write a script for the `SystemError` event, it should also halt the application. Therefore, the error return value is seldom used.

### Examples

These statements set `salary_amt` to the current decimal data in the primary buffer for row 4 of the column named `emp_salary` of `dw_employee`:

```
decimal salary_amt
salary_amt = &
dw_employee.GetItemDecimal(4, "emp_salary")
```

These statements set `salary_amt` to the current decimal data in the filter buffer for row 4 of the column named `emp_salary` of `dw_employee`:

```
decimal salary_amt
salary_amt = dw_employee.GetItemDecimal(4, &
"emp_salary", Filter!, false)
```

These statements set `salary_amt` to the original decimal data in the primary buffer for row 4 of the column named `emp_salary` of `dw_employee`:

```
decimal salary_amt
salary_amt = dw_employee.GetItemDecimal(4, &
"emp_salary", Primary!, true)
```

### See also

- [GetItemDate](#)
- [GetItemDateTime](#)
- [GetItemNumber](#)
- [GetItemString](#)
- [GetItemTime](#)
- [SetItem](#)

## GetItemFormattedString

**Description** Gets and formats data whose type is String from the specified buffer of a DataWindow control or DataStore object.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax**

### PowerBuilder

```
string dwcontrol.GetItemFormattedString ( long row, integer column
    {, DWBuffer dwbuffer, boolean originalvalue } )
string dwcontrol.GetItemFormattedString ( long row, string column
    {, DWBuffer dwbuffer, boolean originalvalue } )
```

| Argument                        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>row</i>                      | A value identifying the row location of the string data.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <i>column</i>                   | The column location of the data. The datatype of the column must be String. <i>Column</i> can be a column number or a column name. The column number is the number of the column as it is listed in the Column Specification view of the DataWindow painter—not necessarily the number of the column in the Design view.<br><br>To get the contents of a computed field, specify the name of the computed field for <i>column</i> . Computed fields do not have numbers. |
| <i>dwbuffer</i> (optional)      | A value of the dwBuffer enumerated datatype identifying the DataWindow buffer from which you want to get the data. For a list of valid values, see <a href="#">DWBuffer on page 485</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <i>originalvalue</i> (optional) | A boolean indicating whether you want the original or current values for <i>row</i> and <i>column</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – Returns the original values (the values initially retrieved from the database).</li> <li>• <b>False</b> – (Default) Returns the current values.</li> </ul> If you specify <i>dwbuffer</i> , you must also specify <i>originalvalue</i> .                                                                  |

**Usage**

Use `GetItemFormattedString` in place of `GetItemString` when you want to return the value from a column in its current display format. This is especially useful if the column in question is not a computed column.



**Examples**

These statements set LName to the current string in the primary buffer for row 3 of in the column named emp\_name in the DataWindow dw\_employee. The retrieved value is formatted with the display format of the column:

```
String LName
LName = dw_employee.GetItemFormattedString(3,
"emp_name")
```

**See also**

[GetItemString](#)  
[GetItemUnformattedString](#)

## GetItemNumber

**Description**

Gets numeric data from the specified buffer of a DataWindow control or DataStore object. You can obtain the data that was originally retrieved and stored in the database from the original buffer, as well as the current value in the primary, delete, or filter buffers.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
numeric dwcontrol.GetItemNumber ( long row, string column
{, DWBuffer dwbuffer, boolean originalvalue } )
numeric dwcontrol.GetItemNumber ( long row, integer column
{, DWBuffer dwbuffer, boolean originalvalue } )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <i>row</i>       | A value identifying the row location of the numeric data.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>column</i>    | The column location of the numeric data. The datatype of the column must be one of a numeric datatype. <i>Column</i> can be a column number or a column name. The column number is the number of the column as it is listed in the Column Specification view of the DataWindow painter—not necessarily the number of the column in the Design view.<br><br>To get the contents of a computed field, specify the name of the computed field for <i>column</i> . Computed fields do not have numbers. |

| Argument                           | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwbuffer</i><br>(optional)      | A value identifying the DataWindow buffer from which you want to get the data. For a list of valid values, see <a href="#">DWBuffer on page 485</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <i>originalvalue</i><br>(optional) | A boolean indicating whether you want the original or current values for <i>row</i> and <i>column</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>True</b> – Return the original values (the values initially retrieved from the database).</li> <li><b>False</b> – (Default) Return the current values.</li> </ul> If you specify <i>dwbuffer</i> , you must also specify <i>originalvalue</i> . |

**Return value**

Returns the numeric value in the specified row and column (decimal, double, integer, long, or real). Returns null if the column value is null or if there is no DataWindow object assigned to the DataWindow control or DataStore. Triggers the SystemError event and returns -1 if any other error occurs (see [Handling errors on page 648](#)).

If any argument value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage**

Use [GetItemNumber](#) to get information from the DataWindow's buffers. To find out what the user entered in the current column before that data is accepted, use [GetText](#). In the ItemChanged or ItemError events, use the data argument.

To access a row in the original buffer, specify the buffer that the row currently occupies (primary, delete, or filter) and the number of the row in that buffer. When you specify **true** for *originalvalue*, the method gets the original data for that row from the original buffer.

**Handling errors** The return value is a valid value from the database unless the SystemError event is triggered. When the value cannot be converted because the column's datatype does not match the method's datatype, an execution error occurs, which triggers the SystemError event. The default error processing halts the application. If you write a script for the SystemError event, it should also halt the application. Therefore, the error return value is seldom used.

**Examples**

These statements set EmpNbr to the current numeric data in the primary buffer for row 4 of the column named emp\_nbr in dw\_employee:

```
integer EmpNbr
EmpNbr = dw_employee.GetItemNumber(4, "emp_nbr")
```

These statements set EmpNbr to the current numeric data in the filter buffer for row 4 of the column named salary of dw\_employee:

```
integer EmpNbr
EmpNbr = dw_employee.GetItemNumber(4, &
    "salary", Filter!, false)
```

These statements set EmpNbr to the original numeric data in the primary buffer for row 4 of the column named salary of dw\_Employee:

```
integer EmpNbr
EmpNbr = dw_Employee.GetItemNumber(4, &
    "salary", Primary!, true)
```

See also

[GetItemDate](#)  
[GetItemDateTime](#)  
[GetItemDecimal](#)  
[GetItemString](#)  
[GetItemTime](#)  
[SetItem](#)

## GetItemStatus

Description

Reports the modification status of a row or a column within a row. The modification status determines the type of **SQL** statement the [Update](#) method will generate for the row or column.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

Syntax

### PowerBuilder

```
DWItemStatus dwcontrol.GetItemStatus ( long row, integer column,
    DWBuffer dwbuffer )
DWItemStatus dwcontrol.GetItemStatus ( long row, string column,
    DWBuffer dwbuffer )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                          |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow. |
| <i>row</i>       | A value identifying the row for which you want the status.           |

| Argument        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>column</i>   | The column for which you want the status. <i>Column</i> can be a column number or a column name. The column number is the number of the column as it is listed in the Column Specification view of the DataWindow painter—not necessarily the number of the column in the Design view.<br><br>Specify 0 to get the status of the whole row. |
| <i>dwbuffer</i> | A value identifying the DataWindow buffer containing the row for which you want status. For a list of valid values, see <a href="#">DWBuffer on page 485</a> .                                                                                                                                                                              |

### Return value

A value of the `dwItemStatus` enumerated datatype. The return value identifies the status of the item at *row*, *column* of *dwcontrol* in *dwbuffer*. For a list of status values, see [DWItemStatus on page 486](#).

If column is 0, `GetItemStatus` returns the status of *row*. If there is no DataWindow object assigned to the DataWindow control or DataStore, `GetItemStatus` returns null.

If any argument value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

### Usage

Use `GetItemStatus` to understand what **SQL** statements will be generated for new and changed information when you update the database.

For rows in the primary and filter buffers, `Update` generates an **INSERT** statement for rows with `NewModified!` status. It generates an **UPDATE** statement for rows with `DataModified!` status and references the columns that have been affected.

For rows in the delete buffer, `Update` does not generate a **DELETE** statement for rows whose status was `New!` or `NewModified!` before being moved to the delete buffer.

### Examples

These statements store in the variable `l_status` the status of the column named `emp_status` in row 5 in the filter buffer of `dw_1`:

```
dwItemStatus l_status
l_status = dw_1.GetItemStatus(5, "emp_status", &
    Filter!)
```

These statements store in the variable `l_status` the status of the column named `Salary` in the current row in the primary buffer of `dw_emp`:

```
dwItemStatus l_status
l_status = dw_emp.GetItemStatus( &
    dw_emp.GetRow(), "Salary", Primary!)
```

See also

[SetItemStatus](#)

## GetItemString

### Description

Gets data whose type is String from the specified buffer of a DataWindow control or DataStore object. You can obtain the data that was originally retrieved and stored in the database from the original buffer, as well as the current value in the primary, delete, or filter buffers.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
string dwcontrol.GetItemString ( long row, integer column
    {, DWBuffer dwbuffer, boolean originalvalue } )
string dwcontrol.GetItemString ( long row, string column
    {, DWBuffer dwbuffer, boolean originalvalue } )
```

| Argument                      | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>              | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>row</i>                    | A value identifying the row location of the string data.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <i>column</i>                 | The column location of the data. The datatype of the column must be String. <i>Column</i> can be a column number or a column name. The column number is the number of the column as it is listed in the Column Specification view of the DataWindow painter—not necessarily the number of the column in the Design view.<br><br>To get the contents of a computed field, specify the name of the computed field for <i>column</i> . Computed fields do not have numbers. |
| <i>dwbuffer</i><br>(optional) | A value of the dwBuffer enumerated datatype identifying the DataWindow buffer from which you want to get the data. For a list of valid values, see <a href="#">DWBuffer on page 485</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

| Argument                           | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>originalvalue</i><br>(optional) | <p>A boolean indicating whether you want the original or current values for <i>row</i> and <i>column</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – Returns the original values (the values initially retrieved from the database).</li> <li>• <b>False</b> – (Default) Returns the current values.</li> </ul> <p>If you specify <i>dwbuffer</i>, you must also specify <i>originalvalue</i>.</p> |

**Return value**

Returns the string value in the specified row and column. Returns the empty string (“”) if there is no DataWindow object assigned to the DataWindow control or DataStore or if any other error occurs.

If any argument value is null, in PowerBuilder the method returns null.

**Usage**

Use `GetItemString` to get information from the DataWindow’s buffers. To find out what the user entered in the current column before that data is accepted, use `GetText`. In the `ItemChanged` or `ItemError` events, use the data argument.

To access a row in the original buffer, specify the buffer that the row currently occupies (primary, delete, or filter) and the number of the row in that buffer. When you specify `true` for *originalvalue*, the method gets the original data for that row from the original buffer.

`GetItemString` returns a formatted value in the case of a computed column, and an unformatted value in the case of a noncomputed column. For PowerBuilder DataWindows, you can use the `GetItemFormattedString` method to return a formatted value, or the `GetItemUnformattedString` method to return an unformatted value, for any type of column.

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**Mismatched datatypes**

An execution error occurs when the datatype of the DataWindow column does not match the datatype of the method—in this case, String.

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**Examples**

These statements set `LName` to the current string in the primary buffer for row 3 of the column named `emp_name` in the DataWindow `dw_employee`:

```
String LName
LName = dw_employee.GetItemString(3, "emp_name")
```

These statements set `LName` to the current string in the delete buffer for row 3 of the column named `emp_name` of `dw_employee`:

```
String LName
LName = dw_employee.GetItemString(3, &
```

```
"emp_name", Delete!, false)
```

The following statements set LName to the original string in the delete buffer for row 3 of the column named emp\_name of dw\_employee:

```
String LName
LName = dw_employee.GetItemString(3, &
    "emp_name", Delete!, true)
```

See also

```
GetItemDate
GetItemDateTime
GetItemDecimal
GetItemFormattedString
GetItemNumber
GetItemTime
GetItemUnformattedString
GetText
SetItem
SetText
```

## GetItemTime

Description

Gets data whose type is Time from the specified buffer of a DataWindow control or DataStore object. You can obtain the data that was originally retrieved and stored in the database from the original buffer, as well as the current value in the primary, delete, or filter buffers.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

```
time dwcontrol.GetItemTime ( long row, string column
    {, DWBuffer dwbuffer, boolean originalvalue } )
time dwcontrol.GetItemTime ( long row, integer column
    {, DWBuffer dwbuffer, boolean originalvalue } )
```

| Argument                           | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                   | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <i>row</i>                         | A value identifying the row location of the data.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <i>column</i>                      | <p>The column location of the data. The datatype of the column must be time. <i>Column</i> can be a column number or a column name. The column number is the number of the column as it is listed in the Column Specification view of the DataWindow painter—not necessarily the number of the column in the Design view.</p> <p>To get the contents of a computed field, specify the name of the computed field for <i>column</i>. Computed fields do not have numbers.</p> |
| <i>dwbuffer</i><br>(optional)      | A value of the dwBuffer enumerated datatype identifying the DataWindow buffer from which you want to get the data. For a list of valid values, see <a href="#">DWBuffer on page 485</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>originalvalue</i><br>(optional) | <p>A boolean indicating whether you want the original or current values for <i>row</i> and <i>column</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – Return the original values (the values initially retrieved from the database).</li> <li>• <b>False</b> – (Default) Return the current values.</li> </ul> <p>If you specify <i>dwbuffer</i>, you must also specify <i>originalvalue</i>.</p>                                                             |

**Return value**

Returns the time value in the specified row and column. Returns null if the column value is null or if there is no DataWindow object assigned to the DataWindow control or DataStore. Returns 00:00:00.000000 if an error occurs.

If any argument value is null, in PowerBuilder the method returns null.

**Usage**

Use [GetItemTime](#) to get information from the DataWindow's buffers. To find out what the user entered in the current column before that data is accepted, use [GetText](#). In the ItemChanged or ItemError events, use the data argument.

To access a row in the original buffer, specify the buffer that the row currently occupies (primary, delete, or filter) and the number of the row in that buffer. When you specify **true** for *originalvalue*, the method gets the original data for that row from the original buffer.



**Datatypes of columns and computed fields**

An execution error occurs when the datatype of the DataWindow column does not match the datatype of the method—in this case, time.

There is a difference in datatypes between computed columns retrieved from the database and computed fields defined in the DataWindow painter. Computed columns from the database can have a datatype of time, but a time computed field always has a datatype of DateTime, not time. Use the `GetItemDateTime` method instead.

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**PowerBuilder only: using `GetItemTime` in a String function**

When you call `GetItemTime` as an argument for the `String` function and do not specify a display format, the value is formatted as a DateTime value. This statement returns a string like "2/26/06 00:00:00":

```
String(dw_1.GetItemTime(1, "start_date"))
```

To get a simple time string, you can specify a display format for the `String` function or you can assign the value to a time variable before calling the `String` function (see `GetItemDate` for examples).

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**Examples**

These statements set Start to the current Time data in the primary buffer for row 3 of the column named title in dw\_employee:

```
Time Start
Start = dw_employee.GetItemTime(3, "title")
```

These statements set Start to the current Time data in the filter buffer for row 3 of the column named start\_time of dw\_employee:

```
Time Start
Start = dw_employee.GetItemTime(3, &
    "start_time", Filter!, false)
```

These statements set Start to the original Time data in the primary buffer for row 3 of the column named start\_time of dw\_employee:

```
Time Start
Start = dw_employee.GetItemTime(3, &
    "start_time", Primary!, true)
```

**See also**

`GetItemDate`  
`GetItemDateTime`  
`GetItemDecimal`  
`GetItemNumber`

GetItemString  
 GetText  
 SetItem  
 SetText

## GetItemUnformattedString

**Description**

Gets raw (unformatted) data whose type is String from the specified buffer of a DataWindow control or DataStore object.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

```
string dwcontrol.GetItemUnformattedString ( long row,
integer column {, DWBuffer dwbuffer, boolean originalvalue } )
string dwcontrol.GetItemUnformattedString ( long row, string
column
{, DWBuffer dwbuffer, boolean originalvalue } )
```

| Argument                   | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>           | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>row</i>                 | A value identifying the row location of the string data.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <i>column</i>              | The column location of the data. The datatype of the column must be String. <i>Column</i> can be a column number or a column name. The column number is the number of the column as it is listed in the Column Specification view of the DataWindow painter—not necessarily the number of the column in the Design view.<br><br>To get the contents of a computed field, specify the name of the computed field for <i>column</i> . Computed fields do not have numbers. |
| <i>dwbuffer</i> (optional) | A value of the dwBuffer enumerated datatype identifying the DataWindow buffer from which you want to get the data. For a list of valid values, see <a href="#">DWBuffer on page 485</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

| Argument                           | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>originalvalue</i><br>(optional) | <p>A boolean indicating whether you want the original or current values for <i>row</i> and <i>column</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>True</b> – Returns the original values (the values initially retrieved from the database).</li> <li><b>False</b> – (Default) Returns the current values.</li> </ul> <p>If you specify <i>dwbuffer</i>, you must also specify <i>originalvalue</i>.</p> |

**Usage**

Use `GetItemUnformattedString` in place of `GetItemString` when you want to return the value from a column without its display format. This is especially useful if the column in question is a computed column.

**Examples**

These statements set LName to the current string in the primary buffer for row 3 of in the column named emp\_name in the DataWindow dw\_employee. The retrieved value is unformatted:

```
String LName
LName = dw_employee.GetItemUnformattedString(3,
"emp_name")
```

**See also**

`GetItemFormattedString`  
`GetItemString`

## GetLastError

**Description**

Returns the error code of the last database error that occurred in the Web DataWindow server component.

**Obsolete method**

`GetLastError` is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Web             | Server component  |

**Syntax****Web DataWindow server component**

```
long dwcontrol.GetLastError ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                    |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow server component |

### Return value

Returns a numeric error code for the last database error that occurred.

If *dwcontrol* is null, the method returns null.

### Usage

Call `GetLastError` and `GetLastErrorString` to get information about database errors that caused `SetAction`, `Update`, `Retrieve`, and `RetrieveEx` to return `-1`.

### Examples

This code in a page server script calls `Retrieve` for the Web DataWindow server component called `dwComponent` and gets information about the database error if `Retrieve` fails:

```
retVal = dwComponent.Retrieve( );
if (retVal < 0) {
    Response.Write("Retrieval error: "
        + dwComponent.GetLastError( )
        + "<BR>"
        + dwComponent.GetLastErrorString( )
        + "<BR>");
}
```

### See also

`GetLastErrorString`  
`Retrieve`  
`Update`

## GetLastErrorString

### Description

Returns the text of the error message for the last database error that occurred in the Web DataWindow server component.

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### Obsolete method

`GetLastErrorString` is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

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### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Web             | Server component  |

**Syntax****Web DataWindow server component**

```
string dwcontrol.GetLastErrorString ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                    |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow server component |

**Return value**

Returns a string containing an error message for the last database error that occurred.

If *dwcontrol* is null, the method returns null.

**Usage**

Call `GetLastError` and `GetLastErrorString` to get information about database errors that caused `SetAction`, `Update`, `Retrieve`, and `RetrieveEx` to return -1.

**Examples**

This code in a page server script calls `Retrieve` for the Web DataWindow server component called `dwComponent` and gets information about the database error if `Retrieve` fails:

```
retVal = dwComponent.Retrieve( );
if (retVal < 0) {
    Response.Write("Retrieval error: "
        + dwComponent.GetLastError( )
        + "<BR>"
        + dwComponent.GetLastErrorString( )
        + "<BR>");
}
```

**See also**

`GetLastError`  
`Retrieve`  
`Update`

## GetMessageText

**Description**

Obtains the message text generated by a crosstab DataWindow object in a DataWindow control. Only crosstab DataWindows generate messages.

**Obsolete method**

`GetMessageText` is obsolete and will be discontinued in a future release. You should replace all use of `GetMessageText` as soon as possible. The message text is available as an argument in a user event defined for `pbm_dwnmessagetext` in a DataWindow control.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

string *dwcontrol*.GetMessageText ( )

| Argument         | Description                                                               |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow control for which you want the message text |

Return value

Returns the text of the message generated by *dwcontrol*. If there is no text or an error occurs, GetMessageText returns the empty string (“”).

If *dwcontrol* is null, the method returns null.

Usage

To use GetMessageText, you must first define a user-defined event for the event ID pbm\_dwmessagestext; then you call this method in the script for that event.

Typical messages are Retrieving data and Building crosstab.

Examples

This statement is part of a script for a user-defined event with the ID pbm\_dwmessagestext. The style of the DataWindow object in the DataWindow control is crosstab. The statement sets the MicroHelp of the MDI frame window w\_crosstab:

```
w_crosstab.SetMicroHelp(This.GetMessageText())
```

## GetNextModified

Description

Reports the next row that has been modified in the specified buffer.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

long *dwcontrol*.GetNextModified (long *row*, DWBuffer *dwbuffer* )

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                    |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A name of the DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow in which you want to locate the modified row. |

| Argument        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>row</i>      | A value identifying the row location after which you want to locate the modified row. To search from the beginning, specify 0.                                                                     |
| <i>dwbuffer</i> | A value of the dwBuffer enumerated datatype identifying the DataWindow buffer in which you want to locate the modified row. For a list of valid values, see <a href="#">DWBuffer on page 485</a> . |

**Return value**

Returns the number of the first row that was modified after *row* in *dwbuffer* in *dwcontrol*. Returns 0 if there are no modified rows after the specified row.

If any argument value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage**

PowerBuilder stores the update status of rows and columns in the DataWindow. The status settings indicate whether a row or column is new or has been modified. [GetNextModified](#) reports rows with the status NewModified! and DataModified!.

For more information on the status of rows and columns, see [GetItemStatus](#) and [SetItemStatus](#).

Using [GetNextModified](#) on the delete buffer will return rows that have been modified and then deleted. The [DeletedCount](#) method will report the total number of deleted rows.

[GetNextModified](#) begins searching in the row after the value you specify in *row*. This is different from the behavior of [Find](#), [FindGroupChange](#), and [FindRequired](#), which begin searching in the row you specify.

**Total number of modified rows**

You can use the [ModifiedCount](#) method to find out the total number of modified rows in the primary and filter buffers.

**Examples**

These statements count the number of rows that were modified in the primary buffer for dw\_status and then display a message reporting the number modified:

```
integer rc
long NbrRows, ll_row = 0, count = 0

dw_status.AcceptText ()
NbrRows = dw_status.RowCount ()
DO WHILE ll_row <= NbrRows
```

```
        ll_row = dw_status.GetNextModified(ll_row,  
Primary!)  
        IF ll_row > 0 THEN  
            count = count + 1  
        ELSE  
            ll_row = NbrRows + 1  
        END IF  
    LOOP  
    MessageBox("Modified Count", &  
String(count) &  
+ " rows were modified.")
```

### See also

[DeletedCount](#)  
[FindRequired](#)  
[GetNextModified](#)  
[ModifiedCount](#)  
[SetItemStatus](#)

## GetObjectAtPointer

### Description

Reports the control within the DataWindow object and row number under the pointer. Controls include columns, labels, and other graphic controls, such as lines and pictures.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
string dwcontrol.GetObjectAtPointer ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                         |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control |

### Return value

Returns the string whose value is the name of the control under the pointer, followed by a tab character and the row number. Returns the empty string ("") if an error occurs.

If *dwcontrol* is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.



**Usage**

If the object doesn't have a name, neither a name nor a row is reported. Since PowerBuilder 7, the painter gives names to all controls. In earlier versions, only columns and column labels got default names in the DataWindow painter and you could name other controls yourself.

You can parse the return value by searching for the tab character (ASCII 09). In PowerBuilder, search for ~t. For an example that parses a string that includes a tab, see [GetValue](#).

For information on the rows associated with bands and therefore with controls in those bands, see [GetBandAtPointer](#).

**Examples**

These statements obtain the name of the control under the pointer in the DataWindow dw\_emp:

```
String dwobjectname
dwobjectname = dw_emp.GetObjectAtPointer()
```

Some possible return values are:

**Table 9-4: Example return values for the GetObjectAtPointer method**

| Return value        | Meaning                                                                                               |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>salary~t23</i>   | The control named salary in row 23.                                                                   |
| <i>salary_h~t15</i> | The control named salary_h, which is in the header. Row 15 is the first visible row below the header. |

**See also**

[GetBandAtPointer](#)

## GetParent

**Description**

Obtains the parent of the specified object.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
PowerObject objectname.GetParent ( )
```

| Argument          | Description                                                                                    |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>objectname</i> | A control in a window or user object or an item on a menu for which you want the parent object |

- Return value** Returns a reference to the parent of *objectname*.
- Usage** Inherited from PowerObject. For information, see [GetParent](#) in the *PowerScript Reference*.

## GetRichTextAlign

- Description** Gets the current alignment setting for editing columns with the RichText edit style.
- Applies to** DataWindow control
- Syntax** Integer *dwcontrol*.[GetRichTextAlign](#) ( REF alignment *align* )

| Argument         | Description                                    |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow control          |
| <i>align</i>     | Current alignment setting of the selected text |

- Return value** Returns an integer to indicate whether the column that you selected has the RichText edit style and whether the content has one or more alignment types applied.
- 0 Success
  - 1 No RichText column is being edited
  - 2 The selected text is a mix of alignment types

- Usage** You can call this method from a button in a custom toolbar that you use to obtain current font settings for columns with the RichText edit style.

- Examples** This example obtains the current alignment setting to be used for editing columns with the RichText edit style:

```
Integer li_integer  
Alignment l_align  
li_integer = dw_1.GetRichTextAlign(l_align)
```

- See also** [GetRichTextColor](#)  
[GetRichTextFaceName](#)  
[GetRichTextSize](#)  
[GetRichTextStyle](#)  
[SetRichTextAlign](#)

## GetRichTextColor

**Description** Gets the current color setting for editing columns with the RichText edit style.

**Applies to** DataWindow control

**Syntax** Integer *dwcontrol*.**GetRichTextColor** ( REF long *color* )

| Argument         | Description                           |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow control |
| <i>color</i>     | A long used to define the color       |

**Return value** Returns an integer to indicate whether the column that you selected has the RichText edit style and whether the content has one or more colors applied.

- 0 Success
- 1 No RichText column is being edited
- 2 The selected text is a mix of colors

**Usage** If the color for columns with the RichText edit style is white, background transparency and gradient and text transparency will not work properly.

You can call this method from a button in a custom toolbar that you use to obtain current font settings for columns with the RichText edit style.

**Examples** This example obtains the current color setting of the font to be used for editing columns with a RichText edit style:

```
Integer li_integer
Long l_long
li_integer = dw_1.GetRichTextColor(l_long)
```

**See also** [GetRichTextAlign](#)  
[GetRichTextFaceName](#)  
[GetRichTextSize](#)  
[GetRichTextStyle](#)  
[SetRichTextColor](#)

## GetRichTextFaceName

**Description** Gets the current typeface setting for editing columns with the RichText edit style.

**Applies to** DataWindow control

**Syntax** Integer *dwcontrol*.**GetRichTextFaceName** ( REF string *typeface* )

| Argument         | Description                           |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow control |
| <i>typeface</i>  | A string used to define the type      |

**Return value** Returns an integer to indicate whether the column that you selected has the RichText edit style and whether the content has one or more fonts applied.

- 0 Success
- 1 No RichText column is being edited
- 2 The selected text is a mix of fonts

**Usage** You can call this method from a button in a custom toolbar that you use to obtain current font settings for columns with the RichText edit style.

**Examples** This example obtains the typeface of the font to be used for editing columns with a RichText edit style:

```
Integer li_integer  
String ls_string  
li_integer = dw_1.GetRichTextFaceName(ls_string)
```

If Tahoma font is selected when the above script is called, *ls\_string* is Tahoma and the method returns 0. If a mix of fonts is selected, *ls\_string* is blank and the method returns -2.

**See also** [GetRichTextAlign](#)  
[GetRichTextColor](#)  
[GetRichTextSize](#)  
[GetRichTextStyle](#)  
[SetRichTextFaceName](#)

## GetRichTextSize

**Description** Gets the current font size setting for editing columns with the RichText edit style.

**Applies to** DataWindow control

**Syntax** Integer *dwcontrol*.**GetRichTextSize** ( REF integer *size* )

| Argument         | Description                                                                                         |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow control                                                               |
| <i>size</i>      | Value indicating the point size of the font; if the selected text is a mix of sizes, the value is 0 |

**Return value**

Returns an integer to indicate whether the column that you selected has the RichText edit style and whether the content has one or more sizes applied.

- 0 Success
- 1 No RichText column is being edited
- 2 The selected text is a mix of sizes

**Usage**

You can call this method from a button in a custom toolbar that you use to obtain current font settings for columns with the RichText edit style.

**Examples**

This example obtains the current size setting of the font to be used for editing columns with a RichText edit style:

```
Integer li_integer
Integer li_textsize
li_integer = dw_1.GetRichTextSize(li_textsize)
```

If 10 point text is selected when the above script is called, *li\_textsize* is 10 and the method returns 0. If a mix of sizes is selected, *li\_textsize* is 0 and the method returns -2.

**See also**

[GetRichTextAlign](#)  
[GetRichTextColor](#)  
[GetRichTextFaceName](#)  
[GetRichTextStyle](#)  
[SetRichTextSize](#)

## GetRichTextStyle

**Description**

Determines whether selected text or text at the cursor in a RichText column has a specified formatting.

**Applies to**

DataWindow control

**Syntax**

Integer *dwcontrol*.**GetRichTextStyle** ( TextStyle *style*, REF boolean *state* )

| Argument         | Description                           |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow control |

| Argument     | Description                                                                                                                             |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>style</i> | Value for specifying a text style. Allowable values are:<br>bold!<br>italic!<br>strikeout!<br>subscript!<br>superscript!<br>underlined! |
| <i>state</i> | Indicates whether the selected text or text at the cursor position has a style applied to it                                            |

**Return value**

Returns an integer to indicate whether the column that you selected has the RichText edit style and whether the content has one or more styles applied.

- 0 Success
- 1 No RichText column is being edited
- 2 The selected text is a mix of styles

**Usage**

You can call this method from a button in a custom toolbar that you use to obtain the current font settings for columns with the RichText edit style.

**Examples**

This example determines whether a bold font is the current style setting for editing columns with a RichText edit style.

```
Integer li_style
Boolean lb_state
li_style = dw_1.GetRichTextStyle(bold!, lb_state)
```

If bold text is selected when the above script is called, the `lb_state` argument is true, and the method returns 0. If mixed text is selected, such as bold and italic, `lb_state` is true, and the method returns -2.

**See also**

[GetRichTextAlign](#)  
[GetRichTextColor](#)  
[GetRichTextFaceName](#)  
[GetRichTextSize](#)  
[SetRichTextStyle](#)

## GetRow

**Description**

Reports the number of the current row in a DataWindow control or DataStore object.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
long dwcontrol.GetRow ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                             |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or the child DataWindow |

**Return value**

Returns the number of the current row in *dwcontrol*. Returns 0 if no row is current and -1 if an error occurs.

If *dwcontrol* is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Current row not always displayed**

The current row is not always a row displayed on the screen. For example, if the cursor is on row 7 column 2 and the user uses the scroll bar to scroll to row 50, the current row remains row 7 unless the user clicks row 50.

**Examples**

This statement returns the number of the current row in dw\_Employee:

```
dw_employee.GetRow ( )
```

**See also**

GetColumn  
SetColumn  
SetRow

## GetRowFromRowId

**Description**

Gets the row number of a row in a DataWindow control or DataStore object from the unique row identifier associated with that row.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
long dwcontrol.GetRowFromRowId (long rowid {, DWBuffer buffer }  
)
```

| Argument                    | Description                                                                                                                                                                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>            | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                                                                                                           |
| <i>rowid</i>                | A number specifying the row identifier for which you want the associated row number.                                                                                           |
| <i>buffer</i><br>(optional) | A value of the dwBuffer enumerated datatype identifying the DataWindow buffer that contains the row.<br>For a list of valid values, see <a href="#">DWBuffer on page 485</a> . |

**Return value**

Returns the row number in *buffer*. Returns 0 if the row number is not in the current buffer and -1 if an error occurs.

If any argument value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage**

This method allows you to use a unique row identifier to retrieve the associated DataWindow or DataStore row number. The row identifier is not affected by operations (such as [Insert](#), [Delete](#), or [Filter](#)) that might change the original order (and consequently the row numbers) of the rows in the DataWindow or DataStore.

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**Row identifiers**

The row identifier is relative to the DataWindow that currently owns the row.

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**Examples**

This example uses the row identifier previously obtained using the [GetRowIdFromRow](#) method to retrieve the row's number after the original order of the rows in the DataWindow has changed.

```
long ll_rowid  
long ll_rownumber  
  
ll_rowid = dw_1.GetRowIdFromRow(dw_1.GetRow())  
// suppose original order of rows changes...  
ll_rownumber = dw_1.GetRowFromRowId(ll_rowid)
```

**See also**

[GetRow](#)  
[GetRowIdFromRow](#)



## GetRowIdFromRow

**Description** Gets the unique row identifier of a row in a DataWindow control or DataStore object from the row number associated with that row.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax**

### PowerBuilder

```
long dwcontrol.GetRowIdFromRow (long rownumber {, DWBuffer buffer } )
```

| Argument                    | Description                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>            | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or the child DataWindow.                                                                                                    |
| <i>rownumber</i>            | A number specifying the row number for which you want the associated row identifier.                                                                                        |
| <i>buffer</i><br>(optional) | A value of the dwBuffer enumerated datatype identifying the DataWindow buffer that contains the row. For a list of valid values, see <a href="#">DWBuffer on page 485</a> . |

**Return value**

Returns the row identifier in *buffer*. Returns 0 if the row identifier is not in the current buffer and -1 if an error occurs.

If any argument value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage**

The row identifier value is not the same as the row number value used in many DataWindow and DataStore function calls and should not be used for the row number value. Instead you should first convert the unique row identifier into a row number by calling [GetRowFromRowId](#).

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### Row identifiers

The row identifier is relative to the DataWindow that currently owns the row.

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**Examples**

This example retrieves the current row's unique identifier:

```
long ll_rowid
ll_rowid = dw_emp.GetRowIDFromRow(dw_emp.GetRow())
```

**See also**

[GetRow](#)  
[GetRowFromRowId](#)

## GetSelectedRow

**Description** Reports the number of the next highlighted row after a specified row in a DataWindow control or DataStore object.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax**

### PowerBuilder

`long dwcontrol.GetSelectedRow ( long row )`

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                          |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                                                                                 |
| <i>row</i>       | A value identifying the location of the row after which you want to search for the next selected row. Specify 0 to begin searching at the first row. |

**Return value** Returns the number of the first row that is selected after *row* in *dwcontrol*. Returns 0 if no row is selected after the specified row.

If any argument value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage** Rows are not automatically selected—that is, highlighted—when they become current. You can select a row by calling the `SelectRow` method.

`GetSelectedRow` begins its search *after* the specified row. It does not matter whether *row* itself is selected.

**Examples** This statement returns the number of the first row that is selected in `dw_Employee`:

```
dw_employee.GetSelectedRow(0)
```

This statement returns the number of the first row that is selected beginning with row 25 in `dw_Employee`:

```
dw_employee.GetSelectedRow(25)
```

**See also**

`SelectRow`

## GetSQLPreview

### Description

Reports the **SQL** statement that the DataWindow control is currently submitting to the database.

### Obsolete method

**GetSQLPreview** is obsolete and will be discontinued in a future release. You should replace all references to **GetSQLPreview** as soon as possible. The **SQL** syntax is available as an argument in the **DBError** and **SQLPreview** events.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
string dwcontrol.GetSQLPreview ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                             |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control or child DataWindow |

### Return value

Returns the current **SQL** statement for *dwcontrol*. Returns the empty string (“”) if an error occurs.

If *dwcontrol* is null, the method returns null.

### See also

[SetSQLPreview](#)

## GetSQLSelect

### Description

Reports the **SQL SELECT** statement associated with a DataWindow if its data source is one that accesses a **SQL** database (such as **SQL Select**, **Quick Select**, or **Query**).

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
string dwcontrol.GetSQLSelect ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                         |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow |

**Return value** Returns the current **SQL SELECT** statement for *dwcontrol*. **GetSQLSelect** returns the empty string (“”) if it cannot return the statement.

If *dwcontrol* is null, the method returns null.

**Usage** When you want to change the **SQL SELECT** statement for a DataWindow or DataStore at runtime, you can use **GetSQLSelect** to save the current **SELECT** statement before making the change.

When you define a DataWindow, PowerBuilder stores a PowerBuilder **SELECT** statement (**PBSELECT**) with the DataWindow. If a database is connected and SetTransObject has been called for the DataWindow, then **GetSQLSelect** returns the **SQL SELECT** statement. Otherwise, **GetSQLSelect** returns the **PBSELECT** statement.

You can also use Describe to obtain the **SQL SELECT** statement. The DataWindow object’s Table.Select property holds the information.

**Examples** The code saves the **SELECT** statement for dw\_emp in the variable old\_select. Then it adds a **WHERE** clause. The example assumes the old **SELECT** statement did not have one already:

```
string old_select, new_select, where_clause
// Get old SELECT statement
old_select = dw_emp.GetSQLSelect()

// Specify new WHERE clause
where_clause = "WHERE ..."
// Add the new where clause to old_select
new_select = old_select + where_clause

// Set the SELECT statement for the DW
dw_emp.SetSQLSelect(new_select)
```

**See also** [SetSQLSelect](#)

## GetStateStatus

### Description

Retrieves the current status of the internal state flags for a DataWindow and places this information in a blob.

This method is used primarily in distributed applications.

### Obsolete method

`GetStateStatus` is obsolete and will be discontinued in a future release. You should remove all use of `GetStateStatus` as soon as possible. This method was originally added to PowerScript to allow you to synchronize a source DataWindow with multiple target DataWindows. This technique is no longer supported.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                    |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

long *dwcontrol*.`GetStateStatus` ( blob *cookie* )

| Argument         | Description                                                                                       |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow control or DataStore for which you want to get state status         |
| <i>cookie</i>    | A variable in which you want to store a cookie that contains state information for the DataWindow |

### Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if it fails.

If any argument value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

### Usage

In situations where a single DataStore on a server acts as the source for multiple target DataWindows (or DataStores) on different clients, you can use `GetChanges` in conjunction with `GetStateStatus` to determine the likely success of `SetChanges`. This allows you to avoid shipping a change blob across the wire when `SetChanges` will fail anyway (because changes in the blob conflict with changes made previously by another client).

To determine the likely success of `SetChanges`, you need to:

- 1 Call the `GetStateStatus` method on the `DataStore` on which you want to do a `SetChanges`. `GetStateStatus` checks the state of the `DataStore` and makes the state information available in a reference argument called a cookie. The cookie is generally much smaller than a `DataWindow` change blob.
- 2 Send the cookie back to the client.
- 3 Call the `GetChanges` method on the `DataWindow` that contains the changes you want to apply, passing the cookie retrieved from `GetStateStatus` as a parameter. The return value from `GetChanges` indicates whether there are currently any potential conflicts between the state of the `DataWindow` blob and the state of the `DataStore` on which you want to execute `SetChanges`.

If the return value from `GetChanges` indicates that there are potential conflicts, you can then be certain that a subsequent call to `SetChanges` will fail if the `FailOnAnyConflict!` argument is specified. On the other hand, if the return value from `GetChanges` indicates no conflicts, the call to `SetChanges` may still fail, because the state of the `DataStore` may have changed since you called `GetStateStatus` and `GetChanges`.

For example, if another client session has called `SetChanges` or some other processing has been executed that altered the state of the `DataStore` since you retrieved the cookie, then `SetChanges` will fail.

### Examples

The following example is a script for a remote object function. The script uses `GetStateStatus` to capture the state of a `DataStore` on the server into a cookie. Once the cookie has been created, it is returned to the client:

```
blob lblb_cookie
long ll_rv
ll_rv = ids_datastore.GetStateStatus(lblb_cookie)
return lblb_cookie
```

### See also

`GetChanges`  
`GetFullState`  
`SetChanges`  
`SetFullState`

## GetText

### Description

Obtains the value in the edit control over the current row and column. When the user changes a value in a DataWindow, it is available in the edit control before it is accepted into the column.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
string dwcontrol.GetText ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                         |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow |

### Return value

Returns the value in the edit control over the current row and column in *dwcontrol*. The value might or might not have been accepted into the row and column. Returns the empty string (“ ”) if no column is currently selected in *dwcontrol*.

If *dwcontrol* is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

### Usage

The values in the rows and columns of a DataWindow are items in the DataWindow’s buffer. When a user edits a value in a row and column, the item value is transferred as text to an edit control in which the user can change the value. When the user leaves the column or when a script calls `AcceptText`, the text in the edit control is accepted into the column and becomes the value of the item in the buffer.

You do not need to call `GetText` in the script for the `ItemChanged` or `ItemError` event. To check the value entered in the edit control over the current row and column before allowing it to be accepted into the column, use the data argument.

To obtain the value stored in the DataWindow’s buffer for the row and column, use the `GetItem` method that corresponds with the datatype of the column.

**Examples**

This statement returns the text held in the edit control for the currently selected cell in dwEmp to the string variable selectedCell. The text might be a name or address for a column with the Edit edit style, Y or N for a column with the CheckBox edit style, or M or F for a column with the RadioButtons edit style that represents gender:

```
string selectedCell
selectedCell = dwEmp.GetText ()
```

**See also**

SetText

## GetTrans

**Description**

Gets the values for the DataWindow control or DataStore object’s internal transaction object and stores these values in the programmer-specified transaction object.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.GetTrans ( transaction transaction )
```

| Argument           | Description                                                              |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>   | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow      |
| <i>transaction</i> | The name of the transaction object into which you want to put the values |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. The return value is usually not used.

If any argument value is null, the method returns null.

**Usage**

The SetTrans method (not the SetTransObject method) sets the internal transaction object. If you have not called SetTrans, GetTrans will fail.

Use GetTrans when you want to get the values for the transaction object in order to modify them, as shown in the last example.



If you are using `SetTransObject`, which specifies transaction information using a programmer-specified transaction object, `GetTrans` will not report information about the programmer-specified transaction object currently in effect. (`SetTransObject` is the recommended connection method because it gives better application performance. See `SetTrans` and `SetTransObject` for more information.)

### Examples

This example puts the values in the internal transaction object for `dw_employee` into the programmer-specified transaction object named `object1`:

```
transaction object1
object1 = CREATE transaction
dw_employee.GetTrans(object1)
```

The following statement puts the values in the internal transaction object for `dw_employee` into the default transaction object (`SQLCA`):

```
dw_employee.GetTrans(SQLCA)
```

The following statements change the database type and password of `dw_employee`. The first two statements create the transaction object `emp_TransObj`. The next two statements use the `SetTrans` method to set the values of `SQLCA`, and then use the `GetTrans` method to store the values of the current transaction object for `dw_employee` in `emp_TransObj`. The last two statements change the database type and password, and then the `SetTrans` method puts the revised values in the transaction object for `dw_employee`:

```
// Name the transaction object.
transaction emp_TransObj

// Create the transaction object.
emp_TransObj = CREATE transaction

// Set the internal transaction object.
dw_employee.SetTrans(SQLCA)

// Fill the new transaction object with original
// values from SQLCA.
dw_employee.GetTrans(emp_TransObj)

// Put revised values into the new transaction
// object.
// Change the database type.
emp_TransObj.DBMS = "Sybase"
```

```
// Change the password.
emp_TransObj.LogPass = "cam2"

// Associate the new transaction object with
// dw_employee, replacing SQLCA.
dw_employee.SetTrans(emp_TransObj)
```

See also

SetTrans

## GetUpdateStatus

### Description

Reports the row number and buffer of the row that is currently being updated in the database. When called because of an error, [GetUpdateStatus](#) reports the row that caused the error.

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### Obsolete method

[GetUpdateStatus](#) is obsolete and will be discontinued in a future release. You should replace all references to [GetUpdateStatus](#) as soon as possible. The update status is available as an argument in the DBError and [SQLPreview](#) events.

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### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

integer *dwcontrol*.[GetUpdateStatus](#) (long *row*, DWBuffer *dwbuffer* )

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                                                               |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control or child DataWindow.                                                                                                                                  |
| <i>row</i>       | A variable that will store the number of the row that will be updated or for which an update was attempted.                                                                               |
| <i>dwbuffer</i>  | A value of the dwBuffer enumerated datatype identifying the DataWindow buffer that contains the row being updated. For a list of valid values, see <a href="#">DWBuffer on page 485</a> . |

### Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. The number and buffer of the row currently being updated are stored in *row* and *dwbuffer*.

If any argument value is null, the method returns null.

**Examples**

These statements in the script for the DBError event for a DataWindow control obtain the text of the error message, display a message box with the number of the row in which the error occurred and the error message, and then make the row with the error the current row.

Additional code in the IF statement considers the case of the bad row being in the filter or delete buffer. If the row is in the filter buffer, the script changes the filter so that the user can edit the row in the primary buffer. If the row is in the delete buffer, the message box displays a slightly different title:

```

long row_number, row_key
dwBuffer buffer_type
string message_text, message_title, old_filter

// Get the error message text and set the title
message_text = DBErrorMessage()
message_title = "Database Error Updating Row"

// Get the row in which the error occurred
This.GetUpdateStatus(row_number, buffer_type)

IF buffer_type = Filter! THEN
    old_filter =
This.Describe("DataWindow.Filter")
    row_key = This.GetItemNumber(row_number, &
        "emp_id", Filter!, false)

    This.SetFilter("(" + old_filter + ")" + &
        "OR emp_id = " + String(row_key))
    This.Filter()

    // Error row is now last row in primary buffer
    row_number = This.RowCount()

ELSEIF buffer_type = Delete! THEN
    message_title = "Database Error Deleting Row"

END IF
// Display the location of the error and the error
// message.
MessageBox(message_title + &
    String(row_number), message_text)

IF buffer_type <> Delete! THEN
    // Make the row with the error the current

```

```

row.
    This.ScrollToRow(row_number)
END IF
// Return 1 from the DBError event
// (do not display error message) because we've
// already displayed a message
RETURN 1
    
```

See also

[GetItemStatus](#)

## GetValidate

**Description**

Obtains the validation rule for a column in a DataWindow.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

```

string dwcontrol.GetValidate ( string column )
string dwcontrol.GetValidate ( integer column )
    
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <i>column</i>    | The column for which you want the validation rule. <i>Column</i> can be a column number or a column name. The column number is the number of the column as it is listed in the Column Specification view of the DataWindow painter—not necessarily the number of the column in the Design view. |

**Return value**

Returns the validation rule for *column* in *dwcontrol*. Returns the empty string (“”) if no validation criteria are defined for the column.

If any argument value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage**

You can use [GetValidate](#) to save the current validation rule before calling [SetValidate](#) to change the rule temporarily.

**Examples**

These statements change the validation rule for column 7 in the DataWindow control `dw_Employee` to Rule2:

```
string Rule1, Rule2 = "Long(GetText()) > 15000"
Rule1 = dw_Employee.GetValidate(7)
dw_Employee.SetValidate(7, Rule2)
```

See also

SetValidate

## GetValue

Description

Obtains the value of an item in a value list or code table associated with a column in a DataWindow.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

Syntax

### PowerBuilder

```
string dwcontrol.GetValue ( string column, integer index )
string dwcontrol.GetValue ( integer column, integer index )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                       |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                                              |
| <i>column</i>    | The column for which you want the item. <i>Column</i> can be a column number (integer) or a column name (string). |
| <i>index</i>     | The number of the item in the value list or the code table for the edit style.                                    |

Return value

Returns the item identified by *index* in the value list or the code table associated with *column* of *dwcontrol*. If the item has a display value that is not the actual value, GetValue returns a tab-separated string consisting of:

```
displayvalue[tab]codevalue
```

Returns the empty string (“ ”) if the index is not valid or the column does not have a value list or code table.

If any argument value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

### Usage

You can use `GetValue` to find out the values associated with the following edit styles: `CheckBox`, `RadioButton`, `DropDownListBox`, `Edit Mask`, and `Edit`. If the edit style has a code table in which each value in the list has a display value and a data value, `GetValue` reports both values.

`GetValue` does not get values from a `DropDownDataWindow` code table.

You can parse the return value by searching for the tab character (ASCII 09). In PowerBuilder, search for `~t`.

### Examples

If the value list for column 7 of `dw_employee` contains `Full Time`, `Part Time`, `Retired`, and `Terminated`, these statements return the value of item 3 (`Retired`):

```
string Status
Status = dw_employee.GetValue(7,3)
```

If the value list for the column named `product` of `dw_employee` is `Widget[tab]1`, `Gadget[tab]2`, the following code returns `Gadget[tab]2` and saves the display value in a string variable:

```
string ls_proinfo, ls_prodname, ls_prodnun
integer li_tab

ls_proinfo = dw_employee.GetValue("product", 2)

li_tab = Pos(ls_proinfo, "~t", 1)
ls_prodname = Left(ls_proinfo, li_tab - 1)
ls_prodnun = Mid(ls_proinfo, li_tab + 1)
```

### See also

`ClearValues`  
`SetValue`

## GroupCalc

### Description

Recalculates the breaks in the grouping levels in a `DataWindow`.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                                                                   |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | <code>DataWindow</code> control, <code>DataWindowChild</code> object, <code>DataStore</code> object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
integer dwcontrol.GroupCalc ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                         |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

If *dwcontrol* is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage**

Use **GroupCalc** to force the DataWindow object to recalculate the breaks in the grouping levels after you have added or modified rows in a DataWindow.

**GroupCalc** does not sort the data before it recalculates the breaks. Therefore, unless you populated the DataWindow in a sorted order, call the **Sort** method to sort the data before you call **GroupCalc**.

**Examples**

This code imports new rows from a file into the DataWindow `dw_emp` and then recalculates the group breaks for `dw_emp`:

```
dw_emp.ImportFile("d:\employee.txt")
dw_emp.SetRedraw(false)
dw_emp.SetSort("1A")
dw_emp.Sort()
dw_emp.GroupCalc()
dw_emp.SetRedraw(true)
```

**See also**

**Sort**

## Hide

**Description**

Makes an object or control invisible. Users cannot interact with an invisible object. It does not respond to any events, so the object is also, in effect, disabled.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

Integer *objectname*.**Hide** ()

| Argument          | Description                                                  |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>objectname</i> | The name of the object or control you want to make invisible |

**Return value** Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If *objectname* is null, Hide returns null.

**Usage** Inherited from GraphicObject. For information, see [Hide](#) in the *PowerScript Reference*.

## ImportClipboard

**Description** Inserts data into a DataWindow control or DataStore object from tab-separated, comma-separated, or XML data on the clipboard.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax**

### PowerBuilder

```
long dwcontrol.ImportClipboard ( {saveastype importtype}, { long startrow {, long endrow {, long startcolumn {, long endcolumn {, long dwstartcolumn } } } } )
```

| Argument                                         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                                 | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <i>importtype</i><br>(optional for PowerBuilder) | An enumerated value of the SaveAsType DataWindow constant or a number representing that value (see <a href="#">SaveAsType on page 492</a> ). Valid import type arguments for ImportClipboard are:<br>Text!<br>CSV!<br>XML!<br><br>If you want to generate an XML trace file, the XML! argument is required.                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>startrow</i><br>(optional for PowerBuilder)   | The number of the first detail row in the clipboard that you want to copy. The default is 1.<br><br>For default XML import, if <i>startrow</i> is supplied, the first <i>N</i> ( <i>startrow</i> -1) elements are skipped, where <i>N</i> is the DataWindow row size.<br><br>For template XML import, if <i>startrow</i> is supplied, the first ( <i>startrow</i> -1) occurrences of the repetitive row mapping defined in the template are skipped. |



| Argument                                            | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>endrow</i><br>(optional for PowerBuilder)        | <p>The number of the last detail row in the clipboard that you want to copy. The default is the rest of the rows.</p> <p>For default XML import, if <i>endrow</i> is supplied, import stops when <math>N * \textit{endrow}</math> elements have been imported, where <math>N</math> is the DataWindow row size.</p> <p>For template XML import, if <i>endrow</i> is supplied, import stops after <i>endrow</i> occurrences of the repetitive row mapping defined in the template have been imported.</p> |
| <i>startcolumn</i><br>(optional for PowerBuilder)   | <p>The number of the first column in the clipboard that you want to copy. The default is 1.</p> <p>For default XML import, if <i>startcolumn</i> is supplied, import skips the first (<math>\textit{startcolumn} - 1</math>) elements in each row.</p> <p>This argument has no effect on template XML import.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>endcolumn</i><br>(optional for PowerBuilder)     | <p>The number of the last column in the clipboard that you want to copy. The default is the rest of the columns.</p> <p>For default XML import, if <i>endcolumn</i> is supplied and is smaller than <math>N</math>, where <math>N</math> is the DataWindow row size, import skips the last (<math>N - \textit{endcolumn}</math>) elements in each row.</p> <p>This argument has no effect on template XML import.</p>                                                                                    |
| <i>dwstartcolumn</i><br>(optional for PowerBuilder) | <p>The number of the first column in the DataWindow control or DataStore that should receive data. The default is 1. This argument is supported for default and template XML import.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

**Return value**

Returns the number of rows that were imported if it succeeds and one of the following negative integers if an error occurs:

- 1 No rows or *startrow* value supplied is greater than the number of rows in the string
- 3 Invalid argument
- 4 Invalid input
- 11 XML Parsing Error; XML parser libraries not found or XML not well formed
- 12 XML Template does not exist or does not match the DataWindow
- 13 Unsupported DataWindow style for import
- 14 Error resolving DataWindow nesting

### Usage

The clipboard data must be formatted in tab-separated or comma-separated columns or in XML. The datatypes and order of the DataWindow object's columns must match the data on the clipboard.

If an XML or CSV column contains a leading double quote, it is assumed to be part of the column value. A leading double quote has to be closed to mark the end of an item.

All the arguments of this function are optional. You do not need to specify the *importtype* argument. The *startcolumn* and *endcolumn* arguments control the number of imported columns and the number of columns in the DataWindow that are affected. The *dwstartcolumn* argument specifies the first DataWindow column to be affected. The following formula calculates the last column to be affected.

$$dwstartcolumn + (endcolumn - startcolumn)$$

`ImportClipboard` does not support Crosstab DataWindow objects.

### Examples

This statement copies all data in the clipboard to the DataWindow `dw_employee` starting at the first column:

```
dw_employee.ImportClipboard()
```

This statement copies all data in the clipboard to the DataWindow `dw_employee` starting at the first column and specifies that the data is in XML format:

```
dw_employee.ImportClipboard(XML!)
```

This statement imports rows 1 to 200 of the XML data on the clipboard, ignoring any template mappings before column 5:

```
dw_employee.ImportClipboard(XML!, 1, 200, 0, 0, 5)
```

This statement inserts data from the clipboard into the DataWindow `dw_employee`. It copies rows 2 through 30 and columns 3 through 8 on the clipboard to the DataWindow beginning in column 5. It adds 29 rows to the DataWindow with data in columns 5 through 10:

```
dw_employee.ImportClipboard(2, 30, 3, 8, 5)
```

### See also

`ImportFile`  
`ImportString`

## ImportFile

### Description

Inserts data into a DataWindow control or DataStore from a file. The data can be tab-separated text, comma-separated text, XML, or dBase format 2 or 3.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
long dwcontrol.ImportFile ( {saveastype importtype}, string filename
{, long startrow {, long endrow {, long startcolumn {, long endcolumn
{, long dwstartcolumn } } } } )
```

| Argument                                            | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                                    | A reference to a DataWindow control or DataStore                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>importtype</i><br>(optional for<br>PowerBuilder) | An enumerated value of the SaveAsType DataWindow constant or a number representing that value (see <a href="#">SaveAsType on page 492</a> ). If this argument is specified, the <i>filename</i> argument can be specified without an extension. Valid type arguments for ImportFile are:<br><br>Text!<br>CSV!<br>XML!<br>DBase2!<br>DBase3!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>filename</i>                                     | A string whose value is the name of the file from which you want to copy data. The file must be an ASCII, tab-separated file (TXT) or a comma-separated file (CSV), Extensible Markup Language file (XML), or dBase format 2 or 3 file (DBF). Specify the file's full name. If the optional <i>importtype</i> is not specified, the name must end in the appropriate extension.<br><br>If <i>filename</i> is an empty string, or if it is null, <b>ImportFile</b> displays the File Open dialog box and allows the user to select a file. The remaining arguments are ignored. |

| Argument                                               | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>startrow</i><br>(optional for<br>PowerBuilder)      | <p>The number of the first detail row in the file that you want to copy. The default is 1.</p> <p>For default XML import, if <i>startrow</i> is supplied, the first <i>N</i> (<i>startrow</i> - 1) elements are skipped, where <i>N</i> is the DataWindow row size.</p> <p>For template XML import, if <i>startrow</i> is supplied, the first (<i>startrow</i> - 1) occurrences of the repetitive row mapping defined in the template are skipped.</p>                                |
| <i>endrow</i><br>(optional for<br>PowerBuilder)        | <p>The number of the last detail row in the file that you want to copy. The default is the rest of the rows.</p> <p>For default XML import, if <i>endrow</i> is supplied, import stops when <i>N</i> * <i>endrow</i> elements have been imported, where <i>N</i> is the DataWindow row size.</p> <p>For template XML import, if <i>endrow</i> is supplied, import stops after <i>endrow</i> occurrences of the repetitive row mapping defined in the template have been imported.</p> |
| <i>startcolumn</i><br>(optional for<br>PowerBuilder)   | <p>The number of the first column in the file that you want to copy. The default is 1.</p> <p>For default XML import, if <i>startcolumn</i> is supplied, import skips the first (<i>startcolumn</i> - 1) elements in each row.</p> <p>This argument has no effect on template XML import.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <i>endcolumn</i><br>(optional for<br>PowerBuilder)     | <p>The number of the last column in the file that you want to copy. The default is the rest of the columns.</p> <p>For default XML import, if <i>endcolumn</i> is supplied and is smaller than <i>N</i>, where <i>N</i> is the DataWindow row size, import skips the last (<i>N</i> - <i>endcolumn</i>) elements in each row.</p> <p>This argument has no effect on template XML import.</p>                                                                                          |
| <i>dwstartcolumn</i><br>(optional for<br>PowerBuilder) | <p>The number of the first column in the DataWindow control or DataStore that should receive data. The default is 1. This argument is supported for default and template XML import.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

**Events**

ImportFile may trigger an ItemError event.

**Return value**

Long. Returns the number of rows that were imported if it succeeds and one of the following negative integers if an error occurs:

- 1 No rows or *startrow* value supplied is greater than the number of rows in the file
- 2 Empty file
- 3 Invalid argument

- 4 Invalid input
- 5 Could not open the file
- 6 Could not close the file
- 7 Error reading the text
- 8 Unsupported file name suffix (must be \*.txt, \*.csv, \*.dbf or \*.xml)
- 10 Unsupported dBase file format (not version 2 or 3)
- 11 XML Parsing Error; XML parser libraries not found or XML not well formed
- 12 XML Template does not exist or does not match the DataWindow
- 13 Unsupported DataWindow style for import
- 14 Error resolving DataWindow nesting
- 15 File size exceeds limit

### Usage

The format of the file can be indicated by specifying the optional *importtype* parameter, or by including the appropriate file extension.

The file should consist of rows of data. If the file includes column headings or row labels, set the *startrow* and *startcolumn* arguments to skip them. The datatypes and order of the DataWindow object's columns must match the columns of data in the file.

The *startcolumn* and *endcolumn* arguments control the number of columns imported from the file and the number of columns in the DataWindow that are affected. The *dwstartcolumn* argument specifies the first DataWindow column to be affected. The following formula calculates the last DataWindow to be affected.

$$dwstartcolumn + (endcolumn - startcolumn)$$

To let users select the file to import, specify a null string for *filename*. PowerBuilder displays the Select Import File dialog box. A drop-down list lets the user select the type of file to import.

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### Specifying a null string for filename

If you specify a null string for *filename*, the remaining arguments are ignored. All the rows and columns in the file are imported.

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*Double quotes* The location and number of double quote marks in a field in a tab-separated file affect how they are handled when the file is imported. If a string is enclosed in one pair of double quotes, the quotes are discarded. If it is enclosed in three pairs of double quotes, one pair is retained when the string is imported. If the string is enclosed in two pairs of double quotes, the first pair is considered to enclose a null string, and the rest of the string is discarded.

When there is a double quote at the beginning of a string, any characters after the second double quote are discarded. If there is no second double quote, the tab or comma character delimiting the fields is not recognized as a field separator and all characters up to the next occurrence of a double quote, including a carriage return, are considered to be part of the string. A validation error is generated if the combined strings exceed the length of the first string.

Double quotes after the first character in the string are rendered literally. Here are some examples of how tab-separated strings are imported into a two-column DataWindow:

**Table 9-5: Examples of strings imported into a two-column DataWindow**

| Text in file                     | Result                                           |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| "Joe" TAB "Donaldson"            | Joe Donaldson                                    |
| Bernice TAB """"Ramakrishnan"""" | Bernice "Ramakrishnan"                           |
| ""Mary"" TAB ""Li""              | Empty cells                                      |
| "Mich"ael TAB """"Mariam""""     | Mich "Mariam"                                    |
| "Amy TAB Doherty"                | Amy<TAB>Doherty in first cell, second cell empty |
| 3"""" TAB 4"                     | 3"""" 4"                                         |

If an XML or CSV column contains a leading double quote, it is assumed to be part of the column value. A leading double quote has to be closed to mark the end of an item.

ImportFile does not support Crosstab DataWindow objects.

**Examples**

This statement inserts all the data in the file *D:\TMP\EMPLOYEE.CSV* into dw\_employee starting at the first column:

```
dw_employee.ImportFile("D:\TMP\EMPLOYEE.CSV")
```

This statement inserts all the data in the file *D:\TMP\EMPLOYEE.XML* into dw\_employee starting at the first column:

```
dw_employee.ImportFile(XML!, "D:\TMP\EMPLOYEE")
```

The following statements are equivalent. Both import the contents of the XML file named *myxmldata*:

```
dw_control.ImportFile("myxmldata.xml")
dw_control.ImportFile(XML!, "myxmldata")
```

This statement imports rows 1 to 200 of *employee.xml*, ignoring any template mappings before column 5:

```
dw_employee.ImportFile(XML!, "D:\TMP\EMPLOYEE.XML",
1, 200, 0, 0, 5)
```

This statement inserts the data from the file *D:\TMP\EMPLOYEE.TXT* into the DataWindow *dw\_employee*. It copies rows 2 through 30 and columns 3 through 8 in the file to the DataWindow beginning in column 5. The result is 29 rows added to the DataWindow with data in columns 5 through 10:

```
dw_employee.ImportFile("D:\TMP\EMPLOYEE.TXT", &
2, 30, 3, 8, 5)
```

See also

[ImportClipboard](#)  
[ImportString](#)

## ImportString

Description

Inserts data into a DataWindow control or DataStore from tab-separated, comma-separated, or XML data in a string.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

```
long dwcontrol.ImportString ( {saveastype importtype}, string string
{, long startrow {, long endrow {, long startcolumn {, long endcolumn
{, long dwstartcolumn } } } } )
```

| Argument                                          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                                  | A reference to a DataWindow control or DataStore.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>importtype</i><br>(optional for PowerBuilder)  | <p>An enumerated value of the SaveAsType DataWindow constant or a string or number representing that value (see <a href="#">SaveAsType on page 492</a>). Valid type arguments are:</p> <p>Text!<br/>CSV!<br/>XML!</p> <p>If you want to generate an XML trace file, the XML! argument is required.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <i>string</i>                                     | A string from which you want to copy the data. The string should contain tab-separated or comma-separated columns or XML with one row per line (see Usage).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <i>startrow</i><br>(optional for PowerBuilder)    | <p>The number of the first detail row in the string that you want to copy. The default is 1.</p> <p>For default XML import, if <i>startrow</i> is supplied, the first <i>N</i> (<i>startrow</i> - 1) elements are skipped, where <i>N</i> is the DataWindow row size.</p> <p>For template XML import, if <i>startrow</i> is supplied, the first (<i>startrow</i> - 1) occurrences of the repetitive row mapping defined in the template are skipped.</p>                                |
| <i>endrow</i><br>(optional for PowerBuilder)      | <p>The number of the last detail row in the string that you want to copy. The default is the rest of the rows.</p> <p>For default XML import, if <i>endrow</i> is supplied, import stops when <i>N</i> * <i>endrow</i> elements have been imported, where <i>N</i> is the DataWindow row size.</p> <p>For template XML import, if <i>endrow</i> is supplied, import stops after <i>endrow</i> occurrences of the repetitive row mapping defined in the template have been imported.</p> |
| <i>startcolumn</i><br>(optional for PowerBuilder) | <p>The number of the first column in the string that you want to copy. The default is 1.</p> <p>For default XML import, if <i>startcolumn</i> is supplied, import skips the first (<i>startcolumn</i> - 1) elements in each row.</p> <p>This argument has no effect on template XML import.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <i>endcolumn</i><br>(optional for PowerBuilder)   | <p>The number of the last column in the string that you want to copy. The default is the rest of the columns.</p> <p>For default XML import, if <i>endcolumn</i> is supplied and is smaller than <i>N</i>, where <i>N</i> is the DataWindow row size, import skips the last (<i>N</i> - <i>endcolumn</i>) elements in each row.</p> <p>This argument has no effect on template XML import.</p>                                                                                          |



| Argument                                               | Description                                                                                                                                                                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwstartcolumn</i><br>(optional for<br>PowerBuilder) | The number of the first column in the DataWindow control or DataStore that should receive data. The default is 1. This argument is supported for default and template XML import. |

**Events**

*ImportString* may trigger an *ItemError* event.

**Return value**

Returns the number of rows that were imported if it succeeds and one of the following negative integers if an error occurs:

- 1 No rows or *startrow* value supplied is greater than the number of rows in the string
- 3 Invalid argument
- 4 Invalid input
- 11 XML Parsing Error; XML parser libraries not found or XML not well formed
- 12 XML Template does not exist or does not match the DataWindow
- 13 Unsupported DataWindow style for import
- 14 Error resolving DataWindow nesting

**Usage**

All the arguments of this function except *string* are optional. You do not need to specify the *importtype* argument.

The string must be formatted in tab-separated or comma-separated columns or in XML. For TXT and CSV files, the format of the string is the same as if the data came from an ASCII file, and each line must end with a carriage return and a newline character (~r~n). If the string has four tab-separated columns, one line might look like for a tab-separated string:

```
col1_data~t col2_data~t col3_data~t col4_data~r~n
```

For a DataWindow control or DataStore, the string should consist of rows of data. If the data includes column headings or row labels, set the *startrow* and *startcolumn* arguments to skip them. The datatypes and order of the DataWindow object's columns must match the columns of data in the string.

The *startcolumn* and *endcolumn* arguments control the number of columns imported from the string and the number of columns in the DataWindow that are affected. The *dwstartcolumn* argument specifies the first DataWindow column to be affected. The following formula calculates the last DataWindow to be affected.

*dwstartcolumn + ( endcolumn - startcolumn )*

If string data to be assigned to a single row and column has multiple lines (indicated by line-ending characters in the import string), you must quote the string data using ~". Do not use single quotes.

This example of a valid tab-separated import string assigns multiline values to each row in column 2:

```
ls_s = &
    "1~t~"Mickey~r~nMinnie~r~nGoofy~" ~r~n" + &
    "2~t~"Susan~r~nMary~r~nMarie~" ~r~n" + &
    "3~t~"Chris~r~nBen~r~nMike~" ~r~n" + &
    "4~t~"Mott~r~nBarber~r~nPicard~" "
```

If an XML or CSV column contains a leading double quote, it is assumed to be part of the column value. A leading double quote has to be closed to mark the end of an item.

ImportString does not support Crosstab DataWindow objects.

## Examples

These statements copy all data in the string ls\_Emp\_Data to the DataWindow control dw\_employee starting at the first column:

```
string ls_Emp_Data
ls_Emp_Data = . . .
dw_employee.ImportString(ls_Emp_Data)
```

This statement stores data in the string ls\_Text and imports it into the DataWindow dw\_employee. The DataWindow is a report of department 100 and start and end dates of personnel. The string includes the department number and other information, which is not imported. ImportString imports rows 2 through 10 and columns 2 through 5 in the string to the DataWindow beginning in column 2. The result is 9 rows added to the DataWindow with data in columns 5 through 8:

```
string ls_text

ls_text = "Dept~tLName~tFName~tStart" &
    + "~tEnd~tAmount~tOutcome ~r~n"
ls_text = ls_text + &
    "100~tJones~tMary~tApr88~tJul94~t40~tG~r~n"
ls_text = ls_text + &

"100~tMarsh~tMarsha~tApr89~tJan92~t35~tG~r~n"
ls_text = ls_text + &
    "100~tJames~tHarry~tAug88~tMar93~t22~tM~r~n"
...
ls_text = ls_text + &
```

```
"100~tWorth~tFrank~tSep87~tJun94~t55~tE~r~n"
```

```
dw_employee.ImportString(ls_text, 2, 10, 2, 5, 5)
```

This statement imports rows 1 to 200 of the data in the XML string `ls_emp`, ignoring any template mappings before column 5:

```
dw_employee.ImportString(ls_emp, 1, 200, 0, 0, 5)
```

See also

[ImportClipboard](#)  
[ImportFile](#)

## InsertDocument

Description

Inserts a rich text format or plain text file into a DataWindow control or DataStore object.

The new content is added in one of two ways:

- The new content can be inserted at the insertion point.
- The new content can replace all existing content.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                    |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataStore object |

Syntax

### PowerBuilder

```
integer dwcontrol.InsertDocument ( string filename, boolean  

clearflag, FileType filetype)
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control or DataStore object. The DataWindow object in the DataWindow control or DataStore must be a RichTextEdit DataWindow.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <i>filename</i>  | A string whose value is the name of the file you want to display in the RichTextEdit control. <i>Filename</i> can include the file's path.                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>clearflag</i> | A boolean value specifying whether the new file will replace the current contents of the control. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – Replace the current contents with the file.</li> <li>• <b>false</b> – Insert the file into the existing contents at the insertion point.</li> </ul> |

| Argument        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>filetype</i> | A value of the FileType enumerated datatype specifying the type of file being opened. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FileTypeRichText! – (Default) The file being opened is in rich text format (RTF).</li><li>• FileTypeText! – The file being opened is plain ASCII text (TXT).</li><li>• FileTypeHTML! – The file being opened is in HTML format (HTM or HTML)</li><li>• FileTypeDoc! – The file being opened is in Microsoft Word format (DOC)</li></ul> |

**Return value** Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, *InsertDocument* returns null.

**Usage** When the control supports headers and footer (the HeaderFooter property is set to *true*), inserting a document can replace, but not add to, existing header and footer text. You must set *clearflag* to *true* to replace the existing header and footer text with header and footer text from the inserted document.

Not all RTF formatting is supported. PowerBuilder supports version 1.6 of the RTF standard, except for the following:

- No support for formatted tables
- No drawing controls

Any unsupported formatting is ignored.

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### PowerBuilder environment

For use with other PowerBuilder RichTextEdit controls, see *InsertDocument* in the *PowerScript Reference*.

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**Examples** This example inserts a document into a RichTextEdit DataWindow:

```
integer rtn
rtn = dw_1.InsertDocument("c:\pb\test.rtf", &
    false, FileTypeRichText!)
```

**See also** DataSource in the *PowerScript Reference*  
InputFieldInsert in the *PowerScript Reference*  
InsertPicture in the *PowerScript Reference*

## InsertRow

### Description

Inserts a row in a DataWindow or DataStore. If any columns have default values, the row is initialized with these values before it is displayed.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

`long dwcontrol.InsertRow ( long row )`

| Argument         | Description                                                                                               |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                                      |
| <i>row</i>       | A value identifying the row before which you want to insert a row. To insert a row at the end, specify 0. |

### Return value

Returns the number of the row that was added if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null. If there is no DataWindow object assigned to the DataWindow control or DataStore, this method returns -1.

### Usage

`InsertRow` simply inserts the row without changing the display or the current row. To scroll to the row and make it the current row, call `ScrollToRow`. To simply make it the current row, call `SetRow`.

A newly inserted row (with a status flag of New!) is not included in the modified count until data is entered in the row (its status flag becomes NewModified!).

### Examples

This statement inserts an initialized row before row 7 in `dw_Employee`:

```
dw_Employee.InsertRow(7)
```

This example inserts an initialized row after the last row in `dw_employee`, then scrolls to the row, which makes it current:

```
long ll_newrow
ll_newrow = dw_employee.InsertRow(0)
dw_employee.ScrollToRow(ll_newrow)
```

### See also

`DeleteRow`  
`Update`

## IsExpanded

### Description

Performs a test to see whether a group in a TreeView DataWindow with the specified TreeView level is expanded, and whether the group includes the specified row.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

Boolean *dw\_control*.IsExpanded(long *row*, long *groupLevel*)

| Argument          | Description                                        |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dw_control</i> | A reference to a TreeView-style DataWindow control |
| <i>row</i>        | The number of the row that belongs to the group    |
| <i>groupLevel</i> | The TreeView level of the group                    |

### Return value

Returns **true** if the group is expanded and **false** if the group is not expanded. **IsExpanded** also returns **false** if the DataWindow is not a TreeView DataWindow or the *row* or *groupLevel* is invalid.

### Usage

A TreeView DataWindow has several TreeView level bands (groups) that can be expanded and collapsed. You can use the **IsExpanded** method to test whether or not a group in a TreeView DataWindow is expanded.

### Examples

The following example performs a test to determine whether the group that contains row 3 at TreeView level 2 is expanded:

```
boolean lb_expanded
lb_expanded = dw_treeview.IsExpanded(3,2)
```

### See also

Expand  
ExpandAll  
ExpandAllChildren  
ExpandLevel

## IsRowSelected

### Description

Determines whether a row is selected in a DataWindow. A selected row is highlighted using reverse video.

**Obsolete method**

`IsRowSelected` is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Web             | Client control    |

**Syntax****Web DataWindow client control**

boolean `dwcontrol.IsSelected` ( number `row` )

| Argument               | Description                                                           |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>dwcontrol</code> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow   |
| <code>row</code>       | A value identifying the row you want to test to see if it is selected |

**Return value**

Returns `true` if `row` in `dwcontrol` is selected and `false` if it is not selected. If `row` is greater than the number of rows in `dwcontrol` or is 0 or negative, `IsRowSelected` also returns `false`.

**Usage**

You can call `IsRowSelected` in a script for the Clicked event to determine whether the row the user clicked was selected. With `IsRowSelected` and `SelectRow`, you can highlight a row on the client without causing a postback.

**Examples**

This code calls `IsRowSelected` to test whether the clicked row is selected. If the row is selected, `SelectRow` deselects it; if it is not selected, `SelectRow` selects it:

```
if (rowNumber > 0)
{
    if (dw_1.IsRowSelected(rowNumber))
        dw_1.SelectRow(rowNumber, false);
    else
        dw_1.SelectRow(rowNumber, true);
}
```

**See also**

`SelectRow`

## IsSelected

### Description

Determines whether a row is selected in a DataWindow or DataStore. A selected row is highlighted using reverse video.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

boolean *dwcontrol*.IsSelected ( long *row* )

| Argument         | Description                                                           |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow   |
| <i>row</i>       | A value identifying the row you want to test to see if it is selected |

### Return value

Returns **true** if *row* in *dwcontrol* is selected and false if it is not selected. If *row* is greater than the number of rows in *dwcontrol* or is 0 or negative, **IsSelected** also returns **false**.

If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

### Usage

You can call **IsSelected** in a script for the Clicked event to determine whether the row the user clicked was selected.

### Examples

This code calls **IsSelected** to test whether the current row in *dw\_employee* is selected. If the row is selected, **SelectRow** deselects it; if it is not selected, **SelectRow** selects it:

```

long CurRow
boolean result

CurRow = dw_employee.GetRow()
result = dw_employee.IsSelected(CurRow)

IF result THEN
    dw_employee.SelectRow(CurRow, false)
ELSE
    dw_employee.SelectRow(CurRow, true)
END IF

```

This code uses the NOT operator on the return value of **IsSelected** to accomplish the same result as the **IF/THEN/ELSE** statement above:

```

integer CurRow

```



```

boolean result
CurRow = dw_employee.GetRow()
dw_employee.SelectRow(CurRow, &
    NOT dw_employee.IsSelected(CurRow))

```

See also

[SelectRow](#)

## LineCount

**Description**

Determines the number of lines in an edit control that allows multiple lines.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
long dwcontrol.LineCount ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                         |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control |

**Return value**

Returns the number of lines in *dwcontrol* if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If *dwcontrol* is null, [LineCount](#) returns null.

**Usage**

[LineCount](#) counts each visible line, whether it was the result of wrapping or carriage returns.

When you call [LineCount](#) for a DataWindow, it reports the number of lines in the edit control over the current row and column. A user can enter multiple lines in a DataWindow column only if it has a text datatype and its box is large enough to display those lines.

The size of the column's box determines the number of lines allowed in the column. When the user is typing, lines do not wrap automatically; the user must press Enter to type additional lines.

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**PowerBuilder environment**

For use with other PowerBuilder controls, see [LineCount](#) in the *PowerScript Reference*.

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**Examples**

If the MultiLineEdit mle\_Instructions has 9 lines, this example sets li\_Count to 9:

```
integer li_Count
li_Count = mle_Instructions.LineCount()
```

These statements display a MessageBox if fewer than two lines have been entered in the MultiLineEdit mle\_Address:

```
integer li_Lines
li_Lines = mle_Address.LineCount()
IF li_Lines < 2 THEN
    MessageBox("Warning", "2 lines are
required.")
END IF
```

## ModifiedCount

**Description**

Reports the number of rows that have been modified but not updated in a DataWindow or DataStore.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

```
long dwcontrol.ModifiedCount ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                         |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow |

**Return value**

Returns the number of rows that have been modified in the primary buffer. Returns 0 if no rows have been modified or if all modified rows have been updated in the database table. Returns -1 if an error occurs.

If *dwcontrol* is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage**

**ModifiedCount** reports the number of rows that are scheduled to be added or updated in the database table associated with a DataWindow or DataStore. This includes rows in the primary and filter buffers.

A newly inserted row (with a status flag of `New!`) is not included in the modified count until data is entered in the row (its status flag becomes `NewModified!`).

The `DeletedCount` method counts the number of rows in the deleted buffer. The `RowCount` method counts the total number of rows in the primary buffer.

### Examples

If five rows in `dw_Employee` have been modified but not updated in the associated database table or filtered out of the primary buffer, the following code sets `ll_Rows` equal to 5:

```
long ll_Rows
ll_Rows = dw_Employee.ModifiedCount()
```

If any rows in `dw_Employee` have been modified but not updated in the associated database table, this statement updates the database table associated with the `dw_employee` DataWindow control:

```
IF dw_employee.ModifiedCount() > 0 THEN &
    dw_employee.Update()
```

### See also

`DeleteRow`  
`DeletedCount`  
`FilteredCount`  
`Retrieve`  
`RowCount`  
`Update`

## Modify

### Description

Modifies a DataWindow object by applying specifications, given as a list of instructions, that change the DataWindow object's definition.

You can change appearance, behavior, and database information for the DataWindow object by changing the values of properties. You can add and remove controls from the DataWindow object by providing specifications for the controls.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

string *dwcontrol*.**Modify** ( string *modstring* )

| Argument         | Description                                                                                         |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                                |
| <i>modstring</i> | A string whose value is the specifications for the modification. See Usage for appropriate formats. |

Return value

Returns the empty string (“”) if it succeeds and an error message if an error occurs. The error message takes the form "Line *n* Column *n* incorrect syntax". The character columns are counted from the beginning of the compiled text of *modstring*.

If any argument’s value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

Usage

**Modify** lets you make many of the same settings in a script that you would make in the DataWindow painter. Typical uses for **Modify** are:

- Changing colors, text settings, and other appearance settings of controls
- Changing the update status of different tables in the DataWindow so that you can update more than one table
- Modifying the **WHERE** clause of the DataWindow object’s **SQL SELECT** statement
- Turning on Query mode or Prompt For Criteria so users can specify the data they want
- Changing the status of Retrieve Only As Needed
- Changing the data source of the DataWindow object
- Controlling the Print Preview display
- Deleting and adding controls (such as lines or bitmaps) in the DataWindow object

Each of these uses is illustrated in the Examples for this method.

You can use three types of statements in *modstring* to modify a DataWindow object.

| Statement type                            | What it does                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CREATE <i>control</i> ( <i>settings</i> ) | Adds <i>control</i> to the DataWindow object (such as text, computed fields, and bitmaps). <i>Settings</i> is a list of properties and values using the format you see in exported DataWindow syntax. To create a control, you must supply enough information to define it.<br><br><i>Control</i> cannot be an OLE Object control. You cannot add an OLE object to a DataWindow using the <i>Modify</i> method.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| DESTROY [COLUMN]<br><i>control</i>        | Removes <i>control</i> from the DataWindow object. When <i>control</i> is a column, specify the keyword COLUMN to remove both the column and the column's data from the buffer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>controlname.property=value</i>         | Changes the value of <i>property</i> to <i>value</i> . Properties control the location, color, size, font, and other settings for <i>controlname</i> . When <i>controlname</i> is DataWindow, you can also set properties for database access.<br><br>Depending on the specific property, <i>value</i> can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A constant.</li> <li>• A quoted constant.</li> <li>• An expression that consists of a default value followed by a valid DataWindow expression that returns the appropriate datatype for the property. Expressions are described below.</li> </ul> |

**Object names** The DataWindow painter automatically gives names to all controls. In previous versions, it named only columns and column labels, and to describe and modify properties of other controls easily, you had to name them.

**Expressions for Modify** When you specify an expression for a DataWindow property, the expression has the format:

*defaultvalue~tDataWindowpainterexpression*

*Defaultvalue* is a value that can be converted to the appropriate datatype for the property. It is followed by a tab (~t).

*DataWindowpainterexpression* is an expression that can use any DataWindow painter function. The expression must also evaluate to the appropriate datatype for the property. When you are setting a column's property, the expression is evaluated for each row in the DataWindow, which allows you to vary the display based on the data.

A typical expression uses the If function:

```
'16777215 ~t If(emp_status=~~'A~~',255,16777215)'
```

To use that expression in a modstring, specify the following (entered as a single line):

```
modstring = "emp_id.Color='16777215 ~t  
If(emp_status=~~'A~~',255,16777215)'"
```

Not all properties accept expressions. For details on each property, see [Chapter 3, DataWindow Object Properties](#).

**Quotes and tildes** Because *Modify*'s argument is a string, which can include other strings, you need to use special syntax to specify quotation marks. To specify that a quotation mark be used within the string rather than match and end a previously opened quote, you can either specify the other style of quote (single quotes nested with double quotes) or precede the quotation mark with a tilde (~).

For another level of nesting, the string itself must specify ~", so you must include ~~ (which specifies a tilde) followed by ~" (which specifies a quote). For example, another way to type the modstring shown above (entered as a single line) is:

```
modstring = "emp_id.Color=~"16777215 ~t  
If(emp_status=~~"A~~~",255,16777215)~"
```

For more information about quotes and tildes, see the section on standard datatypes in the *PowerScript Reference*.

**Building a modstring with variables** To use variable data in *modstring*, you can build the string using variables in your program. As you concatenate sections of *modstring*, make sure quotes are included in the string where necessary. For example, the following code builds a modstring similar to the one above, but the default color value and the two color values in the If function are calculated in the script. Notice how the single quotes around the expression are included in the first and last pieces of the string:

```
red_amount = Integer(sle_1.Text)  
modstring = "emp_id.Color='" + &  
String(RGB(red_amount, 255, 255)) + &
```

```
"~tIf(emp_status=~'A~'," + &  
String(RGB(255, 0, 0)) + &  
", " + &  
String(RGB(red_amount, 255, 255)) + &  
")'"
```

The following is a simpler example without the If function. You do not need quotes around the value if you are not specifying an expression. Here the `String` and `RGB` functions produce a constant value in the resulting `modstring`:

```
modstring = "emp_id.Color=" + &  
String(RGB(red_amount, 255, 255))
```

You can set several properties with a single call to `Modify` by including each property setting in `modstring` separated by spaces. For example, assume the following is entered on a single line in the script editor:

```
rtn = dw_1.Modify("emp_id.Font.Italic=0  
oval_1.Background.Mode=0  
oval_1.Background.Color=255")
```

However, it is easier to understand and debug a script in which each call to `Modify` sets one property.

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### Debugging tip

If you build your `modstring` and store it in a variable that is the argument for `Modify`, you can look at the value of the variable in Debug mode. When `Modify`'s error message reports a column number, you can count the characters as you look at the compiled `modstring`.

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### Modifying a WHERE clause

For efficiency, use `Modify` instead of `SetSQLSelect` to modify a `WHERE` clause. `Modify` is faster because it does not verify the syntax and does not change the update status of the DataWindow object. However, `Modify` is more susceptible to user error. `SetSQLSelect` modifies the syntax twice (when the syntax is modified and when the retrieve executes) and affects the update status of the DataWindow object.

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PowerBuilder already includes many functions for modifying a DataWindow. Before using `Modify`, check the list of DataWindow functions in *Objects and Controls* to see if a function exists for making the change. Many of these functions are listed in the See also section.

**Modify** is for modifying the properties of a DataWindow *object* and its internal controls. You can set properties of the DataWindow *control* that contains the object using standard dot notation. For example, to put a border on the control, specify:

```
dw_1.Border = true
```

## Examples

These examples illustrate the typical uses listed in the Usage section. The examples use PowerScript. For a discussion of **Modify** and nested quotation marks in JavaScript, see [Chapter 5, Accessing DataWindow Object Properties in Code](#).

**Changing colors** The effect of setting the Color property depends on the control you are modifying. To set the background color of the whole DataWindow object, use the following syntax:

```
dwcontrolname.Modify ( "DataWindow.Color='long'" )
```

To set the text color of a column or a text control, use similar syntax:

```
dwcontrolname.Modify ( "controlname.Color='long'" )
```

To set the background color of a column or other control, use the following syntax to set the mode and color. Make sure the mode is opaque:

```
dwcontrolname.Modify ( "controlname.Background.Mode= &  
'<0 - Opaque, 1 - Transparent>'")
```

```
dwcontrolname.Modify ( "controlname.Background.Color='long'" )
```

The following examples use the syntaxes shown above to set the colors of various parts of the DataWindow object.

This statement changes the background color of the DataWindow `dw_cust` to red:

```
dw_cust.Modify("DataWindow.Color = 255")
```

This statement causes the DataWindow `dw_cust` to display the text of values in the salary column in red if they exceed 90,000 and in green if they do not:

```
dw_cust.Modify ( &  
  
"salary.Color='0~tIf(salary>90000,255,65280)'" )
```

This statement nests one If function within another to provide three possible colors. The setting causes the DataWindow `dw_cust` to display the department ID in green if the ID is 200, in red if it is 100, and in black if it is neither:

```
dw_cust.Modify("dept_id.Color='0~t " &
```



```
+
  "If(dept_id=200,65380,If(dept_id=100,255,0))'")
```

The following example uses a complex expression with nested If functions to set the background color of the salary column according to the salary values. Each portion of the concatenated string is shown on a separate line. See the pseudocode in the comments for an explanation of what the nested If functions do. The example also sets the background mode to opaque so that the color settings are visible.

The example includes error checking, which displays **Modify**'s error message, if any:

```
string mod_string, err
long color1, color2, color3, default_color

err = dw_emp.Modify("salary.Background.Mode=0")
IF err <> "" THEN
    MessageBox("Status", &
        "Change to Background Mode Failed " + err)
    RETURN
END IF

/* Pseudocode for mod_string:
If salary less than 10000, set the background to red.
If salary greater than or equal to 10000 but less
than 20000, set the background to blue.
If salary greater than or equal to 20000 but less
than 30000, set the background color to green.
Otherwise, set the background color to white, which
is also the default. */
color1 = 255 //red
color2 = 16711680 //blue
color3 = 65280 //green
default_color = 16777215//white

mod_string = &
    "salary.Background.Color = '" &
    + String(default_color) &
    + "~tIf(salary < 10000," &
    + String(color1) &
    + ",If(salary < 20000," &
    + String(color2) &
    + ",If(salary < 30000," &
    + String(color3) &
    + "," &
    + String(default_color) &
```

```

        + ")))'"

err = dw_emp.Modify(mod_string)
IF err <> "" THEN
    MessageBox("Status", &
        "Change to Background Color Failed " +
err)
    RETURN
END IF

```

This example sets the text color of a RadioButton column to the value of color1 (red) if the column's value is Y; otherwise, the text is set to black. As above, each portion of the concatenated string is shown on a separate line:

```

integer color1, default_color
string mod_string, err

color1 = 255 //red
default_color = 0 //black

mod_string = "yes_or_no.Color =" &
    + String(default_color) &
    + "~tif(yes_or_no=~'Y~'," &
    + String(color1) &
    + "," &
    + String(default_color) &
    + ")'"
err = dw_emp.Modify(mod_string)
IF err <> "" THEN
    MessageBox("Status", &
        "Modify to Text Color " &
        + "of yes_or_no Failed " + err)
    RETURN
END IF

```

**Changing displayed text** To set the text of a text control, the next two examples use this syntax:

```
dwcontrolname.Modify ("textcontrolname.Text='string' ")
```

This statement changes the text in the text control Dept\_t in the DataWindow dw\_cust to Dept:

```
dw_cust.Modify ("Dept_t.Text='Dept' ")
```

This statement sets the displayed text of dept\_t in the DataWindow dw\_cust to Marketing if the department ID is greater than 201; otherwise it sets the text to Finance:

```
dw_cust.Modify("dept_t.Text='none~t " + &
    "If(dept_id >
201,~'Marketing~,~'Finance~')'")
```

**Updating more than one table** An important use of **Modify** is to make it possible to update more than one table from one DataWindow object. The following script updates the table that was specified as updatable in the DataWindow painter; then it uses **Modify** to make the other joined table updatable and to specify the key column and which columns to update. This technique eliminates the need to create multiple DataWindow objects or to use embedded **SQL** statements to update more than one table.

In this example, the DataWindow object joins two tables: department and employee. First department is updated, with status flags not reset. Then employee is made updatable and is updated. If all succeeds, the **Update** command resets the flags and **COMMIT** commits the changes. Note that to make the script repeatable in the user's session, you must add code to make department the updatable table again:

```
integer rc
string err

/* The SELECT statement for the DataWindow is:
SELECT department.dept_id, department.dept_name,
employee.emp_id, employee.emp_fname,
employee.emp_lname FROM department, employee ;
*/

// Update department, as set up in the DW painter
rc = dw_1.Update(true, false)

IF rc = 1 THEN
    //Turn off update for department columns.
    dw_1.Modify("department_dept_name.Update =
No")
    dw_1.Modify("department_dept_id.Update =
No")
    dw_1.Modify("department_dept_id.Key = No")

    // Make employee table updatable.
    dw_1.Modify( &
        "DataWindow.Table.UpdateTable =
~"employee~")

    //Turn on update for desired employee
columns.
    dw_1.Modify("employee_emp_id.Update = Yes")
```

```

        dw_1.Modify("employee_emp_fname.Update =
Yes")
        dw_1.Modify("employee_emp_lname.Update =
Yes")
        dw_1.Modify("employee_emp_id.Key = Yes")

//Then update the employee table.
rc = dw_1.Update()
IF rc = 1 THEN
    COMMIT USING SQLCA;
ELSE
    ROLLBACK USING SQLCA;
    MessageBox("Status", &
        + "Update of employee table failed. " &
        + "Rolling back all changes.")
    END IF
ELSE
    ROLLBACK USING SQLCA;
    MessageBox("Status", &
        + "Update of department table failed. " &
        + "Rolling back changes to department.")
    END IF

```

**Adding a WHERE clause** The following scripts dynamically add a **WHERE** clause to a DataWindow object that was created with a **SELECT** statement that did not include a **WHERE** clause. (Since this example appends a **WHERE** clause to the original **SELECT** statement, additional code would be needed to remove a where clause from the original **SELECT** statement if it had one.) This technique is useful when the arguments in the **WHERE** clause might change at execution time.

The original **SELECT** statement might be:

```

SELECT employee.emp_id, employee.l_name
FROM employee

```

Presumably, the application builds a **WHERE** clause based on the user's choices. The **WHERE** clause might be:

```

WHERE emp_id > 40000

```

The script for the window's Open event stores the original **SELECT** statement in `original_select`, an instance variable:

```

dw_emp.SetTransObject(SQLCA)
original_select = &
    dw_emp.Describe("DataWindow.Table.Select")

```

The script for a CommandButton's Clicked event attaches a **WHERE** clause stored in the instance variable `where_clause` to `original_select` and assigns it to the DataWindow's `Table.Select` property:

```
string rc, mod_string

mod_string = "DataWindow.Table.Select='" &
             + original_select + where_clause + "'"

rc = dw_emp.Modify(mod_string)
IF rc = "" THEN
    dw_emp.Retrieve( )
ELSE
    MessageBox("Status", "Modify Failed" + rc)
END IF
```

---

### Quotes inserted in the DataWindow painter

For SQL Anywhere and Oracle, the DataWindow painter puts double quotes around the table and column name (for example, `SELECT "EMPLOYEE"."EMP_LNAME"`). Unless you have removed the quotes, the sample **WHERE** clause must also use these quotes. For example:

```
where_clause = &
             " where ~~~\"EMPLOYEE~~~\".~~~\"SALARY~~~\" >
             40000"
```

---

**Query mode** Query mode provides an alternate view of a DataWindow in which the user specifies conditions for selecting data. PowerBuilder builds the **WHERE** clause based on the specifications. When the user exits query mode, you can retrieve data based on the modified **SELECT** statement.

In this example, a window that displays a DataWindow control has a menu that includes a selection called Select Data. When the user chooses it, its script displays the DataWindow control in query mode and checks the menu item. When the user chooses it again, the script turns query mode off and retrieves data based on the new **WHERE** clause specified by the user through query mode. The script also makes a CheckBox labeled Sort data visible, which turns query sort mode on and off.

The script for the Select Data menu item is:

```
string rtn

IF m_selectdata.Checked = false THEN
    // Turn on query mode so user can specify data
```

```

        rtn =
dw_1.Modify("DataWindow.QueryMode=YES")

        IF rtn = "" THEN
            // If Modify succeeds, check menu to show
            // Query mode is on and display sort
CheckBox
            This.Check()
            ParentWindow.cbx_sort.Show()
        ELSE
            MessageBox("Error", &
                "Can't access query mode to select
data.")
        END IF
    ELSE
        // Turn off Query mode and retrieve data
        // based on user's choices
        rtn = dw_1.Modify("DataWindow.QueryMode=NO")

        IF rtn = "" THEN
            // If Modify succeeds, uncheck menu to
show
            // Query mode is off, hide the sort
            // CheckBox, and retrieve data
            This.UnCheck()
            ParentWindow.cbx_sort.Hide()
            dw_1.AcceptText()
            dw_1.Retrieve()
        ELSE
            MessageBox("Error", &
                "Failure exiting query mode.")
        END IF
    END IF
END IF

```

A simple version of the script for Clicked event of the Sort data CheckBox follows. You could add code as shown in the Menu script above to check whether **Modify** succeeded:

```

IF This.Checked = true THEN
    dw_1.Modify("DataWindow.QuerySort=YES")
ELSE
    dw_1.Modify("DataWindow.QuerySort=NO")
END IF

```

For details on how you or the user specifies information in query mode, see the *PowerBuilder Users Guide*.

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### DataWindow presentation styles

You cannot use `QueryMode` and `QuerySort` with DataWindow objects that use any of the following presentation styles: N-Up, Label, Crosstab, RichText, and Graph.

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*Prompt for criteria* is another way of letting the user specify retrieval criteria. You set it on a column-by-column basis. When a script retrieves data, PowerBuilder displays the Specify Retrieval Criteria window, which gives the user a chance to specify criteria for all columns that have been set.

In a script that is run before you retrieve data, for example, in the Open event of the window that displays the DataWindow control, the following settings would make the columns `emp_name`, `emp_salary`, and `dept_id` available in the Specify Retrieval Criteria dialog when the `Retrieve` method is called:

```
dw_1.Modify("emp_name.Criteria.Dialog=YES")
dw_1.Modify("emp_salary.Criteria.Dialog=YES")
dw_1.Modify("dept_id.Criteria.Dialog=YES")
```

There are other Criteria properties that affect both query mode and prompt for criteria. For details, see the Criteria DataWindow object property in [Chapter 3, DataWindow Object Properties](#).

**Retrieve as needed** In this example, the DataWindow object has been set up with Retrieve Only As Needed selected. When this is on, PowerBuilder retrieves enough rows to fill the DataWindow, displays them quickly, then waits for the user to try to display additional rows before retrieving more rows. If you want the fast initial display but do not want to leave the cursor open on the server, you can turn off Retrieve Only As Needed with `Modify`.

After you have determined that enough rows have been retrieved, the following code in the RetrieveRow event script changes the `Retrieve.AsNeeded` property, which forces the rest of the rows to be retrieved:

```
dw_1.Modify("DataWindow.Retrieve.AsNeeded=NO")
```

**Changing the data source** This example changes the data source of a DataWindow object from a `SQL SELECT` statement to a stored procedure. This technique works *only* if the result set does not change (that is, the number, type, and order of columns is the same for both sources).

When you define the DataWindow object, you must define all possible DataWindow retrieval arguments. In this example, the **SELECT** statement defined in the painter has three arguments, one of type string, one of type number, and one of type date. The stored procedure has two arguments, both of type string. So, in the painter, you need to define four DataWindow arguments, two of type string, one of type number, and one of type date. (Note that you do not have to use all the arguments you define.)

```
string rc, mod_string, name_str = "Watson"
integer dept_num = 100

// Remove the DataWindow's SELECT statement
Dw_1.Modify("DataWindow.Table.Select = ''")

// Set the Procedure property to your procedure
mod_string = "DataWindow.Table.Procedure = &
'1 execute dbo.emp_arg2;1 @dept_id_arg &
= :num_arg1, @lname_arg = :str_arg1'"
rc = dw_1.Modify(mod_string)

// If change is accepted, retrieve data
IF rc = "" THEN
    dw_1.Retrieve(dept_num, name_str)
ELSE
    MessageBox("Status", &
        "Change to DW Source Failed " + rc)
END IF
```

---

### Replacing a DropDownDataWindow object

Suppose you use **Modify** to replace one DropDownDataWindow object with another; for example:

```
dw_parent.Modify(dept_id.dddw.name= &
    d_dddw_empsal_by_dept )
```

PowerBuilder compares the two DataWindow objects and reuses the original result set if the number of columns and their datatypes match. The display and data value column names must exist in the data object **SQL** statements for both objects. If there are any differences, PowerBuilder will re-retrieve the data.

---

**Deleting and adding controls in the DataWindow object** This statement deletes a bitmap control called logo from the DataWindow dw\_cust:



```
dw_cust.Modify("destroy logo")
```

This statement deletes the column named salary from the DataWindow dw\_cust. Note that this example includes the keyword column, so the column in the DataWindow and the data are both deleted:

```
dw_cust.Modify("destroy column salary")
```

This example adds a rectangle named rect1 to the header area of the DataWindow dw\_cust (with the value of modstring entered as a single line):

```
string modstring

modstring = 'create rectangle(Band=background
X="206" Y="6" height="69" width="1363"
brush.hatch="6" brush.color="12632256"
pen.style="0" pen.width="14" pen.color="268435584"
background.mode="2" background.color="-1879048064"
name=rect1 )'

dw_cust.Modify(modstring)
```

These statements add a bitmap named logo to the header area for grouping level 1 in the DataWindow dw\_cust (with the value of modstring entered as a single line):

```
string modstring

modstring = 'create bitmap(band=footer x="37" y="12"
height="101" width="1509"
filename="C:\PB\BEACH.BMP" border="0" name=bmp1 )'

dw_cust.Modify(modstring)
```

---

### **Syntax for creating controls**

To create a control, you must provide DataWindow syntax. The easiest way to get correct syntax for all the necessary properties is to paint the control in the DataWindow painter and export the syntax to a file. Then you make any desired changes and put the syntax in your script, as shown above. This is the only way to get accurate syntax for complex controls like graphs.

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See also

[Describe](#)  
[Reset](#)  
[SetBorderStyle](#)  
[SetDataStyle](#)

[SetFilter](#)  
[SetFormat](#)  
[SetPosition](#)  
[SetRowFocusIndicator](#)  
[SetSeriesStyle](#)  
[SetSQLPreview](#)  
[SetSQLSelect](#)  
[SetTabOrder](#)  
[SetValidate](#)

## Move

### Description

Moves a control or object to another position relative to its parent window, or for some window objects, relative to the screen.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

integer *objectname*.Move ( integer *x*, integer *y* )

| Argument          | Description                                                |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>objectname</i> | A reference to an object or control you want to move       |
| <i>x</i>          | The x coordinate of the new location in PowerBuilder units |
| <i>y</i>          | The y coordinate of the new location in PowerBuilder units |

### Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs or if *objectname* is a maximized window.

If any argument's value is null, **Move** returns null.

### Usage

Inherited from system window object. For information, see **Move** in the *PowerScript Reference*.

## OLEActivate

### Description

Activates Object Linking and Embedding (OLE) for the specified object and sends the specified command verb to the OLE server application.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
integer dwcontrol.OLEActivate ( long row, integer column, integer verb )
integer dwcontrol.OLEActivate ( long row, string column, integer verb )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                         |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control or child DataWindow.                                                            |
| <i>row</i>       | A long identifying the row location of the Database Blob control in the DataWindow object.                          |
| <i>column</i>    | The column location of the Database Blob. <i>Column</i> can be a column number (integer) or a column name (string). |
| <i>verb</i>      | Usually 0, but the verb is dependent on the OLE server.                                                             |

### Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, `OLEActivate` returns null.

### Usage

The user can activate OLE by double-clicking an OLE blob column in a DataWindow. Use `OLEActivate` when you want to activate OLE in response to some other event or action—for example, when the user clicks a button.

The verb you specify determines what action occurs when the OLE server application is invoked. The default verb (0) generally means you want to edit the document. Each OLE application has its own particular set of supported verbs. To find out what verbs the application supports, consult the documentation for the application, or look for the application name in the `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes` section of the Windows registry and find its `Protocol\StdFileEditing\Verb` key. For example, the AVIFile class has three verbs, 0, 1, and 2, for Play, Edit, and Open.

Data for an OLE application is stored in the database as a Binary/Text Large Object (blob). In SQL Anywhere®, the datatype of the database column is long binary. To make the blob accessible to users, use the DataWindow painter to set up the blob column. In the painter, you add an OLE Database Blob object (called TableBlob in the DataWindow object properties) to the DataWindow object and specify the OLE server application in the Database Binary/Text Large Object window.

For setup details, see *Application Techniques*.

**Examples**

This statement activates OLE for the Database Blob control in row 5 of the salary column in DataWindow dw\_emp\_data. The verb is 0:

```
dw_emp_data.OLEActivate(5, "salary", 0)
```

**See also**

Activate in the *PowerScript Reference*

## OneTrip

**Description**

Generates HTML syntax for the Web DataWindow after setting values that refresh the state of the server component so that it is in sync with user actions.

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**Obsolete method**

OneTrip is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

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**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Web             | Server component  |

**Syntax**

**Web DataWindow server component**

```
string dwcomponent.OneTrip ( string htmlobjectname, string browser,
    string selflink, string selflinkargs, string action, string context )
string dwcomponent.OneTripEx ( string htmlobjectname,
    string retrievalargs, string browser, string selflink,
    string selflinkargs, string action, string context )
```

| Argument           | Description                                      |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcomponent</i> | A reference to a Web DataWindow server component |

| Argument              | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>htmlobjectname</i> | A string specifying a name used in generated code for the Web DataWindow client control, page parameters, and client side events. You must specify a unique object name when there is more than one Web DataWindow on a Web page.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <i>retrievalargs</i>  | A string that contains the values of the retrieval arguments expected by the DataWindow object associated with the server component (see Usage note).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>browser</i>        | <p>A string identifying the browser and version. The value should match the browser information passed to the Web server in the HTTP header. The corresponding server variable is HTTP_USER_AGENT.</p> <p>Sets the value of the HTMLGen.Browser property for the DataWindow object associated with the server component. For information on recognized browsers, see <a href="#">HTMLGen.property</a>.</p>                                                                                |
| <i>selflink</i>       | <p>The URL for the current page. It cannot include parameters. Parameters from <i>selflinkargs</i> may be added when HTML is generated.</p> <p>The server component uses SelfLink to generate URLs for navigation buttons that obtain additional rows from the result set.</p> <p>Sets the value of the HTMLGen.SelfLink property for the DataWindow object associated with the server component.</p>                                                                                     |
| <i>selflinkargs</i>   | <p>A string in the form:</p> <p><i>argname</i>='exp'{   <i>argname</i> = 'exp' } ...</p> <p><i>Argname</i> is an argument passed to the server.</p> <p><i>Exp</i> is a DataWindow expression whose value is a string. The DataWindow in the server component evaluates it, converts it using URL encoding, and includes in the <i>selflinkargs</i> string.</p> <p>Sets the value of the HTMLGen.SelfLinkArgs property for the DataWindow object associated with the server component.</p> |
| <i>action</i>         | A string describing an action associated with a button click or method call in a Web DataWindow client control on a Web page. The value of action is stored in a page parameter called <i>htmlobjectname_action</i> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

| Argument       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>context</i> | A string describing the context of <i>action</i> in the Web DataWindow client control. The string is generated by a Web DataWindow script and the value is stored in a page parameter called <i>htmlobjectname_context</i> .<br><br>The format is not documented and subject to change. |

**Return value**

Returns the generated HTML if it succeeds and an error message if any of the requested settings fails.

**Usage**

**OneTrip** and **OneTripEx** perform the tasks of **SetSelfLink**, **SetBrowser**, **Retrieve**, **SetAction**, and **Generate** in a single method. They are meant to be used with a server component that has been previously configured with a DataWindow definition and transaction information. Using **OneTrip** produces maximum performance for the Web DataWindow client while allowing the server component to remain stateless.

Use **OneTripEx** instead of **OneTrip** if you need to specify retrieval arguments. The retrievalargs string in the **OneTripEx** syntax has the format:

*value1 \n value2 \n value3... \n value16*

The values of the retrieval arguments must be separated by newline characters (\n) and individual values cannot contain newline characters as part of the value. The Web DataWindow supports up to 16 retrieval arguments.

You can specify an array for the value of a retrieval argument by separating the array values with a tab character (\t). For example, if the DataWindow expected an array for the second retrieval argument, the syntax would be:

*value1 \n value2a\t value2b \t value2c \n value3...*

If the script gets the values for the retrieval arguments from page parameters, you must also specify the retrieval arguments as *selflinkargs* expressions, so that the values will be available as page parameters when the page is reloaded.

The evaluated *selflinkargs* expressions are included in the generated HTML as hidden fields and are available to server-side scripts as page parameters. You can use the arguments to supply information that the server component needs to render additional pages of the result set, such as retrieval arguments. *Selflinkargs* can also be used to keep login information or other data available that was passed in the original call to the page.

For information on quotation marks and other formatting for the expression, see the [SetSelfLink](#) method.

### Examples

This Web Target server-side script uses [OneTripEx](#) to get generated HTML. The DataWindow object expects two retrieval arguments, an employee ID and a salary:

```
function GetParam( envparam ) {
    if( exists(document.value[envparam] ) ) {
        return document.value[envparam];
    }
    return "";
};

// Create component on server
dwMine =
java.CreateComponent("DataWindow/MyVersion",
    "iiop://testMachine:9000", "jagadmin", "",
    "DataWindow/HTMLGenerator110");

// Get information about user's latest button click
var action = psDocument.GetParam("dwMine_action");
var context =
psDocument.GetParam("dwMine_context");

// Get browser and hyperlinking information
var browser = psDocument.GetEnv("HTTP_USER_AGENT");
var selfLink = psDocument.GetEnv("SCRIPT_NAME");

// Get retrieval arguments from page parameters
var args = "" + psDocument.GetParam("arg_empid") +
"\n" + psDocument.GetParam("arg_salary");

// Set up page parameters for reloaded page
linkargs = "arg_empid ='\'" +
    psDocument.GetParam("arg_empid") + "\"'"
    + "|arg_salary= '\'" +
    psDocument.GetParam("arg_salary") +
    "\"'";

// Include the generated HTML in the Web page
psDocument.Write(dwMine.OneTripEx("dwMine", args,
    browser, selfLink, linkargs, action, context)
);
```

### See also

[Generate](#)  
[Retrieve](#)

SetAction  
 SetBrowser  
 SetSelfLink

## Paste

### Description

Inserts (pastes) the contents of the clipboard into the specified control. If no text is selected in the control, the text on the clipboard is pasted at the insertion point. If text is selected, Paste replaces the selected text with the text on the clipboard.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

long *dwcontrol*.Paste ( )

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control. Text is pasted into the edit control over the current row and column. |

### Return value

Returns the number of characters that were pasted into the edit control for *dwcontrol*. If nothing has been cut or copied (the clipboard is empty), Paste does not change the contents of the edit control and returns 0. If the clipboard contains nontext data (for example, a bitmap or OLE object) and the control cannot accept that data, Paste does not change the contents and returns 0.

If *dwcontrol* is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

### Usage

The text is pasted into the edit control over the current row and column. If the clipboard contains more text that is allowed for that column, the text is truncated. If the clipboard text does not match the column's datatype, all the text is truncated, so that any selected text is replaced with an empty string.

To insert a specific string in *dwcontrol* or to replace selected text with a specific string, use the `ReplaceText` method.



**PowerBuilder environment**

For use with other PowerBuilder controls, see [Paste](#) in the *PowerScript Reference*.

**Examples**

If the clipboard contains “Proposal good for 90 days” and no text is selected in the edit control of `dw_rpt`, this statement pastes “Proposal good for 90 days” at the insertion point in the edit control and returns 25:

```
dw_rpt.Paste ()
```

If the clipboard contains the string “Final Edition”, the edit control in `dw_rpt` contains “This is a Preliminary Draft”, and the text in edit control is selected, this statement deletes “This is a Preliminary Draft”, replaces it with “Final Edition”, and returns 13:

```
dw_rpt.Paste ()
```

**See also**

[Copy](#)  
[Cut](#)  
[ReplaceText](#)

## PasteRTF

**Description**

Pastes rich text data from a string into a DataWindow control or DataStore object.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                    |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataStore object |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
long rtename.PasteRTF ( string richtextstring, { Band band } )
```

| Argument              | Description                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>rtename</i>        | A reference to a DataWindow control or DataStore object. The DataWindow object in the DataWindow control or DataStore must be a RichTextEdit DataWindow. |
| <i>richtextstring</i> | A string whose value is data with rich text formatting.                                                                                                  |

| Argument                  | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>band</i><br>(optional) | A value specifying the band into which the rich text data is pasted. Valid values for this enumerated datatype are listed in <a href="#">Chapter 6, DataWindow Constants</a> .<br>The default is the band that contains the insertion point. |

**Return value** Returns -1 if an error occurs. If *richtextstring* is null, `PasteRTF` returns null.

**Usage** A DataWindow in the RTE presentation style has only three bands. There are no summary or trailer bands and there are no group headers and footers.

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**PowerBuilder RichText Edit control**

You can use the same syntax with any PowerBuilder RichTextEdit control. See `PasteRTF` in the *PowerScript Reference*.

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**Examples** This statement pastes rich text in the string `ls_richtext` into the header of the RichTextEdit `rte_message`:

```
string ls_richtext
rte_message.PasteRTF(ls_richtext, Header!)
```

**See also** `CopyRTF`

## PointerX

**Description** Determines the distance of the pointer from the left edge of the specified object.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

**Syntax**

```
PowerBuilder  
integer objectname.PointerX ( )
```

| Argument          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>objectname</i> | The name of the control or window for which you want the pointer's distance from the left edge. If you do not specify <i>objectname</i> , <b>PointerX</b> reports the distance from the left edge of the current sheet or window. |

**Return value**

Returns the pointer's distance from the left edge of *objectname* in PowerBuilder units if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

**Usage**

Inherited from DragObject. For information, see **PointerX** in the *PowerScript Reference*.

## PointerY

**Description**

Determines the distance of the pointer from the top of the specified object.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

integer *objectname*.**PointerY** ( )

| Argument          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>objectname</i> | The name of the control or window for which you want the pointer's distance from the top. If you do not specify <i>objectname</i> , <b>PointerY</b> reports the distance from the top of the current sheet or window. |

**Return value**

Returns the pointer's distance from the top of *objectname* in PowerBuilder units if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

If *objectname* is null, **PointerY** returns null.

**Usage**

Inherited from DragObject. For information, see **PointerY** in the *PowerScript Reference*.

## Position

Reports the position of the insertion point in a DataWindow.

| To report                                                                                                                                      | Use      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| The position of the insertion point in a DataWindow that does not have a RichTextEdit presentation style                                       | Syntax 1 |
| The position of the insertion point or the start and end of selected text in a DataWindow whose object has the RichTextEdit presentation style | Syntax 2 |

### Syntax 1

Description

Applies to

Syntax

Return value

Usage

### For DataWindows with standard presentation styles

Determines the position of the insertion point in an edit control.

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

#### PowerBuilder

long *editname*.Position ( )

| Argument        | Description                                                                                       |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>editname</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control in which you want to find the location of the insertion point |

Returns the location of the insertion point in *editname* if it succeeds and – 1 if an error occurs. If *editname* is null, Position returns null.

Position reports the position number of the character immediately following the insertion point. For example, Position returns 1 if the cursor is at the beginning of *editname*. If text is selected in *editname*, Position reports the number of the first character of the selected text.

Position reports the insertion point's position in the edit control over the current row and column.

#### PowerBuilder environment

For use with other PowerBuilder controls, see Position in the *PowerScript Reference*.

**Examples**

If `mle_EmpAddress` contains Boston Street, the cursor is immediately after the `n` in Boston, and no text is selected, this statement returns 7:

```
mle_EmpAddress.Position()
```

If `mle_EmpAddress` contains Boston Street and Street is selected, this statement returns 8 (the position of the `S` in Street):

```
mle_EmpAddress.Position()
```

**See also**

[SelectedLine](#)  
[SelectedStart](#)

**Syntax 2****For DataWindows with RichTextEdit presentation styles****Description**

Determines the line and column position of the insertion point or the start and end of selected text in a RichTextEdit control.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
band rtename.Position ( long fromline, long fromchar {, long toline, long tochar }
```

| Argument                    | Description                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>rtename</i>              | A reference to a DataWindow control. The DataWindow object in the DataWindow control must be a RichTextEdit DataWindow.           |
| <i>fromline</i>             | A variable in which you want to save the number of the line where the insertion point or the start of the selection is.           |
| <i>fromchar</i>             | A variable in which you want to save the number in the line of the first character in the selection or after the insertion point. |
| <i>toline</i><br>(optional) | A variable in which you want to save the number of the line where the selection ends.                                             |
| <i>tochar</i><br>(optional) | A variable in which you want to save the number in the line of the character before which the selection ends.                     |

**Return value**

Returns the band containing the selection or insertion point. The returned value is a value of the Band enumerated datatype (Detail!, Header!, or Footer!).

### Usage

**Position** reports the position of the insertion point if you omit the *toline* and *tochar* arguments. If text is selected, the insertion point can be at the beginning or the end of the selection. For example, if the user dragged down to select text, the insertion point is at the end.

If there is a selection, a character argument can be set to 0 to indicate that the selection begins or ends at the start of a line, with nothing else selected on that line. When the user drags up, the selection can begin at the start of a line and *fromchar* is set to 0. When the user drags down, the selection can end at the beginning of a line and *tochar* is set to 0.

**Selection or insertion point** To find out whether there is a selection or just an insertion point, specify all four arguments. If *toline* and *tochar* are set to 0, then there is no selection, only an insertion point. If there is a selection and you want the position of the insertion point, you will have to call **Position** again with only two arguments. This difference is described next.

### The position of the insertion point and end of selection can differ

When reporting the position of selected text, the positions are inclusive—**Position** reports the first line and character and the last line and character that are selected. When reporting the position of the insertion point, **Position** identifies the character just after the insertion point. Therefore, if text is selected and the insertion point is at the end, the values for the insertion point and the end of the selection differ.

To illustrate, suppose the first four characters in line 1 are selected and the insertion point is at the end. If you request the position of the insertion point:

```
rte_1.Position(ll_line, ll_char)
```

Then:

- `ll_line` is set to 1
- `ll_char` is set to 5, the character following the insertion point

If you request the position of the selection:

```
rte_1.Position(ll_startline, ll_startchar, &  
ll_endline, ll_endchar)
```

- `ll_startline` and `ll_startchar` are both set to 1
- `ll_endline` is 1 and `ll_endchar` is set to 4, the last character in the selection

**Passing values to SelectText** Because values obtained with `Position` provide more information than simply a selection range, you cannot pass the values directly to `SelectText`. In particular, 0 is not a valid character position when selecting text, although it is meaningful in describing the selection.

### Examples

This example calls `Position` to get the band and the line and column values for the beginning and end of the selection. The values are converted to strings and displayed in the `StaticText` `st_status`:

```
integer li_rtn
long ll_startline, ll_startchar
long ll_endline, ll_endchar
string ls_s, ls_band
band l_band

// Get the band and start and end of the selection
l_band = rte_1.Position(ll_startline, ll_startchar, &
    ll_endline, ll_endchar)

// Convert position values to strings
ls_s = "Start line/char: " + String(ll_startline) &
    + ", " + String(ll_startchar)
ls_s = ls_s + " End line/char: " &
    + String(ll_endline) + ", " +
String(ll_endchar)

// Convert Band datatype to string
CHOOSE CASE l_band
CASE Detail!
    ls_band = " Detail"
CASE Header!
    ls_band = " Header"
CASE Footer!
    ls_band = " Footer"
CASE ELSE
    ls_band = " No band"
END CHOOSE
ls_s = ls_s + ls_band

// Display the information
st_status.Text = ls_s
```

This example extends the current selection down 1 line. It takes into account whether there is an insertion point or a selection, whether the insertion point is at the beginning or end of the selection, and whether the selection ends at the beginning of a line:

```
integer rtn
long l1, c1, l2, c2, linsert, cinsert
long l1select, c1select, l2select, c2select

// Get selection start and end
rte_1.Position(l1, c1, l2, c2)
// Get insertion point
rte_1.Position(linsert, cinsert)

IF l2 = 0 and c2 = 0 THEN //insertion point
    l1select = linsert
    c1select = cinsert
    l2select = l1select + 1 // Add 1 to end line
    c2select = c1select

ELSEIF l2 > l1 THEN // Selection, ins pt at end
    IF c2 = 0 THEN // End of selection (ins pt)
        // at beginning of a line (char 0)
        c2 = 999 // Change to end of prev line
        l2 = l2 - 1
    END IF

    l1select = l1
    c1select = c1
    l2select = l2 + 1 // Add 1 to end line
    c2select = c2

ELSEIF l2 < l1 THEN // selection, ins pt at start
    IF c1 = 0 THEN // End of selection (not ins pt)
        // at beginning of a line
        c1 = 999 // Change to end of prev line
        l1 = l1 - 1
    END IF

    l1select = l2
    c1select = c2
    l2select = l1 + 1 // Add 1 to end line
    // (start of selection)
    c2select = c1

ELSE // l1 = l2, selection on one line
    l1select = l1
    l2select = l2 + 1 // Add 1 to line
    IF c1 < c2 THEN // ins pt at end
        c1select = c1
        c2select = c2
    ELSE // c1 > c2, ins pt at start
```



```

        c1select = c2
        c2select = c1
    END IF
END IF

// Select the extended selection
rtn = rte_1.SelectText( l1select, c1select, &
    l2select, c2select )

```

For an example of selecting each word in a RichTextEdit control, see [SelectTextWord](#).

See also

[SelectedLine](#)  
[SelectedStart](#)  
[SelectText](#)

## PostEvent

Description

Adds an event to the end of the event queue of an object.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

Syntax

### PowerBuilder

boolean *objectname*.**PostEvent** ( TrigEvent *event*, { long *word*, long *long* } )

boolean *objectname*.**PostEvent** ( TrigEvent *event*, { long *word*, string *long* } )

| Argument                  | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>objectname</i>         | The name of any PowerBuilder object or control (except an application) that has events associated with it.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <i>event</i>              | A value of the TrigEvent enumerated datatype that identifies a PowerBuilder event (for example, Clicked!, Modified!, or DoubleClicked!) or a string whose value is the name of an event. The event must be a valid event for <i>objectname</i> and a script must exist for the event in <i>objectname</i> . |
| <i>word</i><br>(optional) | A value to be stored in the WordParm property of the system's Message object. If you want to specify a value for <i>long</i> , but not for <i>word</i> , enter 0. (For cross-platform compatibility, WordParm and LongParm are both longs.)                                                                 |

| Argument                  | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>long</i><br>(optional) | A value that you want to store in the LongParm property of the system's Message object. When you specify a string, a pointer to the string is stored in the LongParm property, which you can access with the <b>String</b> function (see Usage). |

**Return value**

Returns **true** if it is successful and **false** if the event is not a valid event for *objectname* or no script exists for the event in *objectname*.

If any argument's value is null, **PostEvent** returns null.

**Usage**

Inherited from PowerObject. For information, see **PostEvent** in the *PowerScript Reference*.

## Print

Sends data to the current printer (or spooler, if the user has a spooler set up). There are two syntaxes that you can use with DataWindows:

| To                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Use             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Send the contents of a DataWindow control or DataStore to the printer as a print job.                                                                                                                                   | <b>Syntax 1</b> |
| Include a visual object, such as a window or a graph control, in a print job. For the PowerBuilder environment only.<br>For a description of PowerBuilder system print commands, see the <i>PowerScript Reference</i> . | <b>Syntax 2</b> |

### Syntax 1

**Description**

Sends the contents of a DataWindow control or DataStore object to the printer as a print job.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.Print ( { boolean canceldialog {, showprintdialog } } )
```

| Argument                             | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                     | The name of the DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow that contains the information to be printed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>canceldialog</i><br>(optional)    | A boolean value indicating whether you want to display a nonmodal dialog that allows the user to cancel printing. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – (Default) Display the dialog.</li> <li>• <b>false</b> – Do not display the dialog.</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Working with DataStore objects</b><br/>When working with DataStores, the <i>canceldialog</i> argument must always be set to <b>false</b>.</p> <hr/> |
| <i>showprintdialog</i><br>(optional) | A boolean value indicating whether you want to display the system Print dialog box. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – Display the dialog box</li> <li>• <b>false</b> – (default) Do not display the dialog box</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Working with DataStore objects</b><br/>When working with DataStores, the <i>showprintdialog</i> argument must always be set to <b>false</b>.</p> <hr/>                      |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is **null**, **Print** returns **null**.

**Usage**

Printed output uses the same fonts and layout that appear on screen for the DataWindow object.

When the DataWindow object's presentation style is RichTextEdit, each row begins a new page in the printed output.

---

**PowerBuilder environment**

PowerBuilder manages print jobs by opening the job, sending data, and closing the job. When you use Syntax 1, print job management happens automatically. You do not need to use the **PrintOpen** and **PrintClose** functions.

Use Syntax 1 to print the contents of a DataWindow object. The **Print** method prints all the rows that have been retrieved. To print several DataWindows as a single job, do not use **Print**. Instead, open the print job with **PrintOpen**, call the PowerScript system function **PrintDataWindow** for each DataWindow, and close the job.

---

### Events for DataWindow printing

When you use **Print** for DataWindow controls or DataStores, it triggers a **PrintStart** event just before any data is sent to the printer (or spooler), a **PrintPage** event for each page break, and a **PrintEnd** event when printing is complete.

The **PrintPage** event has return codes that let you control whether the page about to be formatted is printed. You can skip the upcoming page by returning a value of 1 in the **PrintPage** event.

### Examples

The following statements are equivalent. Each sends the contents of `dw_employee` to the current printer. The **Cancel** dialog box displays, allowing the user to cancel the printing, but the **Print** dialog box does not:

```
dw_employee.Print()
dw_employee.Print(true)
dw_employee.Print(true, false)
```

This statement sends the contents of `dw_employee` to the current printer. The **Print** dialog box displays but the **Cancel** dialog box does not:

```
dw_employee.Print(false, true)
```

### See also

**PrintDataWindow** in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Syntax 2

### Description

Includes a visual object, such as a window or a graph control, in a print job that you have started with the **PrintOpen** function.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
integer objectname.Print ( long printjobnumber, integer x, integer y
{, integer width, integer height } )
```

| Argument              | Description                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>objectname</i>     | The name of the object that you want to print. The object must either be a window or an object whose ancestor type is <b>DragObject</b> , which includes all the controls that you can place in a window. |
| <i>printjobnumber</i> | The number the <b>PrintOpen</b> function assigns to the print job                                                                                                                                         |

| Argument                    | Description                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>x</i>                    | An integer whose value is the x coordinate on the page of the left corner of the object, in thousandths of an inch.                           |
| <i>y</i>                    | An integer whose value is the y coordinate on the page of the left corner of the object, in thousandths of an inch.                           |
| <i>width</i><br>(optional)  | An integer specifying the printed width of the object in thousandths of an inch. If omitted, PowerBuilder uses the object's original width.   |
| <i>height</i><br>(optional) | An integer specifying the printed height of the object in thousandths of an inch. If omitted, PowerBuilder uses the object's original height. |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, Print returns null.

**Usage**

PowerBuilder manages print jobs by opening the job, sending data, and closing the job. When you use Syntax 2, you must call the [PrintOpen](#) function and the [PrintClose](#) or [PrintCancel](#) functions yourself to manage the process. For more information, see the [PowerScript Reference](#).

**Print area and margins**

The print area is the physical page size minus any margins in the printer itself. Depending on the printer, you may be able to change margins using [PrintSend](#) and printer-defined escape sequences.

**Examples**

This example prints the CommandButton cb\_close in its original size at location 500, 1000:

```
long Job
Job = PrintOpen( )
cb_close.Print(Job, 500,1000)
PrintClose(Job)
```

This example opens a print job, which defines a new page, then prints a title using the third syntax of [Print](#). Then it uses this syntax of [Print](#) to print a graph on the first page and a window on the second page:

```
long Job
Job = PrintOpen( )
Print(Job, "Report of Year-to-Date Sales")
gr_sales1.Print(Job, 1000,PrintY(Job)+500, &
    6000,4500)
PrintPage(Job)
w_sales.Print(Job, 1000,500, 6000,4500)
```

`PrintClose (Job)`

See also

- Print in the *PowerScript Reference*
- PrintCancel
- PrintClose in the *PowerScript Reference*
- PrintOpen in the *PowerScript Reference*
- PrintScreen in the *PowerScript Reference*

## PrintCancel

Cancels printing and deletes the spool file, if any. There are two syntaxes.

| To                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Use      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Cancel printing of a DataWindow or DataStore printed with the <code>Print</code> function.                                                                                                                                | Syntax 1 |
| Cancel a print job that you began with the <code>PrintOpen</code> function. For the PowerBuilder environment only.<br><br>For a description of PowerBuilder system print commands, see the <i>PowerScript Reference</i> . | Syntax 2 |

### Syntax 1

Description

### For DataWindows and DataStores

Cancels the printing of a DataWindow or DataStore that was printed using Syntax 1 of Print.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

integer `dwcontrol.PrintCancel ( )`

| Argument               | Description                                                                 |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>dwcontrol</code> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore object, or child DataWindow. |

Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If `dwcontrol` is null, `PrintCancel` returns null.

**Usage**

`PrintCancel` cancels the printing of the specified DataWindow or DataStore by deleting the spool file, if any, and closing the job.

**PowerBuilder environment**

When you use the `Print` method to print the DataWindow or DataStore, without using `PrintOpen`, use Syntax 1 to cancel printing. When you use the PowerScript system function `PrintDataWindow` to print a DataWindow as part of a print job, use Syntax 2 to cancel printing.

When you use `Print` for DataWindow controls or DataStores, it triggers a `PrintStart` event just before any data is sent to the printer (or spooler), a `PrintPage` event for each page break, and a `PrintEnd` event when printing is complete. You can use `PrintCancel` in the `PrintStart` or `PrintPage` event to cancel printing.

**Examples**

This statement sends the contents of the DataWindow `dw_employee` to the current printer without displaying the Cancel dialog:

```
dw_Employee.Print(FALSE)
```

This statement in the `PrintStart` event cancels printing:

```
dw_employee.PrintCancel()
```

**See also**

`Print`

**Syntax 2****For canceling a print job****Description**

Cancels printing of a print job that you opened with the `PrintOpen` function. The print job is identified by the number returned by `PrintOpen`.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
integer PrintCancel ( long printjobnumber )
```

| Argument              | Description                                                               |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>printjobnumber</i> | The number the <code>PrintOpen</code> function assigned to the print job. |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If *printjobnumber* is null, `PrintCancel` returns null.

### Usage

**PrintCancel** cancels the specified print job by deleting the spool file, if any, and closing the job. Because **PrintCancel** closes the print job, do not call the **PrintClose** function after you call **PrintCancel**.

### Examples

In this example, a script for a Print button opens a print job and then opens a window with a cancel button. If the user clicks on the cancel button, its script sets a global variable that indicates that the user wants to cancel the job. After each printing command in the Print button's script, the code checks the global variable and cancels the job if its value is **true**.

The definition of the global variable is:

```
boolean gb_printcancel
```

The script for the Print button is:

```
long job, li

gb_printcancel = false
job = PrintOpen("Test Page Breaks")
IF job < 1 THEN
    MessageBox("Error", "Can't open a print
job.")
    RETURN
END IF

Open(w_printcancel)

PrintBitmap(Job, "d:\PB\bitmap1.bmp", 5, 10, 0, 0)
IF gb_printcancel = true THEN
    PrintCancel(job)
    RETURN
END IF

... // Additional printing commands,
... // including checking gb_printcancel

PrintClose(job)
Close(w_printcancel)
```

The script for the cancel button in the second window is:

```
gb_printcancel = true
Close(w_printcancel)
```

### See also

#### **Print**

**PrintCancel** in the *PowerScript Reference*

**PrintClose** in the *PowerScript Reference*

**PrintOpen** in the *PowerScript Reference*



## ReplaceText

### Description

Replaces selected text in the edit control for the current row and column with a specified string.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

long *editname*.ReplaceText ( string *string* )

| Argument        | Description                                |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <i>editname</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control        |
| <i>string</i>   | The string that replaces the selected text |

### Return value

Returns the number of characters in *string* and -1 if an error occurs.

If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

### Usage

If there is no selection, **ReplaceText** inserts the replacement text at the cursor position.

To use the contents of the clipboard as the replacement text, call the **Paste** method instead of **ReplaceText**.

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#### PowerBuilder environment

For use with other PowerBuilder controls, see **ReplaceText** in the *PowerScript Reference*.

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### Examples

If the DataWindow edit control contains “Offer Good for 3 Months” and the selected text is “3 Months”, this statement replaces “3 Months” with “60 Days” and returns 7. The resulting text in the edit control is “Offer Good for 60 Days”:

```
dw_salesoffer.ReplaceText("60 Days")
```

If there is no selected text, this statement inserts “New product” at the cursor position in the edit control for dw\_products:

```
dw_products.ReplaceText("New product")
```

### See also

Copy  
Cut  
Paste

ReplaceText in the *PowerScript Reference*

## ReselectRow

### Description

Accesses the database to retrieve values for all columns that can be updated and refreshes all timestamp columns in a row in a DataWindow control or DataStore. The values from the database are redisplayed in the row.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

integer *dwcontrol*.ReselectRow ( long *row* )

| Argument         | Description                                                                                               |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow in which you want to reselect a row |
| <i>row</i>       | A value identifying the row to reselect                                                                   |

### Return value

Returns 1 if it is successful and -1 if the row cannot be reselected (for example, the DataWindow object cannot be updated or the row was deleted by another user).

If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

### Usage

ReselectRow is supported for SQLSelect DataWindows. Use ReselectRow to discard values the user changed and replace them with values from the database after an update fails (due to a concurrent access error, for example).

**About timestamp support**

Timestamp support is not available in all DBMSs. For information on timestamp columns, see the documentation for your DBMS.

**Note** If you are using ShareData and then use `ReselectRow` on the primary DataWindow, the secondary DataWindow resets back to row 1, column 1.

**Examples**

This statement reselects row 5 in the DataWindow control `dw_emp`:

```
dw_emp.ReselectRow(5)
```

This statement reselects the clicked row if the update is not successful:

```
IF dw_emp.Update( ) < 0 THEN
    dw_emp.ReselectRow(dw_emp.GetClickedRow())
END IF
```

**See also**

`GetClickedRow`  
`SelectRow`  
`Update`

**Reset****Description**

Clears all the data from a DataWindow control or DataStore object.

For the syntax to use for deleting graphs within a DataWindow object that have an external data source, see [Reset on page 955](#). For the syntax to use with other PowerBuilder controls, see [Reset](#) in the *PowerScript Reference*.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.Reset ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                         |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow |

### Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. The return value is usually not used.

If *dwcontrol* is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

### Usage

**Reset** is not the same as deleting rows from the DataWindow object or child DataWindow. **Reset** affects the application only, not the database. If you delete rows and then call the **Update** method, the rows are deleted from the database table associated with the DataWindow object. If you call **Reset** and then call **Update**, no changes are made to the table.

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### PowerBuilder environment

If you call **Reset** when the Retrieve As Needed option is set, **Reset** will clear the rows that have been retrieved. However, because Retrieve As Needed is on, the DataWindow immediately retrieves the next set of rows.

To prevent the rows from being retrieved, call **DBCcancel** before calling **Reset**. If all the rows have been retrieved (the cursor has been closed and the RetrieveEnd event has occurred), then when **Reset** clears the DataWindow, it stays empty.

### Examples

This statement completely clears the contents of dw\_employee:

```
dw_employee.Reset()
```

In a DataWindow whose Retrieve As Needed option is on, this example cancels the retrieval before resetting the DataWindow:

```
dw_employee.DBCancel ()  
dw_employee.Reset()
```

### See also

[DeleteRow](#)

## ResetInk

### Description

Clears ink from an InkPicture control in a DataWindow.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

### Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

integer *dwcontrol*.ResetInk ( string *name*, long *rownumber* )

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                  |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control.                                                                         |
| <i>name</i>      | The name of the InkPicture control from which you want to clear the picture.                                 |
| <i>rownumber</i> | The number of the row that contains the picture to be cleared. To clear all rows, set <i>rownumber</i> to 0. |

**Return value**

Integer. Returns 1 for success and -1 for failure.

**Usage**

Use the `ResetInk` function to clear the ink from an InkPicture control.

**Examples**

The following example clears the ink in an InkPicture control in row 3 of a DataWindow object:

```
int li_return
li_return = dw_1.ResetInk(inkpic_1, 3)
```

**See also**

SaveInk  
SaveInkPic

## ResetTransObject

**Description**

Stops a DataWindow control or DataStore from using the programmer-specified transaction object that is currently in effect through a call to the SetTransObject method. After you call the `ResetTransObject` method, the DataWindow control or DataStore uses its internal transaction object.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

integer *dwcontrol*.ResetTransObject ( )

| Argument         | Description                                                         |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. The return value is usually not used.

If *dwcontrol* is null, the method returns null.

### Usage

If you reset the transaction object and `SetTrans` has never been called to set the values in the internal transaction object, call `SetTrans` to set them or `SetTransObject` to establish a new programmer-specified transaction object.

`ResetTransObject` is almost never used because programmer-specified and internal transaction objects in one application are generally not used together. Programmer-specified transaction objects, specified with `SetTransObject`, provide better application performance. To change the programmer-specified transaction object, simply call `SetTransObject` again.

### Examples

This statement stops `dw_employee` from using programmer-specified transaction objects:

```
dw_employee.ResetTransObject ()
```

### See also

`GetTrans`  
`SetTrans`  
`SetTransObject`

## ResetUpdate

### Description

Clears the update flags in the primary and filter buffers and empties the delete buffer of a `DataWindow` or `DataStore`.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
integer dwcontrol.ResetUpdate ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                            |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | The name of the <code>DataWindow</code> control, <code>DataStore</code> , or child <code>DataWindow</code> in which you want to reset the update flags |

### Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

If *dwcontrol* is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage**

When a row is changed, inserted, or deleted, its update flag is set, making it marked for update. By default the `Update` method turns these flags off. If you want to coordinate updates of more than one DataWindow or DataStore, however, you can prevent `Update` from clearing the flags. Then, after you verify that all the updates succeeded, you can call `ResetUpdate` for each DataWindow to clear the flags. If one of the updates failed, you can keep the update flags, prompt the user to fix the problem, and try the updates again.

You can find out which rows are marked for update with the `GetItemStatus` method. If a row is in the delete buffer or if it is in the primary or filter buffer and has `NewModified!` or `DataModified!` status, its update flag is set. After update flags are cleared, all rows have the status `NotModified!` or `New!` and the delete buffer is empty.

**Examples**

These statements coordinate the update of two DataWindow objects:

```
int rtncode
CONNECT USING SQLCA;
dw_cust.SetTransObject (SQLCA)
dw_sales.SetTransObject (SQLCA)

rtncode = dw_cust.Update(true, false)
IF rtncode = 1 THEN
    rtncode = dw_sales.Update(true, false)
    IF rtncode = 1 THEN
        dw_cust.ResetUpdate () // Both updates are
OK
        dw_sales.ResetUpdate ()// Clear update
flags
        COMMIT USING SQLCA; // Commit them
    ELSE
        ROLLBACK USING SQLCA; // 2nd update failed
    END IF
END IF
```

**See also**

[Update](#)

**Resize****Description**

Resizes an object or control by setting its `Width` and `Height` properties and then redraws the object.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                    |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

integer *objectname*.**Resize** (integer *width*, integer *height* )

| Argument          | Description                                             |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>objectname</i> | A reference to the object or control you want to resize |
| <i>width</i>      | The new width in PowerBuilder units                     |
| <i>height</i>     | The new height in PowerBuilder units                    |

### Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs or if *objectname* is a minimized or maximized window.

### Usage

You cannot use **Resize** for a child DataWindow.

---

#### Use with other PowerBuilder objects and controls

**Resize** does not resize a minimized or maximized sheet or window. If the window is minimized or maximized, **Resize** returns -1.

For use with other PowerBuilder controls, see **Resize** in the *PowerScript Reference*.

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### Examples

This statement changes the Width and Height properties of gb\_box1 and redraws gb\_box1 with the new properties:

```
gb_box1.Resize (100, 150)
```

This statement doubles the width and height of the picture control p\_1:

```
p_1.Resize (p_1.Width*2, p_1.Height*2)
```

## Retrieve

### Description

Retrieves rows from the database for a DataWindow control or DataStore. If arguments are included, the argument values are used for the retrieval arguments in the **SQL SELECT** statement for the DataWindow object or child DataWindow.



## Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

## Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

```
long dwcontrol.Retrieve ( { any argument, any argument . . . } )
```

| Argument                                                                              | Description                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                                                                      | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                                                            |
| <i>argument</i><br>(optional with <b>Retrieve</b> , required with <b>RetrieveEx</b> ) | One or more values that you want to use as retrieval arguments in the <b>SQL SELECT</b> statement defined in <i>dwcontrol</i> . |

## Return value

Returns the number of rows displayed (that is, rows in the primary buffer) if it succeeds and -1 if it fails. If there is no DataWindow object assigned to the DataWindow control or DataStore, this method returns -1.

This method always returns -1 if the data source is external. Use a method such as **ImportFile** to populate the DataWindow.

## Usage

After rows are retrieved, the DataWindow object's filter is applied. Therefore, any retrieved rows that do not meet the filter criteria are immediately moved to the filter buffer and are not included in the return count.

Before you can retrieve rows for a DataWindow control or DataStore, you must specify a transaction object with **SetTransObject** or **SetTrans**. If you use **SetTransObject**, you must also use a **SQL CONNECT** statement to establish a database connection.

Normally, when you call **Retrieve**, any rows that are already in the DataWindow control or DataStore are discarded and replaced with the retrieved rows. You can return the code 2 in the **RetrieveStart** event to prevent this. In this case, **Retrieve** adds any retrieved rows to the ones that already exist in the buffers.

**Retrieval arguments** If arguments are expected but not specified, the user is prompted for the retrieval arguments.

A retrieval argument can be null if the **SELECT** statement is designed to handle null values. For example, if a two-part **WHERE** clause is separated by **OR**, then either part can be null while the other matches values in the database.

**Events** `Retrieve` may trigger these events:

```
DBError
RetrieveEnd
RetrieveRow
RetrieveStart
```

None of these events is triggered if the data source is external, because `Retrieve` always fails. You must use one of the import methods to populate the DataWindow.

## Examples

This statement causes `dw_emp1` to retrieve rows from the database.

```
dw_emp1.Retrieve()
```

This example illustrates how to set up a connection and then retrieve rows in the DataWindow control. A typical scenario is to establish the connection in the application's Open event and to retrieve rows in the Open event for the window that contains the DataWindow control.

The following is a script for the application open event. `SQLCA` is the default transaction object. The `ProfileString` function is getting information about the database connection from an initialization file:

```
// Set up Transaction object from the INI file
SQLCA.DBMS = ProfileString("myapp.ini", &
    "Database", "DBMS", " ")
SQLCA.DbParm = ProfileString("myapp.ini", &
    "Database", "DbParm", " ")
// Connect to database
CONNECT USING SQLCA;
// Test whether the connect succeeded
IF SQLCA.SQLCode <> 0 THEN
    MessageBox("Connect Failed", &
        "Cannot connect to database." &
        + SQLCA.SQLErrMsg)
    RETURN
END IF
Open(w_main)
```

To continue the example, the open event for `w_main` sets the transaction object for the DataWindow control `dw_main` to `SQLCA` and retrieves rows from the database.

If no rows were retrieved or if there is an error (that is, the return value is negative), the script displays a message to the user:

```
long ll_rows
dw_main.SetTransObject(SQLCA)
```

```

ll_rows = dw_main.Retrieve()
IF ll_rows < 1 THEN MessageBox( &
    "Database Error", &
    "No rows retrieved.")

```

This example illustrates the use of retrieval arguments. Assume that :Salary and :Region are declared as arguments in the DataWindow painter and dw\_emp has this SQL SELECT statement:

```

SELECT Name, emp.sal, sales.rgn From Employee, Sales
    WHERE emp.sal > :Salary and sales.rgn =
    :Region

```

Then this statement causes dw\_emp1 to retrieve employees from the database who have a salary greater than \$50,000 and are in the northwest region:

```

dw_1.Retrieve(50000, "NW")

```

This example also illustrates retrieval arguments. Assume dw\_EmpHist contains this SQL SELECT statement and emps is defined as a number array:

```

SELECT EmpNbr, Sal, Rgn From Employee
    WHERE EmpNbr IN (:emps)

```

These statements cause dw\_EmpHist to retrieve Employees from the database whose employee numbers are values in the array emps:

```

Double emps[3]
emps[1] = 100
emps[2] = 200
emps[3] = 300
dw_EmpHist.Retrieve(emps)

```

The following example illustrates how to use Retrieve twice to get data meeting different criteria. Assume the SELECT statement for the DataWindow object requires one argument, the department number. Then these statements retrieve all rows in the database in which department number is 100 or 200.

The script for the RetrieveStart event in the DataWindow control sets the return code to 2 so that the rows and buffers of the DataWindow control are not cleared before each retrieval:

```

RETURN 2

```

The script for the Clicked event for a Retrieve CommandButton retrieves the data with two function calls. The Reset method clears any previously retrieved rows, normally done by Retrieve.

Here, `Retrieve` is prevented from doing it by the return code in the `RetrieveStart` event:

```
dw_1.Reset ( )  
dw_1.Retrieve (100)  
dw_1.Retrieve (200)
```

See also

- DeleteRow
- GetLastError
- GetLastErrorString
- InsertRow
- SetTrans
- SetTransObject
- Update

## RowCount

Description

Obtains the number of rows that are currently available in a `DataWindow` control or `DataStore`. To determine the number of rows available, the `RowCount` method checks the primary buffer.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

Syntax

### PowerBuilder

```
long dwcontrol.RowCount ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                 |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a <code>DataWindow</code> control, <code>DataStore</code> , or child <code>DataWindow</code> |

Return value

Returns the number of rows that are currently available in *dwcontrol*, 0 if no rows are currently available, and -1 if an error occurs.

If *dwcontrol* is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage**

The primary buffer for a DataWindow control or DataStore contains the rows that are currently available for display or printing. These are the rows counted by **RowCount**. The number of currently available rows equals the total number of rows retrieved minus any deleted or filtered rows plus any inserted rows. The deleted and filtered rows are stored in the DataWindow's delete and filter buffers.

**Examples**

This statement returns the number of rows currently available in dw\_Employee:

```
long NbrRows
NbrRows = dw_Employee.RowCount()
```

This example determines when the user has scrolled to the end of a DataWindow control. It compares the row count with the DataWindow property LastRowOnPage:

```
dw_1.ScrollNextPage()
IF dw_1.RowCount() = Integer(dw_1.Describe( &
    "DataWindow.LastRowOnPage")) THEN
    ... // Appropriate processing
END IF
```

**See also**

DeleteRow  
DeletedCount  
Filter  
FilteredCount  
InsertRow  
ModifiedCount  
SetFilter  
Update

## RowsCopy

**Description**

Copies a range of rows from one DataWindow control (or DataStore object) to another, or from one buffer to another within a single DataWindow control (or DataStore).

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.RowsCopy ( long startrow, long endrow,
    DWBuffer copybuffer, datawindow targetdw, long beforerow,
    DWBuffer targetbuffer )
integer dwcontrol.RowsCopy ( long startrow, long endrow,
    DWBuffer copybuffer, datastore targetdw, long beforerow,
    DWBuffer targetbuffer )
integer dwcontrol.RowsCopy ( long startrow, long endrow,
    DWBuffer copybuffer, datawindowchild targetdw, long
beforerow,
    DWBuffer targetbuffer )
```

| Argument            | Description                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>    | The name of the DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow from which you want to copy rows.                                                                                          |
| <i>startrow</i>     | The number of the first row you want to copy.                                                                                                                                                 |
| <i>endrow</i>       | The number of the last row you want to copy.                                                                                                                                                  |
| <i>copybuffer</i>   | A value of the dwBuffer enumerated datatype identifying the DataWindow buffer from which you want to copy rows.<br>For a list of valid values, see <a href="#">DWBuffer on page 485</a> .     |
| <i>targetdw</i>     | A reference to the DataWindow control or DataStore object to which you want to copy the rows. <i>Targetdw</i> can be the same DataWindow (or DataStore) or another DataWindow (or DataStore). |
| <i>beforerow</i>    | The number of the row before which you want to insert the copied rows. To insert after the last row, use any value that is greater than the number of existing rows.                          |
| <i>targetbuffer</i> | A value of the dwBuffer enumerated datatype identifying the target DataWindow buffer for the copied rows.<br>For a list of valid values, see <a href="#">DWBuffer on page 485</a> .           |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage**

When you use the [RowsCopy](#) method, the status of the rows that are copied to the primary buffer is NewModified!. If you issue an update request, PowerBuilder sends **SQL INSERT** statements to the DBMS for the new rows.

When you use [RowsCopy](#), data is not automatically retrieved for drop-down DataWindows in the target DataWindow or DataStore, as it is when you call [InsertRow](#). You must explicitly call [Retrieve](#) for child DataWindows in the target.

When you use `RowsCopy` or `RowsMove` to populate another DataWindow, the copied data is not automatically processed by filters or sort criteria in effect on the target DataWindow. You might be required to call the `Filter`, `GroupCalc`, or `Sort` methods to properly process the data.

Uses for `RowsCopy` include:

- Making copies of one or more rows so that the users can create new rows based on existing data
- Printing a range of rows by copying selected rows to another DataWindow and printing the second DataWindow

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### Buffer manipulation and query mode

A DataWindow *cannot* be in query mode when you call the `RowsCopy` method.

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### Examples

This statement copies all the rows starting with the current row in `dw_1` to the beginning of the primary buffer in `dw_2`:

```
dw_1.RowsCopy(dw_1.GetRow(), &
dw_1.RowCount(), Primary!, dw_2, 1, Primary!)
```

This example copies all the rows starting with the current row in `dw_1` to the beginning of the primary buffer in the drop-down DataWindow `state_id` in `dw_3`:

```
datawindowchild dwc
dw_3.GetChild("state_id", dwc)
dw_1.RowsCopy(dw_1.GetRow(), &
dw_1.RowCount(), Primary!, dwc, 1, Primary!)
```

This example copies all the rows starting with the current row in `dw_1` to the beginning of the primary buffer in the nested report `d_employee`:

```
datawindowchild dwc
dw_composite.GetChild("d_employee", dwc)
dw_1.RowsCopy(dw_1.GetRow(), &
dw_1.RowCount(), Primary!, dwc, 1, Primary!)
```

### See also

`RowsDiscard`  
`RowsMove`

## RowsDiscard

### Description

Discards a range of rows in a DataWindow control. Once a row has been discarded using `RowsDiscard`, you cannot restore the row. You have to retrieve it again from the database.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

integer *dwcontrol*.**RowsDiscard** (long *startrow*, long *endrow*, DWBuffer *buffer* )

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | The reference to a DataWindow control or child DataWindow.                                                                                                                                 |
| <i>startrow</i>  | The number of the first row you want to discard.                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>endrow</i>    | The number of the last row you want to discard.                                                                                                                                            |
| <i>buffer</i>    | A value of the dwBuffer enumerated datatype specifying the DataWindow buffer containing the rows to be discarded.<br>For a list of valid values, see <a href="#">DWBuffer</a> on page 485. |

### Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

### Usage

Use `RowsDiscard` when your application is finished with some of the rows in a DataWindow control and you do not want an update to affect the rows in the database. For example, you can discard rows in the delete buffer, which prevents the rows from being deleted when you call `Update`.

Use `Reset` to clear all the rows from a DataWindow control.

The `RowsDiscard` method triggers the RowFocusChanging and RowFocusChanged events *only when the row number of the current row is changed*. The current row is simply a number that indicates which row is the current row. A change in the content of the row does not trigger the events if the number of the current row remains the same.



Suppose you have a DataWindow with two rows. If the current row is row 1 and `RowsDiscard` discards row 1, row 2 becomes the current row, but its row number also changes from 2 to 1. The events are not fired because the current row number is still row 1. If the current row is row 2 and `RowsDiscard` discards row 1, the events are fired because the current row number has changed from row 2 to row 1.

**Examples**

This statement discards all the rows in the delete buffer for `dw_1`. As a result if the application later calls `dw_1.Update()`, the DataWindow will not submit `SQL DELETE` statements to the DBMS for these rows:

```
dw_1.RowsDiscard(1, dw_1.DeletedCount(), Delete!)
```

**See also**

`Reset`  
`RowsCopy`  
`RowsMove`

## RowsMove

**Description**

Clears a range of rows from one DataWindow control (or DataStore) and inserts them in another. Alternatively, `RowsMove` moves rows from one buffer to another within a single DataWindow control (or DataStore).

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.RowsMove ( long startrow, long endrow,
    DWBuffer movebuffer, datawindow targetdw, long beforerow,
    DWBuffer targetbuffer )
integer dwcontrol.RowsMove ( long startrow, long endrow,
    DWBuffer movebuffer, datastore targetdw, long beforerow,
    DWBuffer targetbuffer )
integer dwcontrol.RowsMove ( long startrow, long endrow,
    DWBuffer movebuffer, datawindowchild targetdw,
    long beforerow, DWBuffer targetbuffer )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                        |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | The name of a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow from which you want to move rows. |
| <i>startrow</i>  | The number of the first row you want to move.                                                      |

| Argument            | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>endrow</i>       | The number of the last row you want to move.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <i>movebuffer</i>   | A value of the <code>dwBuffer</code> enumerated datatype identifying the DataWindow buffer from which you want to move the rows.<br>For a list of valid values, see <a href="#">DWBuffer on page 485</a> .                                   |
| <i>targetdw</i>     | The name of the DataWindow control or DataStore to which you want to move the rows. <i>Targetdw</i> can be the same DataWindow control (or DataStore) or a different DataWindow control (or DataStore), but it cannot be a child DataWindow. |
| <i>beforerow</i>    | The number of the row before which you want to insert the moved rows. To insert after the last row, use any value that is greater than the number of existing rows.                                                                          |
| <i>targetbuffer</i> | A value of the <code>dwBuffer</code> enumerated datatype identifying the target buffer for the rows.<br>For a list of valid values, see <a href="#">DWBuffer on page 485</a> .                                                               |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage**

When you use `RowsMove`, the rows have the status `NewModified!` in the target DataWindow.

If you move rows between buffers in a single DataWindow control or DataStore, PowerBuilder retains knowledge of where the rows came from, and their status is changed accordingly. For example, if you move unmodified rows from the primary buffer to the delete buffer, they are marked for deletion. If you move the rows back to the primary buffer, their status returns to `NotModified!`. Note, however, that if you move rows from one DataWindow control (or DataStore) to another and back again, the rows' status is `NewModified!` because they came from a different DataWindow.

The `RowsMove` method triggers the `RowFocusChanging` and `RowFocusChanged` events *only when the row number of the current row is changed*. The current row is simply a number that indicates which row is the current row. A change in the content of the row does not trigger the events if the number of the current row remains the same.

Suppose you have a DataWindow with two rows. If the current row is row 1 and `RowsMove` moves row 1, row 2 becomes the current row, but its row number also changes from 2 to 1. The events are not fired because the current row number is still row 1. If the current row is row 2 and `RowsMove` moves row 1, the events are fired because the current row number has changed from row 2 to row 1.

When you use `RowsMove`, data is not automatically retrieved for drop-down DataWindows in the target DataWindow, as it is when you call `InsertRow`. You must explicitly call `Retrieve` for child DataWindows in the target.

When you use `RowsCopy` or `RowsMove` to populate another DataWindow, the copied data is not automatically processed by filters or sort criteria in effect on the target DataWindow. You might be required to call the `Filter`, `GroupCalc`, or `Sort` methods to properly process the data.

Uses for `RowsMove` include:

- Moving several rows from the primary buffer to the delete buffer, instead of deleting them one at a time
- Moving rows from the delete buffer to the primary buffer, to implement an Undo capability in your application

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### Buffer manipulation and query mode

A DataWindow *cannot* be in query mode when you call the `RowsMove` method.

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#### Examples

This statement moves all the rows starting with the first row in the delete buffer for `dw_1` to the primary buffer for `dw_1`, thereby *undeleting* these rows:

```
dw_1.RowsMove(1, dw_1.DeletedCount(), Delete!, &
dw_1, 1, Primary!)
```

#### See also

`RowsCopy`  
`RowsDiscard`

# SaveAs

## Description

Saves the contents of a DataWindow or DataStore in the format you specify.

For syntax to save the contents of graphs in DataWindows and DataStores, see [SaveAs on page 957](#). For syntax to save objects in OLE controls and OLE storage, see [SaveAs](#) in the *PowerScript Reference*.

## Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

## Syntax

### PowerBuilder

```
integer dwcontrol.SaveAs ( { string filename, saveastype
    saveastype,
    boolean colheading { , encoding encoding } } )
```

| Argument                                         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                                 | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <i>filename</i><br>(optional for PowerBuilder)   | A string whose value is the name of the file in which to save the contents. If you omit this argument, or specify an empty string ("") for <i>filename</i> but include valid values for the <i>saveastype</i> and <i>colheading</i> arguments, the DataWindow prompts end users for a file name.<br><br><b>Working with DataStore objects</b><br>If you are working with a DataStore, you must supply the <i>filename</i> argument. |
| <i>saveastype</i><br>(optional for PowerBuilder) | A value of the SaveAsType enumerated datatype specifying the format in which to save the contents of the DataWindow object.<br>For a list of values, see <a href="#">SaveAsType on page 492</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>colheading</i><br>(optional for PowerBuilder) | A boolean value indicating whether you want to include the DataWindow's column headings at the beginning of the file. The default value is <code>true</code> . This argument is used for the following formats: Clipboard, CSV, Excel, and Text. For most other formats, column headings are always saved.                                                                                                                          |

| Argument                                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>encoding</i><br>(optional for PowerBuilder) | Character encoding of the file to which the data is saved. This parameter applies only to the following formats: TEXT, CSV, SQL, HTML, and DIF. If you do not specify an <i>encoding</i> parameter, the file is saved in ANSI format. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EncodingANSI! (default)</li> <li>• EncodingUTF8!</li> <li>• EncodingUTF16LE!</li> <li>• EncodingUTF16BE!</li> </ul> |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, *SaveAs* returns null.

**Usage**

If you do not specify any arguments for *SaveAs*, PowerBuilder displays the Save As dialog box. A drop-down list lets the user specify the format of the saved data.

Report format (PSReport! value of SaveAsType) is the best choice if the DataWindow is a composite report. Choosing PSReport! has no effect if the DataWindow object has the RichText presentation style.

For XML!, the XML logical structure used is based on the current XML export template for the DataWindow object. You can change the export template by setting the value of the Export.XML.UseTemplate property. If no export template is specified, the default template is used.

If you use date formats in your report, you must verify that yyyy is the Short Date Style for year in the Regional Settings of the user's Control Panel. Your program can check this with the *RegistryGet* function. If the setting is not correct, you can ask the user to change it manually or to have the application change it (by calling the *RegistrySet* function). The user might need to reboot after the setting is changed.

When you save the contents of a DataWindow to a text file, double quotes are handled in a way that enables the *ImportFile* method to produce the same DataWindow when the text file is imported back into PowerBuilder. Any field that is enclosed in a pair of double quotes is wrapped with three pairs of double quotes in the saved text file. Double quotes at the beginning of a text field that have no matching double quotes at the end of the field are also replaced by three double quotes in the saved text file. However, a double quote elsewhere in the field is saved as one double quote.

The behavior of the `SaveAs` method with the `EncodingANSI!` parameter or with no encoding parameter is platform dependent. On the Windows and Solaris platforms, the file is always saved with ANSI encoding whether you are connected to an ANSI or Unicode database. On the Linux platform with an ANSI database connection, `SaveAs` saves the file with ANSI encoding. On the Linux platform with a Unicode database connection, if the data contains multilanguage characters, `SaveAs` converts the characters to UTF-8 and saves the file with UTF-8 encoding.

### Examples

This statement saves the contents of `dw_History` to the file `G:\INVENTORY\EMPLOYEE.HIS`. The saved file is in CSV format without column headings:

```
dw_History.SaveAs("G:\INVENTORY\EMPLOYEE.HIS", &
    CSV!, false)
```

The following statements set the template used by the DataWindow `dw_1` to `t_report`, specify that metadata in the `XMLSchema!` format should be generated in a separate file, and generate the files `c:\myxml.xml` containing the DataWindow row data in XML format, and `c:\myxml.xsd` containing the XML schema used in `c:\myxml.xml`:

```
dw_1.Modify("DataWindow.Export.XML.UseTemplate =
    't_report'")
dw_1.Modify("DataWindow.Export.XML.MetaDataType =
    XMLSchema!")
dw_1.Modify("DataWindow.Export.XML.SaveMetaData =
    MetaDataExternal!")
dw_1.SaveAs("c:\myxml.xml", XML!, false)
```

The following statements generate the files `c:\dw_one.fo` containing the DataWindow presentation and data in XSL-FO format, and `c:\dw_one.pdf` containing the DataWindow presentation and data in PDF format:

```
dw_1.SaveAs("c:\dw_one.fo", XSLFO!, false)
dw_1.SaveAs("c:\dw_one.pdf", PDF!, false)
```

### See also

- `ImportFile`
- `Print`
- `SaveAsFormattedText`
- `Update`

## SaveAsAscii

### Description

Saves the contents of a DataWindow or DataStore into a standard ANSI text file.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                    |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
long dwcontrol.SaveAsAscii ( string filename {, string
separatorcharacter {,string quotecharacter {, string lineending {,
boolean retainnewlinechar } } } )
```

| Argument                                | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                        | A reference to a DataWindow control or DataStore.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>filename</i>                         | A string whose value is the name of the file in which to save the contents.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <i>separatorcharacter</i><br>(optional) | A string whose value is the character to be used to delimit values. If you omit <i>separatorcharacter</i> , the default is a tab character.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <i>quotecharacter</i><br>(optional)     | A string whose value is the character to be used to wrap values. If you omit <i>quotecharacter</i> , the default is double quote.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>lineending</i><br>(optional)         | A string whose value is placed at the end of each line. If you omit <i>lineending</i> , the default is a carriage return plus a newline character (~r~n).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <i>retainnewlinechar</i><br>(optional)  | A boolean value that determines whether line feed and carriage return characters contained within the row are converted to white space. Values are:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>True</b> – line feed and carriage return characters within the row are not converted to white space</li> <li><b>False</b> (default) – line feed and carriage return characters within the row are converted to white space</li> </ul> |

### Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

### Usage

**SaveAsAscii** always saves the file with ANSI encoding. To save to a file with a different encoding, use **SaveAsFormattedText**.

`SaveAsAscii` is like `SaveAs` with the `Text` `SaveAsType`. However, unlike `SaveAs`, `SaveAsAscii` formats the text and saves column headers in the form in which they are displayed in the DataWindow instead of as the column name. For example, if the heading for the `cust_id` column is Customer ID, `SaveAsAscii` saves `Customer ID` to the text file, whereas `SaveAs` saves `cust_id`. `SaveAsAscii` also saves computed fields allows you to customize formats in the file.

If you do not specify custom settings, values are wrapped in double quotes and separated by tabs. A newline character (`~r~n`) is placed at the end of each line. Line feed and carriage return characters within each row are converted to white space.

PowerBuilder assigns a cell for each DataWindow object (which can include computed columns and group totals). If a cell is empty, PowerBuilder puts the *quotecharacter* between the *separatorcharacter* in the output file.

### Examples

This statement saves the contents of `dw_Quarter` to the file `H:\Q2\RESULTS.TXT`. The saved file uses ANSI encoding with the ampersand (&) as the separator character, and single quotes (') as the characters used to wrap values. A new line (`~r~n`) is automatically inserted at each line ending. Computed columns are included with the saved information:

```
dw_Quarter.SaveAsAscii("H:\Q2\RESULTS.TXT", "&", "'")
```

### See also

`SaveAs`  
`SaveAsFormattedText`

## SaveAsFormattedText

### Description

Saves the contents of a DataWindow or DataStore into a standard text file with custom formatting.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                    |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
long dwcontrol.SaveAsFormattedText ( string filename {, string encoding {, string separatorcharacter {, string quotecharacter {, string lineending {, boolean retainnewlinechar } } } }
```



| Argument                             | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                     | A reference to a DataWindow control or DataStore.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>filename</i>                      | A string whose value is the name of the file in which to save the contents.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <i>encoding</i> (optional)           | Character encoding of the file to which the data is saved. If you do not specify an <i>encoding</i> parameter, the file is saved in ANSI format. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EncodingANSI! (default)</li> <li>• EncodingUTF8!</li> <li>• EncodingUTF16LE!</li> <li>• EncodingUTF16BE!</li> </ul>                                                                                                               |
| <i>separatorcharacter</i> (optional) | A string whose value is the character to be used to delimit values. If you omit <i>separatorcharacter</i> , the default is a tab character.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <i>quotecharacter</i> (optional)     | A string whose value is the character to be used to wrap values. If you omit <i>quotecharacter</i> , the default is double quote.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>lineending</i> (optional)         | A string whose value is placed at the end of each line. If you omit <i>lineending</i> , the default is a carriage return plus a newline character (~r~n).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>retainnewlinechar</i> (optional)  | A boolean value that determines whether line feed and carriage return characters contained within the row are converted to white space. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – line feed and carriage return characters within the row are not converted to white space</li> <li>• <b>False</b> (default) – line feed and carriage return characters within the row are converted to white space</li> </ul> |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

**Usage**

`SaveAsFormattedText` is like `SaveAs` with the `Text SaveAsType`. However, unlike `SaveAs`, `SaveAsFormattedText` formats the text and saves column headers in the form in which they are displayed in the DataWindow instead of as the column name. For example, if the heading for the `cust_id` column is Customer ID, `SaveAsFormattedText` saves `Customer ID` to the text file, whereas `SaveAs` saves `cust_id`. `SaveAsFormattedText` also saves computed fields allows you to customize formats in the file.

If you do not specify custom settings, values are wrapped in double quotes and separated by tabs. A newline character (~r~n) is placed at the end of each line. Line feed and carriage return characters within each row are converted to white space.

PowerBuilder assigns a cell for each DataWindow object (which can include computed columns and group totals). If a cell is empty, PowerBuilder puts the *quotecharacter* between the *separatorcharacter* in the output file.

**Examples**

This statement saves the contents of dw\_Quarter to the file *H:\Q2\RESULTS.TXT*. The saved file uses UTF-16LE encoding with the ampersand (&) as the separator character, single quote (') as the character used to wrap values and the default line ending (~r~n). Computed columns are included with the saved information:

```
dw_Quarter.SaveAsFormattedText("H:\Q2\RESULTS.TXT",
    EncodingUTF16LE!, "&", "'')
```

**See also**

SaveAs

## SaveInk

**Description**

Saves overlay ink to a file or blob from an InkPicture control.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.SaveInk ( string name, long rownumber, blob blob )
integer dwcontrol.SaveInk ( string name, long rownumber,
    string filename {, inkpersistenceformat format {,
    inkcompressionmode mode } } )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control.                                                       |
| <i>name</i>      | The name of the InkPicture control from which you want to save the ink.                    |
| <i>rownumber</i> | The number of the row that contains the ink to be saved.                                   |
| <i>blob</i>      | The name of a blob passed by reference that will hold the ink in the control.              |
| <i>filename</i>  | A string containing the name and location of a file that will hold the ink in the control. |

| Argument                    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>format</i><br>(optional) | A value of the InkPersistenceFormat enumerated variable that specifies the format in which you want to save the ink. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Base64GIFFormat!</li> <li>• Base64InkSerializedFormat!</li> <li>• GIFFormat!</li> <li>• InkSerializedFormat! (default)</li> </ul> |
| <i>mode</i><br>(optional)   | A value of the InkCompressionMode enumerated variable that specifies the compression mode in which you want to save the ink. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DefaultCompression! (default)</li> <li>• MaximumCompression!</li> <li>• NoCompression!</li> </ul>                         |

**Return value**

**Integer.** Returns 1 for success and -1 for failure.

**Usage**

Use the **SaveInk** method to save annotations made to an image in an InkPicture control in a DataWindow to a separate file or blob.

When you save ink to a blob, it is saved in Ink Serialized Format (ISF). Saving ink to a blob provides the best performance because the ink is read directly from the ink data cache.

InkSerializedFormat! provides the most compact persistent ink representation. This format can be embedded inside a binary document format or added to the clipboard. Base64InkSerializedFormat! encodes the ISF format as a base64 stream, which allows the ink to be encoded in an XML or HTML file.

GIFFormat! saves the image in a Graphics Interchange Format (GIF) file in which ISF is embedded as metadata. This format can be viewed in applications that are not ink enabled. Base64GIFFormat! is persisted by using a base64 encoded fortified GIF. Use this format if the ink is to be encoded directly in an XML or XHTML file and will be converted to an image at a later time. It supports XSLT transformations to HTML.

**Examples**

The following example saves the ink in an InkPicture control in row 3 of a DataWindow object into an ISF file with default compression:

```
int li_return
string ls_pathname, ls_filename

GetFileSaveName("Save As", ls_pathname, &
    ls_filename, "ISF")
```

```
li_return = dw_1.SaveInk("inkpic_1", 3, ls_pathname)
```

The following example saves the ink in an InkPicture control in row 5 of a DataWindow object into a GIF file with maximum compression:

```
int li_return
string ls_pathname, ls_filename

GetFileSaveName("Save As", ls_pathname, &
    ls_filename, "GIF")
li_return = dw_1.SaveInk("inkpic_1", 5, &
    ls_pathname, GIFFormat!, MaximumCompression!)
```

The following example saves the ink in an InkPicture control in the current row of a DataWindow object into a blob:

```
int li_return
blob lb_blob

li_return = dw_1.SaveInk("inkpic_1", &
    dw_1.GetRow(), lb_blob)
```

See also

[ResetInk](#)  
[SaveInkPic](#)

## SaveInkPic

Description

Saves a picture and optionally overlay ink to a file from an InkPicture control.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

Syntax

### PowerBuilder

integer *dwcontrol*.**SaveInkPic** ( string *name*, long *rownumber*, string *filename*, integer *format* {, boolean *withink* } )

| Argument         | Description                                                                 |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control.                                        |
| <i>name</i>      | The name of the InkPicture control from which you want to save the picture. |
| <i>rownumber</i> | The number of the row that contains the picture to be saved.                |

| Argument                     | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>filename</i>              | A string containing the name and location of a file that will hold the picture in the control.                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <i>format</i>                | An integer specifying the format in which the picture is to be saved. Values are:<br>0 – BMP (bitmap)<br>1 – JPEG (Joint Photographic Experts Group)<br>2 – GIF (Graphics Interchange Format)<br>3 – TIFF (Tagged Image File Format)<br>4 – PNG (Portable Network Graphics) |
| <i>withink</i><br>(optional) | A boolean specifying whether overlay ink should be saved with the picture. Values are:<br><b>True</b> – overlay ink is saved with the picture (default)<br><b>False</b> – overlay ink is not saved with the picture                                                         |

**Return value**

**Integer.** Returns 1 for success and -1 for failure.

**Usage**

Use the **SaveInkPic** method to save the image in an InkPicture control in a DataWindow to a file with or without any ink annotations that have been made to it. By default, the ink is saved with the image.

**Examples**

The following example saves the image in an InkPicture control in row 3 of a DataWindow object into a GIF file without any ink annotations:

```
int li_return
string ls_pathname, ls_filename

GetFileSaveName("Save As", ls_pathname, &
ls_filename, "GIF")
li_return = dw_1.SaveInk(inkpic_1, 3, &
ls_pathname, 2, false)
```

**See also**

**ResetInk**  
**SaveInkPic**

## Scroll

**Description**

Scrolls the edit control of a DataWindow a specified number of lines up or down.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

long *dwcontrol*.Scroll ( long *number* )

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                        |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control. Scroll affects the edit control of the DataWindow.                                                            |
| <i>number</i>    | A value specifying the direction and number of lines you want to scroll. To scroll down, use a positive value. To scroll up, use a negative value. |

Return value

Scroll returns the line number of the first visible line in *dwcontrol* if it succeeds. Scroll returns -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, Scroll returns null.

Usage

If the number of lines left in the list is less than the number of lines that you want to scroll, then Scroll will scroll to the beginning or end, depending on the direction specified.

Examples

This statement scrolls mle\_Employee down 4 lines:

```
mle_Employee.Scroll(4)
```

This statement scrolls mle\_Employee up 4 lines:

```
mle_Employee.Scroll(-4)
```

See also

The following related methods implement scrolling in a DataWindow or a PowerBuilder RichTextEdit control:

- ScrollNextPage
- ScrollNextRow
- ScrollPriorPage
- ScrollPriorRow
- ScrollToRow

## ScrollFirstPage

Description

Scrolls a Web DataWindow control to the first page, displaying the result set's first group of rows in the Web page. (A page is the number of rows that are displayed in the DataWindow control at one time.) ScrollFirstPage changes the current row, but not the current column.

**Obsolete method**

`ScrollFirstPage` is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Web             | Client control    |

**Syntax****Web DataWindow client control**

```
number dwcontrol.ScrollFirstPage ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                         |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

If *dwcontrol* is null, the method returns null.

**Usage**

Calling `ScrollFirstPage` causes the page to be reloaded with another set of rows from the result set.

If the DataWindow object has retrieval arguments, they must be specified in the `HTMLGen.SelfLinkArgs` property. For more information, see the `HTMLGen.property` and the `Retrieve` method.

All methods that reload the page perform an `AcceptText` before sending data back to the server. If the method fails (returns -1), this means that pending data changes were not accepted and nothing was sent back to the server. In this situation the `ItemError` event occurs.

**Events** `ScrollNextPage` may trigger these events:

- ItemChanged
- ItemError
- ItemFocusChanged
- RowFocusChanged
- RowFocusChanging

**Examples**

This statement scrolls `dw_employee` to the first page:

```
dw_employee.ScrollFirstPage ( ) ;
```

**See also**

`ScrollLastPage`  
`ScrollNextPage`  
`ScrollPriorPage`

## ScrollLastPage

### Description

Scrolls a Web DataWindow control to the last page, displaying the result set's last group of rows in the Web page. (A page is the number of rows that are displayed in the DataWindow control at one time.) `ScrollLastPage` changes the current row, but not the current column.

### Obsolete method

`ScrollLastPage` is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Web             | Client control    |

### Syntax

#### Web DataWindow client control

number `dwcontrol.ScrollLastPage ( )`

| Argument               | Description                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <code>dwcontrol</code> | A reference to a DataWindow control |

### Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If `dwcontrol` is null, the method returns null.

### Usage

Calling `ScrollLastPage` causes the page to be reloaded with another set of rows from the result set.

If the DataWindow object has retrieval arguments, they must be specified in the `HTMLGen.SelfLinkArgs` property. For more information, see the `HTMLGen.property` and the `Retrieve` method.

All methods that reload the page perform an `AcceptText` before sending data back to the server. If the method fails (returns -1), this means that pending data changes were not accepted and nothing was sent back to the server. In this situation the `ItemError` event occurs.

**Events** `ScrollNextPage` may trigger these events:

- ItemChanged
- ItemError
- ItemFocusChanged
- RowFocusChanged
- RowFocusChanging



**Examples**

This statement scrolls dw\_employee to the last page:

```
dw_employee.ScrollLastPage();
```

**See also**

ScrollFirstPage  
ScrollNextPage  
ScrollPriorPage

## ScrollNextPage

Scrolls to the next page in a DataWindow.

| To scroll                                                                                                         | Use      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| To the next group of rows in a DataWindow (when the DataWindow does not have the RichTextEdit presentation style) | Syntax 1 |
| A RichTextEdit DataWindow to view the next page within the document (PowerBuilder only)                           | Syntax 2 |

### Syntax 1

### For DataWindow controls and child DataWindows

**Description**

Scrolls a DataWindow control forward one page, displaying the next group of rows in the DataWindow's display area. (A page is the number of rows that can be displayed in the DataWindow control at one time.) `ScrollNextPage` changes the current row, but not the current column.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
long dwcontrol.ScrollNextPage ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                             |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control or child DataWindow |

### Return value

Returns the number of the row displayed at the top of the DataWindow control when the scroll finishes or tries to scroll past the last row. `ScrollNextPage` returns 1 with nested or composite reports and child DataWindows since, in these cases, the current row cannot be changed. `ScrollNextPage` returns -1 if an error occurs.

If `dwcontrol` is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

### Usage

`ScrollNextPage` does not highlight the current row. Use `SelectRow` to let the user know what row is current.

For an example that uses `RowCount` and `Describe` to check whether the user has scrolled to the last page, see `RowCount`.

**Events** `ScrollNextPage` can trigger these events:

- ItemChanged
- ItemError
- ItemFocusChanged
- RowFocusChanged
- RowFocusChanging

### Examples

This statement scrolls `dw_employee` forward one page:

```
dw_employee.ScrollNextPage ()
```

### See also

- Scroll
- ScrollFirstPage
- ScrollLastPage
- ScrollNextRow
- ScrollPriorPage
- ScrollPriorRow
- ScrollToRow
- SelectRow

## Syntax 2

### Description

Scrolls to the next page of the document in a RichTextEdit DataWindow.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
integer rtedwname.ScrollNextPage ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                             |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>rtedwname</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control. The DataWindow object in the DataWindow control must be a RichTextEdit DataWindow. |

**Return value** Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If *rtedwname* is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage** A RichText DataWindow contains multiple instances of the document, one instance for each row. When the last page of the document for one row is visible, calling `ScrollNextPage` advances to the first page for the next row.

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### PowerBuilder RichTextEdit control

You can use the same syntax with a PowerBuilder RichTextEdit control. See `ScrollNextPage` in the *PowerScript Reference*.

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**Examples** This statement scrolls to the next page of the RichText document in the DataWindow control `dw_rpt`. If there are multiple instances of the document, it can scroll to the next instance:

```
dw_rpt.ScrollNextPage()
```

**See also** `Scroll`  
`ScrollNextRow`  
`ScrollPriorPage`  
`ScrollPriorRow`

## ScrollNextRow

Scrolls to the next row in a DataWindow control.

| To scroll                                                                                                                       | Use      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| To the next row in a DataWindow, making the row current (when the DataWindow does not have the RichTextEdit presentation style) | Syntax 1 |
| To the next instance of a document associated with a row in a RichTextEdit DataWindow (PowerBuilder only)                       | Syntax 2 |

## Syntax 1

### For DataWindow controls and child DataWindows

**Description**

Scrolls a DataWindow control to the next row (forward one row). `ScrollNextRow` changes the current row, but not the current column.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object |

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

`long dwcontrol.ScrollNextRow ( )`

| Argument               | Description                                             |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>dwcontrol</code> | A reference to a DataWindow control or child DataWindow |

**Return value**

Returns the number of the row displayed at the top of the DataWindow control when the scroll finishes or tries to scroll past the last row. `ScrollNextRow` returns -1 if an error occurs.

If `dwcontrol` is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage**

After you call `ScrollNextRow`, the row after the current row becomes the new current row. If that row is already visible, the displayed rows do not change. If it is not visible, the displayed rows move up to display the row.

`ScrollNextRow` does not highlight the row. Use `SelectRow` to let the user know what row is current.

**Events** `ScrollNextRow` triggers these events in the order shown:

- RowFocusChanging
- RowFocusChanged
- ItemFocusChanged
- ScrollVertical

You should not use `ScrollNextRow` in the `ScrollVertical` event. Doing so causes this series of events to be triggered repeatedly until the last row in the DataWindow is reached.

**Examples**

This statement scrolls `dw_employee` to the next row:

```
dw_employee.ScrollNextRow()
```

**See also**

- Scroll
- ScrollNextPage
- ScrollPriorPage
- ScrollPriorRow

ScrollToRow  
SelectRow

## Syntax 2

### Description

Scrolls to the next instance of the document in a RichTextEdit DataWindow.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

integer *rtename*.ScrollNextRow ( )

| Argument       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>rtename</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control in which you want to scroll to the next document instance. Each instance is associated with a DataWindow row.<br><br>The DataWindow object in the DataWindow control must be a RichTextEdit DataWindow. |

### Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

### Usage

A DataWindow control with a RichText DataWindow object has multiple instances of the RichText document, where each instance is associated with one row of retrieved data.

ScrollNextRow advances to the next instance of the RichTextEdit document. In contrast, repeated calls to ScrollNextPage advance through all the pages of the document instance and then on to the pages for the next row.

#### PowerBuilder RichTextEdit control

You can use the same syntax with any PowerBuilder RichTextEdit control. See ScrollNextRow in the *PowerScript Reference*.

### Examples

This statement scrolls to the next instance of the RichText document in the DataWindow control dw\_rpt. (Each document instance is associated with a row of data):

```
dw_rpt.ScrollNextRow()
```

See also

Scroll  
 ScrollNextPage  
 ScrollPriorPage  
 ScrollPriorRow

## ScrollPriorPage

Scrolls to the prior page in a DataWindow control.

| To scroll                                                                                                          | Use      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| To the prior group of rows in a DataWindow (when the DataWindow does not have the RichTextEdit presentation style) | Syntax 1 |
| A RichTextEdit DataWindow to view the prior page within the document (PowerBuilder only)                           | Syntax 2 |

### Syntax 1

### For DataWindow controls and child DataWindows

Description

Scrolls a DataWindow control backward one page, displaying another group of rows in the DataWindow's display area. (A page is the number of rows that can be displayed in the DataWindow control at one time.)  
 ScrollPriorPage changes the current row but not the current column.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object |

Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

long *dwcontrol*.ScrollPriorPage ( )

| Argument         | Description                                                                                        |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | The name of the DataWindow control or child DataWindow you want to page (scroll) to the prior page |

Return value

Returns the number of the row displayed at the top of the DataWindow control when the scroll finishes or tries to scroll past the first row.  
 ScrollPriorPage returns -1 if an error occurs.

If *dwcontrol* is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage** `ScrollPriorPage` does not highlight the current row. Use `SelectRow` to let the user know what row is current.

**Events** `ScrollPriorPage` can trigger these events:

- ItemChanged
- ItemError
- ItemFocusChanged
- RowFocusChanged
- RowFocusChanging

**Examples** This statement scrolls `dw_employee` backward one page:

```
dw_employee.ScrollPriorPage ()
```

**See also**

- `Scroll`
- `ScrollFirstPage`
- `ScrollLastPage`
- `ScrollNextPage`
- `ScrollNextRow`
- `ScrollPriorRow`
- `ScrollToRow`
- `SelectRow`

## Syntax 2 For RichTextEdit DataWindows

**Description** Scrolls to the prior page of the document in a RichTextEdit DataWindow.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer rtename.ScrollPriorPage ( )
```

| Argument       | Description                                                                                                                                                             |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>rtename</i> | The name of the DataWindow control in which you want to scroll to the prior page.<br>The DataWindow object in the DataWindow control must be a RichTextEdit DataWindow. |

**Return value** Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

**Usage** A RichText DataWindow contains multiple instances of the document, one instance for each row. When the first page of the document for one row is visible, calling `ScrollPriorPage` goes to the last page for the prior row.

**PowerBuilder RichTextEdit control**

You can use the same syntax with any PowerBuilder RichTextEdit control. See [ScrollPriorPage](#) in the *PowerScript Reference*.

---

**Examples**

This statement scrolls to the prior page of the RichText document in the DataWindow control dw\_rpt. If there are multiple instances of the document, it can scroll to the prior instance:

```
dw_rpt.ScrollPriorPage()
```

**See also**

- Scroll
- ScrollNextPage
- ScrollNextRow
- ScrollPriorRow

## ScrollPriorRow

Scrolls to the prior row in a DataWindow control.

| To scroll                                                                                                                        | Use      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| To the prior row in a DataWindow, making the row current (when the DataWindow does not have the RichTextEdit presentation style) | Syntax 1 |
| To the prior instance of a document associated with a row in a RichTextEdit control or RichTextEdit DataWindow                   | Syntax 2 |

### Syntax 1

### For DataWindow controls and child DataWindows

**Description**

Scrolls a DataWindow control backward one row. ScrollPriorRow changes the current row but not the current column.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object |

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

```
long dwcontrol.ScrollPriorRow ( )
```



| Argument         | Description                                     |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow or child DataWindow |

**Return value**

Returns the number of the row displayed at the top of the DataWindow control when the scroll finishes or tries to scroll past the first row. `ScrollPriorRow` returns `-1` if an error occurs.

If *dwcontrol* is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage**

After you call `ScrollPriorRow`, the row before the current row becomes the new current row. If that row is already visible, the displayed rows do not change. If it is not visible, the displayed rows move down to display the row.

`ScrollPriorRow` does not highlight the row. Use `SelectRow` to let the user know what row is current.

**Events** `ScrollPriorRow` triggers these events in the order shown:

- RowFocusChanging
- RowFocusChanged
- ItemFocusChanged
- ScrollVertical

You should not use `ScrollPriorRow` in the `ScrollVertical` event. Doing so causes this series of events to be triggered repeatedly until the first row in the DataWindow is reached.

**Examples**

This statement scrolls `dw_employee` to the prior row:

```
dw_employee.ScrollPriorRow()
```

**See also**

- Scroll
- ScrollNextPage
- ScrollNextRow
- ScrollPriorPage
- ScrollToRow
- SelectRow

**Syntax 2****For RichTextEdit DataWindows****Description**

Scrolls to the prior instance of the document in a RichTextEdit DataWindow.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
integer rtename.ScrollPriorRow ( )
```

| Argument       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>rtename</i> | The name of the DataWindow control in which you want to scroll to the prior document instance. Each instance is associated with a DataWindow row.<br><br>The DataWindow object in the DataWindow control must be a RichTextEdit DataWindow |

### Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

### Usage

A DataWindow control with a RichText DataWindow object has multiple instances of the RichText document, where each instance is associated with one row of retrieved data.

`ScrollPriorRow` goes to the prior instance of the RichTextEdit document. In contrast, repeated calls to `ScrollPriorPage` pages back through all the pages of the document instance and then back to the pages for the prior row.

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#### PowerBuilder RichTextEdit control

You can use the same syntax with any PowerBuilder RichTextEdit control. See `ScrollPriorRow` in the *PowerScript Reference*.

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### Examples

This statement scrolls to the prior instance of the RichText document in the DataWindow control `dw_1`. (Each document instance is associated with a row of data):

```
dw_rpt.ScrollPriorRow()
```

### See also

`Scroll`  
`ScrollNextPage`  
`ScrollNextRow`  
`ScrollPriorPage`

## ScrollToRow

### Description

Scrolls a DataWindow control to the specified row. `ScrollToRow` changes the current row but not the current column.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

integer *dwcontrol*.`ScrollToRow` ( long *row* )

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control or child DataWindow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>row</i>       | A value identifying the row to which you want to scroll. If <i>row</i> is 0, <code>ScrollToRow</code> scrolls to the first row. If <i>row</i> is greater than the last row number, it scrolls to the last row. If <i>row</i> is visible without scrolling, the DataWindow does not scroll. |

### Return value

Returns the number of the row to which the DataWindow scrolls if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

### Usage

After you call `ScrollToRow`, the specified row becomes the new current row. If that row is already visible, the displayed rows do not change. If the row is not visible, the displayed rows change to display the row.

`ScrollToRow` does not highlight the row. Use `SelectRow` to let the user know what row is current.

**Events** `ScrollToRow` can trigger these events:

- ItemChanged
- ItemError
- ItemFocusChanged
- RowFocusChanged

### Examples

This statement scrolls to row 10 and makes it current in the DataWindow control `dw_employee`:

```
dw_employee.ScrollToRow(10)
```

### See also

- Scroll
- ScrollNextPage
- ScrollNextRow
- ScrollPriorPage

ScrollPriorRow  
SelectRow

## SelectedLength

### Description

Determines the total number of characters in the selected text in an edit control, including spaces and line endings.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

long *dwcontrol*.SelectedLength ( )

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                      |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control. SelectedLength reports the length of the selected text in the edit control over the current row and column. |

### Return value

Returns the length of the selected text in *dwcontrol*. If no text is selected, SelectedLength returns 0. If an error occurs, it returns -1.

If *dwcontrol* is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

### Usage

The characters that make up a line ending, produced by typing Ctrl+Enter or Enter, are different on different platforms. On Windows, they are a carriage return plus a line feed and equal two characters when calculating the length. On other platforms, a line ending can be a single character. A line that wraps has no line-ending character.

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#### RichText DataWindows

For rich text controls, a carriage return plus a line feed always count as a single character when calculating the text length.

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#### PowerBuilder environment

For use with other PowerBuilder controls, see SelectedLength in the *PowerScript Reference*.

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**Examples**

If the selected text in the DataWindow `dw_Contact` is John Smith, then this example sets the variable to 10, the number of selected characters:

```
integer li_length
li_length = dw_Contact.SelectedLength()
```

**See also**

[SelectedLine](#)  
[SelectedStart](#)  
[TextLine](#)

## SelectedLine

**Description**

Obtains the number of the line that contains the insertion point in an editable control.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
long dwcontrol.SelectedLine ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                          |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control. It reports the line number in the edit control over the current row and column. |

**Return value**

Returns the number of the line containing the insertion point in *dwcontrol*. If an error occurs, [SelectedLine](#) returns -1. If *dwcontrol* is null, [SelectedLine](#) returns null.

**Usage**

The insertion point can be at the beginning or end of the selection. Therefore, [SelectedLine](#) can return the first or last selected line, depending on the position of the insertion point.

**PowerBuilder environment**

For use with other PowerBuilder controls, see [SelectedLine](#) in the *PowerScript Reference*.

**Examples**

If the insertion point is positioned anywhere in line 5 of the MultiLineEdit `mle_Contact`, the following example sets `li_SL` to 5:

```
integer li_SL
```

```
li_SL = mle_Contact.SelectedLine()
```

In this example, the line the user selects in the MultiLineEdit mle\_winselct determines which window to open:

```
integer li_SL

li_SL = mle_winselct.SelectedLine()
IF li_SL = 1 THEN
    Open(w_emp_data)
ELSEIF li_SL = 2 THEN
    Open(w_dept_data)
END IF
```

See also

Position  
SelectedText  
TextLine

## SelectedStart

Description

Reports the position of the first selected character in the edit control.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

```
long dwcontrol.SelectedStart ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control. It reports the starting position in the edit control over the current row and column. |

Return value

Returns the starting position of the selected text in *dwcontrol*. If no text is selected, SelectedStart returns the position of the character immediately following the insertion point. If an error occurs, SelectedStart returns -1.

If *dwcontrol* is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

Usage

SelectedStart counts from the start of the text and includes spaces and line endings.

**PowerBuilder environment**

For use with RichTextEdit and other PowerBuilder controls, see `SelectedStart` in the *PowerScript Reference*.

**Examples**

If the edit control for the DataWindow control `dw_rpt` contains Closed for Vacation July 3 to July 10, and Vacation is selected, then this example sets the variable to 12 (the position of the first character in Vacation):

```
integer li_Start
li_Start = dw_rpt.SelectedStart()
```

**See also**

`Position`  
`SelectedLength`  
`SelectedLine`

## SelectedText

**Description**

Obtains the selected text in the edit control of a DataWindow control.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
string dwcontrol.SelectedText ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                    |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control. The method reports the selected text in the edit control over the current row and column. |

**Return value**

Returns the selected text in *dwcontrol*. If there is no selected text or if an error occurs, `SelectedText` returns the empty string (“”).

If *dwcontrol* is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage****PowerBuilder environment**

For use with RichTextEdit and other PowerBuilder controls, see `SelectedText` in the *PowerScript Reference*.

**Examples**

If the text in the edit control of the DataWindow `dw_rpt` is James B. Smith and James B. is selected, these statements set the value of the string variable to James B:

```
string ls_emp_fname
ls_emp_fname = dw_rpt.SelectedText()
```

**See also**

SelectText

## SelectRow

**Description**

Highlights or removes highlights from rows in a DataWindow control or DataStore. You can select all rows or a single row. `SelectRow` does not affect which row is current. It does not select rows in the database.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.SelectRow ( long row, boolean select )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>row</i>       | A value identifying the row you want to select or deselect. Specify 0 to select or deselect all rows.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>select</i>    | A boolean value that determines whether the row is selected or not selected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – Select the row(s) so that they are highlighted.</li> <li>• <b>False</b> – Deselect the row(s) so that they are not highlighted.</li> </ul> |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null. If there is no DataWindow object assigned to the DataWindow control or DataStore, the method returns 1.

**Usage**

If a row is already selected and you specify that it be selected (*boolean* is **true**), it remains selected. If a row is not selected and you specify that it not be selected (*boolean* is **false**), it remains unselected.

**Examples**

This statement selects the fifteenth row in `dw_employee`:



```
dw_employee.SelectRow(15, true)
```

As the script for a DataWindow's Clicked event, this example removes highlighting from all rows and then highlights the row the user clicked. *Row* is an argument passed to the event script:

```
This.SelectRow(0, false)
This.SelectRow(row, true)
```

See also

IsSelected

## SelectText

Selects text in an edit control.

| To select text in                                                                                                                        | Use      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| A DataWindow when the DataWindow does not have the RichTextEdit presentation style, or a RichText edit-style column in such a DataWindow | Syntax 1 |
| A DataWindow whose object has the RichTextEdit presentation style (PowerBuilder only)                                                    | Syntax 2 |

### Syntax 1

Description

### For DataWindows with standard edit styles

Selects text in an editable control. You specify where the selection begins and how many characters to select.

This method works for DataWindows with standard edit styles (non-RichTextEdit style), or columns which have the RichText edit style in such DataWindows.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
long dwcontrol.SelectText ( long start, long length )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                       |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control.                                              |
| <i>start</i>     | A numeric value specifying the position at which you want to start the selection. |

| Argument      | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>length</i> | A numeric value specifying the number of characters you want to select. If <i>length</i> is 0, no text is selected but <b>SelectText</b> moves the insertion point to the location specified in <i>start</i> . |

**Return value**

Returns the number of characters selected. If an error occurs, **SelectText** returns -1.

If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage**

If the control does not have the focus when you call **SelectText**, then the text is not highlighted until the control has focus. To set focus on the control so that the selected text is highlighted, call the **SetFocus** function.

To select text in a DataWindow with the RichTextEdit presentation style, use Syntax 2.

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**PowerBuilder environment**

For use with other PowerBuilder controls, see **SelectText** in the *PowerScript Reference*.

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**Backward selection in a RichText edit-style column**

Both the new control and the old control cannot correctly handle the backward selection in a RichText edit-style column via the **SelectText** (although forward selection is well supported).

When backward selecting a string (which means *length* is a negative number) in a RichText edit-style column, the old control will only select the character before the last one and return 1. The new control will select two more extra characters and returns the number of the actual selected characters. For example, in the following statement, the old control selects the 9th characters and returns 1; while the new control will select 7 characters from 4th to 10th, and returns 7.

```
dw_1.selectText(10,-5)
```

---

**Examples**

This statement sets the insertion point at the end of the text in the DataWindow edit control:

```
dw_1.SelectText(dw_1.GetText(), 0)
```

This statement selects the entire contents of the DataWindow edit control:

```
dw_1.SelectText(1, Len(dw_1.GetText()))
```

The rest of these examples assume the DataWindow edit control contains Boston Street.

The following statement selects the string ost and returns 3:

```
dw_1.SelectText(2, 3)
```

The next statement selects the string oston Street and returns 12:

```
dw_1.SelectText(2, Len(dw_1.GetText()))
```

These statements select the string Bos, returns 3, and sets the focus to the DataWindow control so that Bos is highlighted:

```
dw_1.SelectText(1, 3)
dw_1.SetFocus()
```

See also

Position  
SelectedText  
TextLine

## Syntax 2

Description

## For RichTextEdit DataWindows

Selects text beginning and ending at a line and character position in a RichText DataWindow.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

Syntax

### PowerBuilder

```
long rtedwcontrol.SelectText ( long fromline, long fromchar, long toline, long tochar { band band } )
```

| Argument            | Description                                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>rtedwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow control in which you want to select text. The DataWindow object in the DataWindow control must have the RichText presentation style. |
| <i>fromline</i>     | A value specifying the line number where the selection starts.                                                                                                     |
| <i>fromchar</i>     | A value specifying the number in the line of the first character in the selection.                                                                                 |
| <i>toline</i>       | A value specifying the line number where the selection ends. To specify an insertion point, set <i>toline</i> and <i>tochar</i> to 0.                              |
| <i>tochar</i>       | A value specifying the number in the line of the character before which the selection ends.                                                                        |

| Argument                  | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>band</i><br>(optional) | <p>A value of the Band enumerated datatype specifying the band in which to make the selection. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detail!</li> <li>• Header!</li> <li>• Footer!</li> </ul> <p>The default is the band that contains the insertion point.</p> |

**Return value**

Returns the number of characters selected. A carriage return with a line feed counts as a single character. If an error occurs `SelectText` returns `-1`. If any argument's value is null, it returns null.

**Usage**

The insertion point is at the “to” end of the selection—that is, the position specified by *toline* and *tochar*. If *toline* and *tochar* are before *fromline* and *fromchar*, then the insertion point is at the beginning of the selection.

You cannot specify 0 for a character position when making a selection.

You cannot always use the values returned by `Position` to make a selection. `Position` can return a character position of 0 when the insertion point is at the beginning of a line.

To select an entire line, set the insertion point and call `SelectTextLine`. To select the rest of a line, set the insertion point and call `SelectText` with a character position greater than the line length.

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**PowerBuilder environment**

For use with other PowerBuilder controls, see `SelectText` in the *PowerScript Reference*.

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**Examples**

`SelectText` is used in the same way for RichTextEdit controls and RichText DataWindow controls. For sample code, see the examples for the RichTextEdit control in the *PowerScript Reference*.

**See also**

[SelectedText](#)  
[SelectTextAll](#)  
[SelectTextLine](#)  
[SelectTextWord](#)

## SelectTextAll

### Description

Selects all the contents of a RichTextEdit control including any special characters such as carriage return and end-of-file markers.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

integer *rtename*.SelectTextAll ( band *band* )

| Argument                  | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>rtename</i>            | A reference to a DataWindow control in which you want to select all the contents. The DataWindow object in the DataWindow control must be a RichTextEdit DataWindow.                                                                                                           |
| <i>band</i><br>(optional) | A value of the Band enumerated datatype specifying the band in which you want to select all the text. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detail!</li> <li>• Header!</li> <li>• Footer!</li> </ul> The default is the band that contains the insertion point. |

### Return value

Returns the number of characters selected. A carriage return with a line feed counts as a single character. If an error occurs, SelectTextAll returns –1.

### Usage

#### PowerBuilder RichTextEdit control

You can use the same syntax with a PowerBuilder RichTextEdit control. See SelectTextAll in the *PowerScript Reference*.

### Examples

This statement selects all the text in the detail band:

```
dw_1.SelectTextAll ()
```

This statement selects all the text in the header band:

```
dw_1.SelectTextAll (Header!)
```

### See also

SelectedText  
 SelectText  
 SelectTextLine  
 SelectTextWord

## SelectTextLine

### Description

Selects the line containing the insertion point in a RichTextEdit control.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
integer rtename.SelectTextLine ( )
```

| Argument       | Description                                                                                                             |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>rtename</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control. The DataWindow object in the DataWindow control must be a RichTextEdit DataWindow. |

### Return value

Returns the number of characters selected if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

### Usage

If the RichTextEdit control contains a selection, the insertion point can be at the beginning or end of the selection. The way the text was selected determines the location.

If the user made the selection by dragging toward the end, then calling `SelectTextLine` selects the line at the end of the selection. If the user dragged back, then `SelectTextLine` selects the line at the beginning of the selection.

`SelectTextLine` does not select the line-ending characters (carriage return and linefeed).

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#### PowerBuilder RichTextEdit control

You can use the same syntax with a PowerBuilder RichText Edit control. See `SelectTextLine` in the *PowerScript Reference*.

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### Examples

This statement selects the current line:

```
dw_1.SelectTextLine ( )
```

### See also

`SelectedText`  
`SelectText`  
`SelectTextAll`  
`SelectTextWord`

## SelectTextWord

### Description

Selects the word containing the insertion point in a RichTextEdit control.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
integer rtename.SelectTextWord ( )
```

| Argument       | Description                                                                                                                                                |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>rtename</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control in which you want to select a word. The DataWindow object in the DataWindow control must be a RichTextEdit DataWindow. |

### Return value

Returns the number of characters selected if it succeeds and -1 if a word cannot be selected or an error occurs.

### Usage

A word is any group of alphanumeric characters. A word can include underscores and single quotes but doesn't include punctuation and special characters such as \$ or #.

If punctuation or special characters follow the selected word, they are not selected. If the character after the insertion point is a space, punctuation, special character, or end-of-line mark, `SelectTextWord` does not select anything and returns -1.

#### PowerBuilder RichTextEdit control

You can use the same syntax with a PowerBuilder RichText Edit control. See `SelectTextWord` in the *PowerScript Reference*.

### Examples

The following statement selects the word containing the insertion point:

```
dw_1.SelectTextWord ( )
```

For more examples, see examples for the RichTextEdit control in the *PowerScript Reference*.

### See also

`SelectedText`  
`SelectText`  
`SelectTextAll`  
`SelectTextLine`

## SelectTreeNode

### Description

Selects or deselects a TreeView node in a TreeView DataWindow.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

Integer *dw\_control*.**SelectTreeNode**(long *row*, long *groupLevel*, boolean *bSelect*)

| Argument          | Description                                            |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dw_control</i> | A reference to a TreeView-style DataWindow control     |
| <i>row</i>        | The number of the row that belongs to the group        |
| <i>groupLevel</i> | The TreeView level of the group                        |
| <i>bSelect</i>    | Indicates whether the TreeView node is selected or not |

### Return value

Returns 1 if the **SelectTreeNode** operation succeeds and one of the following negative values if it fails:

- 1 DataWindow is null
- 5 One or more of the parameters are invalid
- 16 DataWindow is not a TreeView DataWindow

### Usage

A TreeView DataWindow has several TreeView nodes that can be selected or deselected. You can use the **SelectTreeNode** method to select or deselect a TreeView node in a TreeView DataWindow that has a particular TreeView level.

The **SelectTreeNode** method triggers the **TreeNodeSelecting** and **TreeNodeSelected** events with a row argument of -1.

### Examples

The following example selects the node specified by the text box values:

```
long row
long level
row=long(sle_row.text)
level=long(sle_level.text)
dw_1.SelectTreeNode(row, level, true)
```



## SetAction

### Description

Accepts action and context information about user interaction with the Web DataWindow client control in a Web browser so that generated HTML reflects any requested changes.

### Obsolete method

`SetAction` is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Web             | Server component  |

### Syntax

#### Web DataWindow server component

integer *dwcomponent*.`SetAction` ( string *action*, string *context* )

| Argument           | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcomponent</i> | A reference to a Web DataWindow server component.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>action</i>      | A string describing an action associated with a button click or method call in a Web DataWindow client control on a Web page. The value of action is stored in a page parameter called <i>HTMLGenObjectName_action</i> .                                                               |
| <i>context</i>     | A string describing the context of <i>action</i> in the Web DataWindow client control. The string is generated by a Web DataWindow script and the value is stored in a page parameter called <i>HTMLGenObjectName_context</i> .<br>The format is not documented and subject to change. |

### Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and one of these negative values if an error occurs:

- 1 Reloading the current context failed
- 2 The action was attempted but it failed
- 3 The action could not be performed (for example, the action was `InsertRow` but the DataWindow has no editable fields for entering new data)
- 4 The action was aborted by the `HTMLContextApplied` event

### Usage

When the user clicks a button in the Web DataWindow client control, the JavaScript for the control stores the action in a page parameter called *HTMLGenObjectName\_action*, and it stores the context in a page parameter called *HTMLGenObjectName\_context*. These parameters are passed to the page server which uses them to call the **SetAction** method for the server component.

The **SetAction** method uses the **SetHTMLAction** method of the DataWindow.

Call **GetLastError** and **GetLastErrorString** to get information about database errors that cause **SetAction**, **Update**, **Retrieve**, and **RetrieveEx** to return -1.

### Examples

This JSP example calls **SetAction** for the server component called dwGen:

```
int retVal;
String dw_1_action = (String)request.getParameter
("dw_1_action");
String dw_1_context = (String)request.getParameter
("dw_1_context");
if (dw_1_context == null){
    dw_1_context = " ";
}
// Check if we need to perform the action
if (dw_1_action!=null){
    retVal = dwGen.SetAction(dw_1_action,
dw_1_context);
    if (retVal < 0 ) {
        out.print("Error on SetAction: "+ retVal +
"<BR>");
        out.print(dwGen.GetLastErrorString()+ "<BR>");
    }
}
```

### See also

**GetLastError**  
**GetLastErrorString**  
**SetHTMLAction**

## SetActionCode

### Description

Sets the action code for an event in a DataWindow control. The action code determines the action that PowerBuilder takes following the event. The default action code is 0.

**Where to use SetActionCode**

`SetActionCode` is obsolete in PowerBuilder. To return a value, include a `RETURN` statement in the event script using the return codes documented for that event.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.SetActionCode ( long code )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                    |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control or child DataWindow.                                                                       |
| <i>code</i>      | A value specifying the action you want to take in the DataWindow control. The meaning of the action code depends on the event. |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, `SetActionCode` returns null.

**Usage**

Use `SetActionCode` to change the action that occurs following a DataWindow event. Not all DataWindow events have action codes, only those events that can have different outcomes.

**SetActionCode last statement in script**

Although `SetActionCode` is not required to be the last statement in a script, it may not perform as expected if other statements follow it.

**Examples**

In the `ItemChanged` event script for `dw_Employee`, these statements set the action code in `dw_Employee` to reject data that is less than the employee's age:

```
integer a, age
age = Integer(sle_Age.Text)
a = Integer(dw_Employee.GetText())
IF a < age THEN dw_Employee.SetActionCode(1)
```

This example shows a script for the `DBError` event script that displays a version of the error message to the user. Because PowerBuilder also displays a message to the user after the event, the script calls `SetActionCode` to set the action code to 1, which suppresses the PowerBuilder error message:

```

integer errnum
errnum = dw_emp.DBErrorCode()

// Show error code and message to the user
MessageBox("Database Error", &
    "Number " + String(errnum) + " " + &
    dw_emp.DBErrorMessage(), StopSign!)

// Stop PowerBuilder from displaying its message
dw_emp.SetActionCode(1)

```

## SetBorderStyle

### Description

Sets the border style of a column in a DataWindow control or DataStore.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```

integer dwcontrol.SetBorderStyle ( integer column, border
borderstyle )
integer dwcontrol.SetBorderStyle ( string column, border
borderstyle )

```

| Argument           | Description                                                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>   | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                                                                                                          |
| <i>column</i>      | The column in which you want to change the border style. <i>Column</i> can be a column number or a column name.                                                               |
| <i>borderstyle</i> | A value of the Border enumerated datatype identifying the border style you want to use for the column.<br>For a list of valid values, see <a href="#">Border</a> on page 483. |

### Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

### Examples

This example checks the border of column 2 in dw\_emp and, if there is no border, gives it a shadow box border:

```

Border B3
B3 = dw_emp.GetBorderStyle(2)

```

```
IF B3 = NoBorder! THEN &
    dw_emp.SetBorderStyle (2, ShadowBox!)
```

See also

[GetBorderStyle](#)

## SetBrowser

Description

Specifies the Web browser for which you want to generate optimized HTML.

### Obsolete method

[SetBrowser](#) is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Web             | Server component  |

Syntax

### Web DataWindow server component

```
string dwcomponent.SetBrowser ( string browsername )
```

| Argument           | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcomponent</i> | A reference to a Web DataWindow server component.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <i>browsername</i> | A string identifying the browser and version. The value should match the string passed to the Web server in the HTTP header. The corresponding server variable is HTTP_USER_AGENT. Sets the value of the HTMLGen.Browser property for the DataWindow object associated with the server component. For information on recognized browsers, see <a href="#">HTMLGen.property</a> . |

Return value

Returns an empty string if successful and the syntax error message from the [Modify](#) method if it fails.

Usage

If the DataWindow recognizes the browser identifier, it will generate HTML optimized for that browser. A server-side script can get the browser identifier from the server variable HTTP\_USER\_AGENT.

This method calls the [Modify](#) method of the server component's DataStore to set the property.

**Examples**

This JSP example identifies the current browser for the component called dwGen:

```
String browser = (String)request.getHeader
("User-Agent");
dwGen.SetBrowser(browser);
```

In ASP, you can use the ServerVariables method of the Request object to get the HTTP\_USER\_AGENT value:

```
var clientbrowser =
Request.ServerVariables("HTTP_USER_AGENT");
dwGen.SetBrowser(clientbrowser);
```

**See also**

- Generate
- Modify
- SetAction
- HTMLGen.property

## SetChanges

**Description**

Applies changes captured with [GetChanges](#) to a DataWindow or DataStore. This method is used primarily in distributed applications.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                    |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataStore object |

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

```
long dwcontrol.SetChanges ( blob changeblob {,
dwConflictResolution resolution } )
```

| Argument                        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                | A reference to a DataWindow control or DataStore.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>changeblob</i>               | A read-only change blob created with <a href="#">GetChanges</a> from which you want to apply changes.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>resolution</i><br>(obsolete) | A value of the dwConflictResolution enumerated datatype indicating how conflicts should be resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FailOnAnyConflict! (default)</li> <li>• AllowPartialChanges!</li> </ul> <p><i>This argument is obsolete and will be disabled in a future release.</i></p> |

**Return value**

Returns one of the following values:

- 1 All changes were applied
- 2 A partial update was successful; conflicting changes were discarded
- 1 Method failed
- 2 There is a conflict between the state of the DataWindow changeblob and the state of the DataWindow
- 3 Column specifications do not match

If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage**

Use this method in conjunction with `GetChanges` to synchronize two or more DataWindows or DataStores. `GetChanges` retrieves data buffers and status flags for changed rows in a DataWindow or DataStore and places this information in a blob. `SetChanges` then applies the contents of this blob to another DataWindow or DataStore.

**Calling SetChanges when no changes are pending**

`GetChanges` returns 0 if no changes are pending. This can happen if `AcceptText` is not called after rows are modified. In this case, calling `SetChanges` will fail, with a return code of -1.

If you call `GetChanges` on a DataWindow and apply the data passed in the *changeblob* argument to another DataWindow using `SetChanges`, you must call `GetChanges` on the second DataWindow before you reapply changes to it from the first DataWindow. The `GetChanges` call on the second DataWindow updates the original timestamp on that DataWindow so that it matches the current timestamp. (You cannot use the `Reset`, `ResetUpdate`, or `AcceptText` calls to update the original timestamp.) If you try to reapply changes without first calling `GetChanges` on the second DataWindow, you will get an error due to the conflict between the state of the DataWindow *changeblob* and the state of the second DataWindow.

**Examples**

The following example is a script for a remote object function. The script uses `SetChanges` to apply changes made to a DataWindow control on a client to a DataStore on a server. The changes made on the client are contained in a change blob that is passed as an argument to the function. After applying changes to the DataStore, the server updates the database:

```
// Instance variable: datastore ids_datastore
// Function argument: blob ablob_data
long ll_rv
```

```

ids_datastore.SetChanges(ablb_data)
ll_rv = ids_datastore.Update()

IF ll_rv > 0 THEN
    COMMIT;
ELSE
    ROLLBACK;
END IF
RETURN ll_rv

```

See also

[GetChanges](#)  
[GetFullState](#)  
[GetStateStatus](#)  
[SetFullState](#)

## SetColumn

Description

Sets the current column in a DataWindow control or DataStore.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

Syntax

### PowerBuilder

```

integer dwcontrol.SetColumn ( string column )
integer dwcontrol.SetColumn ( integer column )

```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                        |
| <i>column</i>    | The column you want to make current. <i>Column</i> can be a column number or a column name. |

Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If *column* is less than 1 or greater than the number of columns, **SetColumn** fails.

If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

Usage

**SetColumn** moves the cursor to the current column but does not scroll the DataWindow control.



Only an editable column can be current. (A column is editable when its tab order value is greater than 0.) Do not try to set a noneditable column as the current column.

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**PowerBuilder environment**

For use with PowerBuilder ListView controls, see [SetColumn](#) in the *PowerScript Reference*.

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**Events** SetColumn can trigger these events:

- ItemChanged
- ItemError
- ItemFocusChanged

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**Avoiding infinite loops**

Never call [SetColumn](#) in the ItemChanged, ItemError, or ItemFocusChanged event. Because [SetColumn](#) can trigger these events, such a recursive call can cause a stack fault.

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**Examples**

This statement makes the 15th column in dw\_Employee the current column:

```
dw_Employee.SetColumn(15)
```

**See also**

[GetColumn](#)  
[GetRow](#)  
[SetRow](#)

## SetColumnLink

**Description**

Specifies information used for constructing hyperlinks for data in a column in generated HTML.

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**Obsolete method**

[SetColumnLink](#) is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

---

## Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Web             | Server component  |

## Syntax

## Web DataWindow server component

```
string dwcomponent.SetColumnLink ( string columnname, string link, string linkargs, string linktarget )
```

| Argument           | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcomponent</i> | A reference to a Web DataWindow server component.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <i>columnname</i>  | The name of a column in the DataWindow object associated with the server component whose values you want formatted as hyperlinks in the generated HTML.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>link</i>        | A URL that is the target of a link (HTML A element) generated for each data item in the column.<br>The URL can include parameters. Additional parameters from <i>linkargs</i> may be added when the HTML is generated.<br>Sets the value of the HTML.Link property.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>linkargs</i>    | A string in the form:<br><i>argname</i> ='exp'{   <i>argname</i> = 'exp' } ...<br><i>Argname</i> is an page parameter to be passed to the server.<br><i>Exp</i> is a DataWindow expression that is evaluated, and whose value is converted using URL encoding and included in the string.<br>The evaluated <i>linkargs</i> string is appended to URL in <i>link</i> when HTML is generated to produce a hyperlink for each data item.<br>For information on constants and quotation marks in <i>linkargs</i> expressions, see <a href="#">SetSelfLink</a> .<br>Sets the value of the HTML.LinkArgs property. |
| <i>linktarget</i>  | The name of a target frame or window for the hyperlink specified in the Link property. The target is included in the HTML element using the HTML TARGET attribute.<br>You can use <i>linktarget</i> to implement a master/detail page design by directing the detail page for a data item to a different window or frame.<br>If <i>linktarget</i> is null or an empty string (""), then no TARGET attribute is generated.<br>Sets the value of the HTML.LinkTarget property.                                                                                                                                 |

## Return value

Returns an empty string if successful and the syntax error message from the [Modify](#) method if it fails.

**Usage** This method calls the Modify method of the server component's DataStore to set the property.

**Examples** This JavaScript example for a server-side script sets up hyperlinks for data in the empid column. The data links to a detailed employee report in an HTML template called empdetail.stm.

The employee id is passed as a page parameter so the empdetail scripts can use it as a retrieval argument. The column name is specified as the expression. Empid is a numeric column so its value has to be converted to a string for the page parameter value. When the server component generates the HTML, it evaluates empid for each row and includes the data value as the link argument:

```
dwMine.SetColumnLink ("empid", "empdetail.stm",
    "pagearg_empid='String(empid)'", "");
```

**See also**

Generate  
Modify  
SetAction  
HTML.property

## SetCultureFormat

**Description** The culture format set by this function does not affect the DataWindow display. It is used only for rendering HTML, XHTML, and XML for the DataWindow control.

**Applies to**

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.SetCultureFormat( string cultureStr )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                       |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control for which you want to set the culture format. |

| Argument          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>cultureStr</i> | <p>A string that defines the formats for displaying information. For example:</p> <pre>sDecimal=,sTime=:sThousand= sShortDate=dd/MM/yyyy iDate=1sDate=/sLongDate=dddd d MMMM yyyy sCurrency=€iCurrDigits=2iNegCurr=8iCurrency=3 iMeasure=0iTime=1</pre> <p><i>sDecimal</i> is the symbol used to indicate the decimal place.</p> <p><i>sTime</i> is the symbol used to separate the hours and minutes in time displays.</p> <p><i>sThousand</i> is</p> <p>Each definition is delimited by a tab.</p> |

**Return value** Returns 1 if successful and -1 if it fails. Does not work for .NET targets, and will always return -1 if used in a target of that type.

## SetDetailHeight

**Description** Sets the height of each row in the specified range to the specified value.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax**

### PowerBuilder

integer *dwcontrol*.SetDetailHeight ( long *startrow*, long *endrow*, long *height* )

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                  |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control or DataStore for which you want to set the height of one or more rows in the detail area |
| <i>startrow</i>  | The first row in the range of rows for which you want to set the height                                                      |
| <i>endrow</i>    | The last row in the range of rows for which you want to set the height                                                       |
| <i>height</i>    | The height of the detail area for the specified rows in the units specified for the DataWindow object                        |

**Return value** Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

### Usage

Call `SetDetailHeight` in a script to vary the amount of space assigned to rows in a DataWindow control or DataStore. You cannot specifically set the height for different rows when you define a DataWindow object in the DataWindow painter, although you can turn on the Autosize Height property for the detail band so that the height of each row is determined by the data.

You can set the detail height of one or more rows to zero, which hides them from view.

### Examples

This statement sets the height of rows 2 and 3 to 500:

```
dw_1.SetDetailHeight(2, 3, 500)
```

This script retrieves rows for a DropDownDataWindow associated with the Company\_Name column. It then hides rows 2 and 3 of the DropDownDataWindow by setting their detail height to 0:

```
DataWindowChild dwc;
integer rtncode;

rtncode = dw_1.GetChild("company_name", dwc)
IF rtncode < 0 THEN HALT

dwc.SetTransObject(SQLCA)
dwc.Retrieve( )
dwc.SetDetailHeight(2, 3, 0)
```

## SetDWObject

### Description

Specifies the DataWindow library and object that the Web DataWindow server component will use for generating HTML.

---

### Obsolete method

`SetDWObject` is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

---

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Web             | Server component  |

## Syntax

## Web DataWindow server component

```
int dwcomponent.SetDWObject ( string sourcefile,
                             string dwobjectname )
int dwcomponent.SetDWObjectEx ( string dwobjectname )
```

| Argument            | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcomponent</i>  | A reference to a Web DataWindow server component.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <i>sourcefile</i>   | The name of a PowerBuilder library (PBL) or dynamic library (PBD) containing DataWindow object definitions<br><i>or</i><br>A source definition file (SRD)<br><i>or</i><br>A Powersoft report (PSR) containing a DataWindow object definition and data.<br>The file must be located in the file system of the machine hosting the server component. |
| <i>dwobjectname</i> | When <i>sourcefile</i> is a PBL or PBD, the name of a DataWindow object in the library.<br>When <i>sourcefile</i> is a PSR or SRD, <i>dwobjectname</i> should be an empty string ("").                                                                                                                                                             |

## Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

## Examples

This example identifies the library and DataWindow object for the server component called dwGen:

```
int retVal = dwGen.SetDWObject("htgenex.pbl",
                               "d_tabular_dept")
```

## See also

Generate  
SetAction

## SetFilter

## Description

Specifies filter criteria for a DataWindow control or DataStore.

## Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

## Syntax

## PowerBuilder

integer *dwcontrol*.SetFilter ( string *format* )

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | The name of the DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow in which you want to define the filter.                                                                                                                                                             |
| <i>format</i>    | A string whose value is a boolean expression that you want to use as the filter criteria. The expression includes column names or numbers. A column number must be preceded by a pound sign (#). If <i>format</i> is null, PowerBuilder prompts you to enter a filter. |

### Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If no DataWindow object has been assigned to the DataWindow or DataStore, SetFilter returns -1. The return value is usually not used.

### Usage

A DataWindow object can have filter criteria specified as part of its definition. After data is retrieved, rows that do not meet the criteria are immediately transferred from the primary buffer to the filter buffer.

The SetFilter method replaces the existing filter criteria—if any are defined for the DataWindow object—with a new set of criteria. Call the Filter method to apply the filter criteria and transfer rows that do not meet the filter criteria to the filter buffer.

The filter expression consists of columns, relational operators, and values against which column values are compared. Boolean expressions can be connected with logical operators AND and OR. You can also use NOT, the negation operator. Use parentheses to control the order of evaluation.

Sample expressions are:

```
item_id > 5
NOT item_id = 5
(NOT item_id = 5) AND customer > "Mabson"
item_id > 5 AND customer = "Smith"
#1 > 5 AND #2 = "Smith"
```

The filter expression is a string and does not contain variables. However, you can build the string in your script using the values of script variables. Within the filter string, string constants must be enclosed in quotation marks (see the examples).

**Dictionary or ASCII order** By default, PowerBuilder performs comparisons in dictionary order. For example, the following expression shows all the rows in which column 2 begins with A, a, B or b:

```
#2 >= 'a' and #2 < 'c'
```

To perform comparisons in ASCII order, append “\s” to the format string. For example, the following expression shows only rows in which column 2 begins with a or b, because the ASCII values of uppercase letters are lower than the ASCII values of lowercase letters:

```
#2 >= 'a' and #2 < 'c' \s
```

**Number format** The formatting that you enter for numbers and currency in filter expressions display the same way in any country. Changing the regional settings of the operating system does not modify the formatting displayed for numbers and currency at runtime.

**Escape keyword** If you need to use the % or \_ characters as part of the string, you can use the **escape** keyword to indicate that the character is part of the string. For example, the \_ character in the following filter string is part of the string to be searched for, but is treated as a wildcard:

```
comment LIKE ~'%_a15progress%~'
```

The **escape** keyword designates any character as an escape character (do not use a character that is part of the string you want to match). In the following example, the asterisk (\*) character is inserted before the \_ character and designated as an escape character, so that the \_ character is treated as part of the string to be matched:

```
comment like ~'%*_a15progress%~' escape ~'*~'
```

**User-specified filters** To let users specify their own filter expression for a DataWindow control, you can pass a null string to the **SetFilter** method. PowerBuilder displays its Specify Filter dialog box with the filter expression blank. Then you can call **Filter** to apply the user’s filter expression to the DataWindow. You cannot pass a null string to the **SetFilter** method for a DataStore object.

**Removing a filter** To remove a filter, call **SetFilter** with the empty string (“”) for **format** and then call **Filter**. The rows in the filter buffer will be restored to the primary buffer and positioned after the rows that already exist in the primary buffer.

## Examples

This statement defines the filter expression for dw\_Employee as the value of format1:

```
dw_Employee.SetFilter(format1)
```

The following statements define a filter expression and set it as the filter for dw\_Employee. With this filter, only those rows in which the cust\_qty column exceeds 100 and the cust\_code column exceeds 30 are displayed. The final statement calls **Filter** to apply the filter:



```

string DWfilter2
DWfilter2 = "cust_qty > 100 and cust_code >30"
dw_Employee.SetFilter(DWfilter2)
dw_Employee.Filter( )

```

The following statements define a filter so that emp\_state of dw\_Employee displays only if it is equal to the value of var1 (in this case ME for Maine). The filter expression passed to SetFilter is emp\_state = ME:

```

string Var1
Var1 = "ME"
dw_Employee.SetFilter("emp_state = '"+ var1 +"'")

```

The following statements define a filter so that column 1 must equal the value in min\_qty and column 2 must equal the value in max\_qty to pass the filter. The resulting filter expression is:

```
#1=100 and #2=1000
```

The sample code is:

```

integer max_qty, min_qty
min_qty = 100
max_qty = 1000
dw_inv.SetFilter("#1="+ String( min_qty) &
    + " and #2=" + String(max_qty))

```

The following example sets the filter expression to null, which causes PowerBuilder to display the Specify Filter dialog box. Then it calls `Filter`, which applies the filter expression the user specified:

```

string null_str
SetNull(null_str)
dw_main.SetFilter(null_str)
dw_main.Filter()

```

See also

`Filter`

## SetFormat

Description

Specifies a display format for a column in a DataWindow control or DataStore.

## Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

## Syntax

## PowerBuilder

```
integer dwcontrol.SetFormat ( string column, string format )
integer dwcontrol.SetFormat ( integer column, string format )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                        |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                                               |
| <i>column</i>    | The column for which you are specifying the display format. <i>Column</i> can be a column number or a column name. |
| <i>format</i>    | A string whose value is the display format for the DataWindow column.                                              |

## Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. The return value is usually not used.

If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

## Usage

For information on valid display formats for different datatypes, see the *Users Guide*.

If you are specifying the display format for a number, the format must use U.S. notation. For example, comma (,) represents the thousands delimiter and period (.) represents the decimal place. At runtime, the locally correct symbols will be displayed.

An EditMask edit style supersedes any display format applied to the column. When the column has an EditMask edit style, calling `SetFormat` has no effect.

## Examples

These statements define the display format for column 15 of `dw_employee` to the contents of `format1`:

```
string format1
format1 = "$#,##0.00"
dw_employee.SetFormat(15, format1)
```

## See also

`GetFormat`

## SetFullState

### Description

Applies the contents of a DataWindow blob retrieved by `GetFullState` to a DataWindow or DataStore.

This method is used primarily in distributed applications.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                    |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
long dwcontrol.SetFullState ( blob dwasblob )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                         |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control or DataStore                                                    |
| <i>dwasblob</i>  | A blob that contains the state information you want to apply to the DataWindow control or DataStore |

### Return value

Returns -1 if an error occurs and one of the following values if it succeeds:

- 1 DataWindow objects match; old data and state overwritten.
- 2 DataWindow objects do not match; old object, data, and state replaced.
- 3 No DataWindow object associated with DataWindow control or DataStore; the DataWindow object associated with the blob is used. The value of the DataObject property remains an empty string.

**Null** If any argument's value is null in PowerBuilder or JavaScript, the method returns null.

If any argument's value is `null`, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns `null`.

### Usage

`GetFullState` retrieves the entire state of a DataWindow or DataStore into a blob, including the DataWindow object specification, the data buffers, and the status flags. When you use `SetFullState` to apply the blob created by `GetFullState` to another DataWindow, the target DataWindow has enough information to recreate the source DataWindow.

Because the blob created by `GetFullState` contains the DataWindow object specification, a subsequent call to `SetFullState` will overwrite the DataWindow object for the target DataWindow control or DataStore. If the target of `SetFullState` does not have a DataWindow object associated with it, the DataWindow object associated with the blob is used. The value of the DataObject property remains null.

When you use `GetFullState` and `SetFullState` to synchronize a `DataWindow` control on a client with a `DataStore` on a server, you need to make sure that the `DataWindow` object for the `DataStore` contains the presentation style you want to display on the client.

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### Limitation on calling `SetFullState` from the current `DataWindow`

`SetFullState` destroys the referenced `DataWindow` and creates a new one using the contents of the `DataWindow` blob that you specify as an argument to `SetFullState`. If you call `SetFullState` from an event in the current `DataWindow`, the `DataWindow` is destroyed before the event code can be completed and you might cause the application to crash. Therefore you should never use the “this” pronoun when calling `SetFullState`.

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### Examples

These statements in a distributed client application call a remote object function that retrieves database information into a `DataStore` and puts the contents of the `DataStore` into a blob by using `GetFullState`. After the server passes the blob back to the client, the client uses `SetFullState` to apply the blob to a `DataWindow` control:

```
// Global variable:connection myconnect
// Instance variable: uo_employee iuo_employee

blob lblb_data
long ll_rv

myconnect.CreateInstance(iuo_employee)
iuo_employee.RetrieveData(lblb_data)

ll_rv = dw_empdata.SetFullState(lblb_data)

IF ll_rv = -1 THEN
    MessageBox("Error", "SetFullState failed!")
END IF
```

### See also

[GetChanges](#)  
[GetFullState](#)  
[GetStateStatus](#)  
[SetChanges](#)

## SetHTMLAction

### Description

Accepts action and context information about user interaction with the Web DataWindow client control in a Web browser so that newly generated HTML can reflect any requested changes.

### Obsolete method

`SetHTMLAction` is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                    |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
integer dwcontrol.SetHTMLAction ( string action, string context )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control or DataStore.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>action</i>    | A string describing an action associated with a button click or method call in a Web DataWindow client control on a Web page. The value is stored in a page parameter called <code>HTMLGenObjectName_action</code> . <i>action</i> must be a valid action and cannot be an empty string or the value none. |
| <i>context</i>   | A string describing the context of <i>action</i> in the Web DataWindow client control. The string is generated by a Web DataWindow script and the value is stored in a page parameter called <code>HTMLGenObjectName_context</code> .<br>The format is not documented and subject to change.               |

### Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and one of these negative values if an error occurs:

- 1 Reloading the current context failed.
- 2 The action was attempted but it failed.
- 3 The action could not be performed (for example, the action was `InsertRow` but the DataWindow has no editable fields for entering new data).
- 4 The action was aborted by the `HTMLContextApplied` event.
- 5 The action is invalid.

**Usage** `SetHTMLAction` triggers the `HTMLContextApplied` event after restraining the context but before performing the action. You can use the event to perform data validation using methods of a server component.

If you write your own server component in PowerBuilder instead of using the generic Web DataWindow server component, you use this method to update the generated HTML to reflect user actions.

**See also** `SetAction`

## SetHTMLObjectName

**Description** Specifies a name for the Web DataWindow client control.

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### Obsolete method

`SetHTMLObjectName` is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

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**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Web             | Server component  |

**Syntax**

### Web DataWindow server component

string *dwcomponent*.`SetHTMLObjectName` ( string *objectname* )

| Argument           | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcomponent</i> | A reference to a Web DataWindow server component.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>objectname</i>  | A string specifying a name used in generated code for the Web DataWindow client control, page parameters, and client side events.<br><br>Sets the value of the <code>HTMLGen.ObjectName</code> property for the DataWindow object associated with the server component. |

**Return value** Returns an empty string if successful and the syntax error message from the `Modify` method if it fails.

**Usage** You must specify a unique object name when there will be more than one Web DataWindow on a Web page so names will not conflict.

This method calls the `Modify` method of the server component's `DataStore` to set the property.

**Examples**

This example specifies a name to be used in generated HTML for the server component called webDW:

```
webDW.SetHTMLObjectName ("dwMine");
```

**See also**

Generate  
Modify  
OneTrip  
HTMLGen.property

## SetItem

**Description**

Sets the value of a row and column in a DataWindow control or DataStore to the specified value.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.SetItem ( long row, integer column, any value )  
integer dwcontrol.SetItem ( long row, string column, any value )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | The name of the DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow in which you want to set a specific row and column to a value.                                                                                                                                             |
| <i>row</i>       | The row location of the data.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <i>column</i>    | The column location of the data. <i>Column</i> can be a column number or a column name. The column number is the number of the column as it is listed in the Column Specification view of the DataWindow painter—not necessarily the number of the column in the Design view. |
| <i>value</i>     | The value to which you want to set the data at the row and column location. The datatype of the value must be the same datatype as the column.                                                                                                                                |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

### Usage

**SetItem** sets a value in a DataWindow buffer. It does not affect the value currently in the edit control over the current row and column, which is the data the user has changed or might change. The value in the edit control does not become the value of the DataWindow item until it is validated and accepted (see **AcceptText**). In a script, you can change the value in the edit control with the **SetText** method.

You can use **SetItem** when you want to set the value of an item in a DataWindow control or DataStore that has script as the source.

**Displaying data in character columns** When you use **SetItem** (or dot notation) to assign a value to a character column that is defined to have 512 characters or less, the actual size of the column in the DataWindow definition is ignored. If the assigned value has more than 512 characters, the value displayed in the DataWindow is truncated at 512 characters. If the DataWindow column is defined to have more than 512 characters, its size is respected. For example, if the DataWindow column is defined to have 1, 10, or 100 characters, up to 512 characters of the assigned value are displayed. If the DataWindow column is defined to have 1000 characters, up to 1000 characters are displayed.

**Group and TreeView DataWindows** In Group and TreeView DataWindow objects, you must call **GroupCalc** after you call **SetItem** to display data correctly.

**Using SetItem in the ItemChanged and ItemError events** In the ItemChanged and ItemError events, you can call **SetItem** to set the value of an item when the data the user entered is not valid. If you want the user to have an opportunity to enter a different value, after calling **SetItem** you can call **SetText** to put that same value in the edit control so that the user sees the value too. In the script, use a return code that rejects the value in the edit control, avoiding further processing, but does not allow the focus to change. To retain focus and display an error message, return 1 for ItemChanged or 0 for ItemError.

When you use a return code that rejects the data the user entered but allows the focus to change (a return code of 2 in the script for the ItemChanged event or 3 in the ItemError event), you do not need to call **SetText** because the value set with **SetItem** displays.

If PowerBuilder cannot properly convert the string the user entered, you must include statements in the script for the ItemChanged or ItemError event to convert the data and use **SetItem** with the converted data. For example, if the user enters a number with commas and a dollar sign (for example, \$1,000), PowerBuilder is unable to convert the string to a number and you must convert it in the script.



**PowerBuilder environment**

For use with PowerBuilder ListView and TreeView controls, see [SetItem](#) in the *PowerScript Reference*.

**Examples**

This statement sets the value of row 3 of the column named hire\_date of the DataWindow control dw\_order to 2003-06-07:

```
dw_order.SetItem(3, "hire_date", 2003-06-07)
```

When a user starts to edit a numeric column and leaves it without entering any data, PowerBuilder tries to assign an empty string to the column. This fails the datatype validation test. In this example, code in the ItemError event sets the column's value to null and allows the focus to change.

This example assumes that the datatype of column 2 is numeric. If it is date, time, or datetime, replace the first line (integer null\_num) with a declaration of the appropriate datatype:

```
integer null_num //to contain null value

SetNull(null_num)

// Special processing for column 2
IF dwo.ID = 2 THEN
    // If user entered nothing (""), set to null
    IF data = "" THEN
        This.SetItem(row, dwo.ID, null_num)
        RETURN 2
    END IF
END IF
```

The following example is a script for a DataWindow's ItemError event. If the user specifies characters other than digits for a numeric column, the data will fail the datatype validation test. You can include code to strip out characters such as commas and dollar signs and use SetItem to assign the now valid numeric value to the column. The return code of 3 causes the data in the edit control to be rejected because the script has provided a valid value:

```
string snum, c
integer cnt

// Extract the digits from the user's data
FOR cnt = 1 to Len(data)
    c = Mid(data, cnt, 1) // Get character
    IF IsNumber(c) THEN snum = snum + c
```

```
NEXT
This.SetItem(row, dwo.ID, Long(snum))
RETURN 3
```

### See also

GetItemDate  
GetItemDateTime  
GetItemNumber  
GetItemString  
GetItemTime  
GetText  
SetText

## SetItemDate

### Description

Sets the value of a row and column in a DataWindow control to the specified value.

---

### Obsolete method

`SetItemDate` is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

---

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                                   |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Web             | Server component (see SetItem for equivalent client control method) |

### Syntax

#### Web DataWindow server component

```
short dwcontrol.SetItemDate ( long row, string column, string value )
short dwcontrol.SetItemDateByColNum ( long row, short column,
string value )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                           |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | The name of the Web DataWindow control in which you want to set a specific row and column to a value. |
| <i>row</i>       | The row location of the data.                                                                         |
| <i>column</i>    | The column location of the data. <i>Column</i> can be a column number or a column name.               |
| <i>value</i>     | The value to which you want to set the data at the row and column location.                           |

**Usage**

Although JavaScript does not distinguish between the Date, DateTime, and Time datatypes, the DataStore will give an error if the wrong type is passed. You can use the `SetItemDateTime` and `SetItemTime` methods to set values in columns with the DateTime and Time datatypes.

Because the Web DataWindow server component does not support overloading, you must use the `SetItemDateByColNum` variant instead of the standard `SetItemDate` method when you want to refer to the column by number.

**See also**

`SetItem`  
`SetItemDateTime`  
`SetItemTime`

## SetItemDateTime

**Description**

Sets the value of a row and column in a DataWindow control to the specified value.

**Obsolete method**

`SetItemDateTime` is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                                                |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Web             | Server component (see <code>SetItem</code> for equivalent client control method) |

**Syntax****Web DataWindow server component**

short *dwcontrol*.`SetItemDateTime` ( long *row*, string *column*, string *value* )

short *dwcontrol*.`SetItemDateTimeByColNum` ( long *row*, short *column*, string *value* )

| Argument         | Description                                                                                           |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | The name of the Web DataWindow control in which you want to set a specific row and column to a value. |
| <i>row</i>       | The row location of the data.                                                                         |
| <i>column</i>    | The column location of the data. <i>Column</i> can be a column number or a column name.               |

| Argument     | Description                                                                 |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>value</i> | The value to which you want to set the data at the row and column location. |

**Usage**

Although JavaScript does not distinguish between the Date, DateTime, and Time datatypes, the DataStore will give an error if the wrong type is passed. You can use the [SetItemDate](#) and [SetItemTime](#) methods to set values in columns with the Date and Time datatypes.

Because the Web DataWindow server component does not support overloading, you must use the [SetItemDateTimeByColNum](#) variant instead of the standard [SetItemDateTime](#) method when you want to refer to the column by number.

**See also**

- [SetItem](#)
- [SetItemDate](#)
- [SetItemTime](#)

## SetItemNumber

**Description**

Sets the value of a row and column in a DataWindow control to the specified value.

---

**Obsolete method**

[SetItemNumber](#) is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

---

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                                                   |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Web             | Server component (see <a href="#">SetItem</a> for equivalent client control method) |

**Syntax**

**Web DataWindow server component**

```
short dwcontrol.SetItemNumber ( long row, string column,
double value )
short dwcontrol.SetItemNumberByColNum ( long row, short
column,
double value )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                           |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | The name of the Web DataWindow control in which you want to set a specific row and column to a value. |
| <i>row</i>       | The row location of the data.                                                                         |
| <i>column</i>    | The column location of the data. <i>Column</i> can be a column number or a column name.               |
| <i>value</i>     | The value to which you want to set the data at the row and column location.                           |

**Usage**

Because the Web DataWindow server component does not support overloading, you must use the `SetItemNumberByColNum` variant instead of the standard `SetItemNumber` method when you want to refer to the column by number.

**See also**

`SetItem`

## SetItemStatus

**Description**

Changes the modification status of a row or a column within a row. The modification status determines the type of SQL statement the `Update` method will generate for the row.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.SetItemStatus ( long row, integer column,
dwbuffer dwbuffer, dwitemstatus status )
integer dwcontrol.SetItemStatus ( long row, string column,
dwbuffer dwbuffer, dwitemstatus status )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                                                                                                       |
| <i>row</i>       | The row location in which you want to set the status.                                                                                                                      |
| <i>column</i>    | The column location in which you want to set the status. <i>Column</i> can be a column number or a column name. To set the status for the row, enter 0 for <i>column</i> . |

| Argument        | Description                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwbuffer</i> | A value identifying the DataWindow buffer that contains the row.<br>For a list of valid values, see <a href="#">DWBuffer on page 485</a> .               |
| <i>status</i>   | A value of the dwItemStatus enumerated datatype specifying the new status.<br>For a list of valid values, see <a href="#">DWItemStatus on page 486</a> . |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage**

**How statuses are set** There are four DataWindow item statuses, two of which apply only to rows:

**Table 9-6: Possible statuses for DataWindow items**

| Status        | Applies to       |
|---------------|------------------|
| New!          | Rows             |
| NewModified!  | Rows             |
| NotModified!  | Rows and columns |
| DataModified! | Rows and columns |

*When data is retrieved* When data is retrieved into a DataWindow, all rows and columns initially have a status of NotModified!.

After data has changed in a column in a particular row, either because the user changed the data or the data was changed programmatically, such as through the [SetItem](#) method, the column status for that column changes to DataModified!. Once the status for any column in a retrieved row changes to DataModified!, the row status also changes to DataModified!.

*When rows are inserted* When a row is inserted into a DataWindow, it initially has a row status of New!, and all columns in that row initially have a column status of NotModified!. After data has changed in a column in the row, either because the user changed the data or the data was changed programmatically, such as through the [SetItem](#) method, the column status changes to DataModified!. Once the status for any column in the inserted row changes to DataModified!, the row status changes to NewModified!.

When a DataWindow column has a default value, the column's status does not change to DataModified! until the user makes at least one actual change to a column in that row.

**When Update is called** A row's status flag determines what [SQL](#) command the [Update](#) method uses to update the database. [INSERT](#) or [UPDATE](#) is called, depending upon the following row statuses:

**Table 9-7: Effect of row status on SQL command called by Update method**

| Row status    | SQL statement generated |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| NewModified!  | INSERT                  |
| DataModified! | UPDATE                  |

A column is included in an **UPDATE** statement only if the following two conditions are met:

- The column is on the updatable column list maintained by the DataWindow object

For more information about setting the update characteristics of the DataWindow object, see the *Users Guide*.

- The column has a column status of DataModified!

The DataWindow control includes all columns in **INSERT** statements it generates. If a column has no value, the DataWindow attempts to insert a null. This causes a database error if the database does not allow nulls in that column.

**Changing statuses using SetItemStatus** Use **SetItemStatus** when you want to change the way a row will be updated. Typically, you do this to prevent the default behavior from taking place. For example, you might copy a row from one DataWindow to another. After the user modifies the row, you want to issue an **UPDATE** statement instead of an **INSERT** statement.

**Changing column status** You use **SetItemStatus** to change the column status from DataModified! to NotModified!, or the converse.

---

### Change column status when you change row status

Changing the row status changes the status of all columns in that row to NotModified!, so if the **Update** method is called, no **SQL** update is produced. You must change the status of columns to be updated after you change the row status.

**Changing row status** Changing row status is a little more complicated. The following table illustrates the effect of changing from one row status to another:

**Table 9-8: Effect of changing from one row status to another**

| <b>Original status</b> | <b>Specified status</b> |                      |                       |                      |
|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|                        | <b>New!</b>             | <b>New Modified!</b> | <b>Data Modified!</b> | <b>Not Modified!</b> |
| —                      |                         |                      |                       |                      |
| New!                   | -                       | Yes                  | Yes                   | No                   |
| NewModified!           | No                      | -                    | Yes                   | New!                 |
| DataModified!          | NewModified!            | Yes                  | -                     | Yes                  |
| NotModified!           | Yes                     | Yes                  | Yes                   | -                    |

In the table, *Yes* means the change is valid. For example, issuing `SetItemStatus` on a row that has the status `NotModified!` to change the status to `New!` does change the status to `New!`. *No* means that the change is not valid and the status is not changed.

Issuing `SetItemStatus` to change a row status from `NewModified!` to `NotModified!` actually changes the status to `New!`. Issuing `SetItemStatus` to change a row status from `DataModified!` to `New!` actually changes the status to `NewModified!`.

Changing a row's status to `NotModified!` or `New!` causes all columns in that row to be assigned a column status of `NotModified!`. Change the column's status to `DataModified!` to ensure that an update results in a `SQL UPDATE`.

### Changing the status of a retrieved row from `NotModified!` to `New!`

If you change the status of a retrieved row to `New!` and then make a change to data in a column, *all* the columns in that row change status to `DataModified!`. All the columns change status because the `Update` method generates a `SQL INSERT` command that includes the changed data as well as the data that already existed in the other columns.

**Changing status indirectly** When you cannot change to the desired status directly, you can usually do it indirectly. For example, change `New!` to `DataModified!` to `NotModified!`.

**Resetting status for the whole `DataWindow` object** To reset the update status of the entire `DataWindow` object, use the `ResetUpdate` method. This sets all status flags to `NotModified!` except for `New!` status flags, which remain unchanged.

### Examples

This statement sets the status of row 5 in the `Salary` column of the primary buffer of `dw_history` to `NotModified!`:



```
dw_history.SetItemStatus(5, "Salary", &
    Primary!, NotModified!)
```

This statement sets the status of row 5 in the emp\_status column of the primary buffer of dw\_new\_hire to DataModified!:

```
dw_new_hire.SetItemStatus(5, "emp_status", &
    Primary!, DataModified!)
```

This code sets the status of row 5 in the primary buffer of dw\_rpt to DataModified! if its status is currently NewModified!:

```
dwItemStatus l_status
l_status = dw_rpt.GetItemStatus(5, 0, Primary!)
IF l_status = NewModified! THEN
    dw_rpt.SetItemStatus(5, 0,
        Primary!, DataModified!)
END IF
```

See also

[GetItemStatus](#)  
[ResetUpdate](#)

## SetItemString

Description

Sets the value of a row and column in a DataWindow control to the specified value.

### Obsolete method

[SetItemString](#) is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                                                   |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Web             | Server component (see <a href="#">SetItem</a> for equivalent client control method) |

Syntax

### Web DataWindow server component

```
short dwcontrol.SetItemString ( long row, string column, string
    value )
short dwcontrol.SetItemStringByColNum ( long row, short column,
    string value )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                           |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | The name of the Web DataWindow control in which you want to set a specific row and column to a value. |
| <i>row</i>       | The row location of the data.                                                                         |
| <i>column</i>    | The column location of the data. <i>Column</i> can be a column number or a column name.               |
| <i>value</i>     | The value to which you want to set the data at the row and column location.                           |

**Usage**

Because the Web DataWindow server component does not support overloading, you must use the `SetItemStringByColNum` variant instead of the standard `SetItemString` method when you want to refer to the column by number.

**See also**

`SetItem`

## SetItemTime

**Description**

Sets the value of a row and column in a DataWindow control to the specified value.

---

**Obsolete method**

`SetItemTime` is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

---

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                                                |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Web             | Server component (see <code>SetItem</code> for equivalent client control method) |

**Syntax**

**Web DataWindow server component**

```
short dwcontrol.SetItemTime ( long row, string column, string value )
short dwcontrol.SetItemTimeByColNum ( long row, short column, string value )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                           |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | The name of the Web DataWindow control in which you want to set a specific row and column to a value. |

| Argument      | Description                                                                             |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>row</i>    | The row location of the data.                                                           |
| <i>column</i> | The column location of the data. <i>Column</i> can be a column number or a column name. |
| <i>value</i>  | The value to which you want to set the data at the row and column location.             |

**Usage**

Although JavaScript does not distinguish between the Date, DateTime, and Time datatypes, the DataStore will give an error if the wrong type is passed. You can use the `SetItemDate` and `SetItemDateTime` methods to set values in columns with the Date and DateTime datatypes. Because the Web DataWindow server component does not support overloading, you must use the `SetItemTimeByColNum` variant instead of the standard `SetItemTime` method when you want to refer to the column by number.

**See also**

`SetItem`  
`SetItemDate`  
`SetItemDateTime`

## SetPageSize

**Description**

Specifies the number of rows to include in a generated Web page for the Web DataWindow.

**Obsolete method**

`SetPageSize` is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Web             | Server component  |

**Syntax****Web DataWindow server component**

```
string dwcomponent.SetPageSize ( long pagesize )
```

| Argument           | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcomponent</i> | A reference to a Web DataWindow server component.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <i>pagesize</i>    | The number of rows of data to include in a generated Web page. If the Web page does not include all available rows, you can include Button controls in the DataWindow object for navigating other subsets of rows. To include all available rows in the page, specify 0 for PageSize.<br><br>Sets the value of the HTMLGen.PageSize property for the DataWindow object associated with the server component. |

**Return value** Returns an empty string if successful and the syntax error message from the **Modify** method if it fails.

**Usage** This method calls the **Modify** method of the server component's DataStore to set the property. It is particularly useful for the XML Web DataWindow where you typically want to limit the number of rows per page.

**Examples** This example specifies that the HTML generated by the webDW component will have 20 rows of data:

```
webDW.SetPageSize (20) ;
```

**See also** [Generate](#)  
[Modify](#)  
[HTMLGen.property](#)

## SetPosition

**Description** Moves a control within the DataWindow to another band or changes the front-to-back order of controls within a band.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax**

### PowerBuilder

```
integer dwcontrol.SetPosition ( string controlname, string band ,  
boolean bringtofront )
```

| Argument         | Description                                       |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control or DataStore. |

| Argument            | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>controlname</i>  | The name of the control within the DataWindow that you want to move. You assign names to the controls in the DataWindow painter.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>band</i>         | A string whose value is the name of the band or layer in which you want to position <i>controlname</i> . Layer names are background and foreground.<br><br>Band names are detail, header, footer, summary, header.#, and trailer.#, where # is the group level number. Enter the empty string ("") if you do not want to change the band. |
| <i>bringtofront</i> | A boolean indicating whether you want to bring <i>controlname</i> to the front within the band: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – Bring it to the front.</li> <li>• <b>False</b> – Do not bring it to the front.</li> </ul>                                                                                          |

**Return value**

Returns 1 when it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage****PowerBuilder environment**

For setting the position of controls in the front-to-back order of a PowerBuilder window, see [SetPosition](#) in the *PowerScript Reference*.

**Examples**

This statement moves oval\_red in dw\_rpt to the header and brings it to the front:

```
dw_rpt.SetPosition("oval_red", "header", true)
```

This statement does not change the position of oval\_red, but does bring it to the front:

```
dw_rpt.SetPosition("oval_red", "", true)
```

This statement moves oval\_red to the footer, but does not bring it to the front:

```
dw_rpt.SetPosition("oval_red", "footer", false)
```

## SetRedraw

**Description**

Controls the automatic redrawing of an object or control after each change to its properties.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

integer *objectname*.SetRedraw ( boolean *redraw* )

| Argument          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>objectname</i> | The name of the object or control for which you want to change the redraw setting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>redraw</i>     | A boolean value that controls whether PowerBuilder redraws an object automatically after a change. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>True</b> – Automatically redraw the object or control after each change to its properties.</li><li>• <b>False</b> – Do not redraw after each change.</li></ul> |

### Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If *redraw* is null, SetRedraw returns null.

### Usage

By default, PowerBuilder redraws a control after each change to properties that affect appearance. Use **SetRedraw** to turn off redrawing temporarily in order to avoid flicker and reduce redrawing time when you are making several changes to the properties of an object or control. If the window is not visible, **SetRedraw** fails.

---

#### PowerBuilder environment

Inherited from DragObject. For more details on use with PowerBuilder objects, see **SetRedraw** in the *PowerScript Reference*.

---

## SetRichTextAlign

### Description

Sets the alignment value to use while editing columns with the RichText edit style.

### Applies to

DataWindow control

### Syntax

Integer *dwcontrol*.SetRichTextAlign ( Alignment *sAlign* )

| Argument         | Description                           |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow control |

| Argument     | Description                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Align</i> | Value for specifying the alignment that you want to set for columns with the RichText edit style. Allowable values are:<br>Left!<br>Right!<br>Center!<br>Justified! |

**Return value**

Returns 0 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If the argument's value is null, `SetRichTextAlign` returns null.

0 Success

-1 No RichText column is being edited

**Usage**

You can call this method from a button in a custom toolbar that you use to set display characteristics of columns with the RichText edit style.

**Examples**

This example sets the alignment value for editing columns that have a RichText edit style:

```
Integer ll_temp
Alignment l_align
l_align = Right!
ll_temp = dw_1.SetRichTextAlign(l_align)
```

**See also**

`GetRichTextAlign`  
`GetRichTextColor`  
`GetRichTextFaceName`  
`GetRichTextSize`  
`GetRichTextStyle`

## SetRichTextColor

**Description**

Sets the color to use while editing columns with the RichText edit style.

**Applies to**

DataWindow control

**Syntax**

Integer *dwcontrol*.`SetRichTextColor` ( long *color* )

| Argument         | Description                                                                                             |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow control                                                                   |
| <i>color</i>     | A long value specifying the color that you want to set for editing columns with the RichText edit style |

**Return value** Returns 0 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If the argument's value is null, [SetRichTextColor](#) returns null.

- 0 Success
- 1 No RichText column is being edited

**Usage** If the color for columns with the RichText edit style is white, background transparency and gradient and text transparency will not work properly.

You can call this method from a button in a custom toolbar that you use to set display characteristics of columns with the RichText edit style.

**Examples** This example sets green as the current color to use for editing columns that have a RichText edit style:

```
Integer l_rtn
Long l_color
l_color = RGB(0, 255, 0)
l_rtn = dw_1.SetRichTextColor(l_color)
```

**See also** [GetRichTextColor](#)  
[GetRichTextAlign](#)  
[GetRichTextFaceName](#)  
[GetRichTextSize](#)  
[GetRichTextStyle](#)

## SetRichTextFaceName

**Description** Sets the typeface to use while editing columns with the RichText edit style.

**Applies to** DataWindow control

**Syntax** Integer *dwcontrol*.[SetRichTextFaceName](#) ( string *typeface* )

| Argument         | Description                                                                                           |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow control                                                                 |
| <i>typeface</i>  | A string value for the typeface that you want to set for editing columns with the RichText edit style |

**Return value** Returns 0 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If the argument's value is null, [SetRichTextFaceName](#) returns null.

- 0 Success
- 1 No RichText column is being edited



**Usage** You can call this method from a button in a custom toolbar that you use to set display characteristics of columns with the RichText edit style.

**Examples** This example sets Arial as the current typeface to use for editing columns that have a RichText edit style:

```
Integer li_rtn
li_rtn = dw_1.SetRichTextFaceName("Arial")
```

**See also** [GetRichTextFaceName](#)  
[GetRichTextAlign](#)  
[GetRichTextColor](#)  
[GetRichTextSize](#)  
[GetRichTextStyle](#)

## SetRichTextSize

**Description** Sets the size of the font to use while editing columns with the RichText edit style.

**Applies to** DataWindow control

**Syntax** `Integer dwcontrol.SetRichTextSize ( long size )`

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                       |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow control                                                                             |
| <i>size</i>      | A long value for the point size of the font that you want to set for editing columns with the RichText edit style |

**Return value** Returns 0 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If the argument's value is null, [SetRichTextSize](#) returns null.

```
0 Success
-1 No RichText column is being edited
```

**Usage** You can call this method from a button in a custom toolbar that you use to set display characteristics of columns with the RichText edit style.

**Examples** This example sets 16 as the current point size to use for editing columns that have a RichText edit style:

```
Integer li_rtn
li_rtn = dw_1.SetRichTextSize(16)
```

**See also** [GetRichTextSize](#)  
[GetRichTextAlign](#)

GetRichTextColor  
 GetRichTextFaceName  
 GetRichTextStyle

## SetRichTextStyle

|                    |                                                                                                                                                    |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description</b> | Sets the style of the font to use while editing columns with the RichText edit style.                                                              |
| <b>Applies to</b>  | DataWindow control                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Syntax</b>      | Integer <i>dwcontrol</i> .SetRichTextStyle ( boolean <i>bold</i> , boolean <i>underline</i> , boolean <i>italic</i> , boolean <i>strikeout</i> , ) |

| Argument         | Description                           |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow control |
| <i>bold</i>      | A boolean for the bold style          |
| <i>underline</i> | A boolean for the underlined style    |
| <i>italic</i>    | A boolean for the italic style        |
| <i>strikeout</i> | A boolean for the strikeout style     |

|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Return value</b> | Returns 0 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If the argument's value is null, SetRichTextStyle returns null. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 Success</li> <li>-1 No RichText column is being edited</li> </ul> |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

|              |                                                                                                                                                 |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Usage</b> | You can call this method from a button in a custom toolbar that you use to set display characteristics of columns with the RichText edit style. |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

|                 |                                                                                                                  |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Examples</b> | This example sets an underlined, bolded font as the current font for editing columns with a RichText edit style: |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

```
Integer li_rtn
li_rtn = dw_1.SetRichTextStyle(true, false, false, &
    false)
```

|                 |                                                                                                    |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>See also</b> | GetRichTextStyle<br>GetRichTextAlign<br>GetRichTextColor<br>GetRichTextFaceName<br>GetRichTextSize |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

## SetRow

### Description

Sets the current row in a DataWindow control or DataStore.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

integer *dwcontrol*.SetRow ( long *row* )

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                  |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow in which you want to set the current row |
| <i>row</i>       | The row you want to make current                                                                             |

### Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If *row* is less than 1 or greater than the number of rows, SetRow fails.

If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

### Usage

SetRow moves the cursor to the current row but does not scroll the DataWindow control or DataStore.

**Events** SetRow can trigger these events:

- ItemChanged
- ItemError
- ItemFocusChanged
- RowFocusChanged

### Avoiding infinite loops

Never call SetRow in the ItemChanged event or any of the other events listed above. Because SetRow can trigger these events, such a recursive call can cause a stack fault.

### Examples

This statement sets the current row in dw\_employee to 15:

```
dw_employee.SetRow(15)
```

This example unhighlights all highlighted rows, if any. It then sets the current row to 15 and highlights it. If row 15 is not visible, you can use ScrollToRow instead of SetRow:

```
dw_employee.SelectRow(0, false)
```

```
dw_employee.SetRow(15)
dw_employee.SelectRow(15, true)
```

See also

- GetColumn
- GetRow
- SetColumn
- SetRowFocusIndicator

## SetRowFocusIndicator

Description

Specifies the visual indicator that identifies the current row in the DataWindow control. You can use the standard dotted-line rectangle of Windows, PowerBuilder's pointing hand, or an image stored in a PowerBuilder Picture control.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object |

Syntax

### PowerBuilder

```
integer dwcontrol.SetRowFocusIndicator ( RowFocusInd
focusindicator
    {, integer xlocation {, integer ylocation } } )
integer dwcontrol.SetRowFocusIndicator ( Picture picturename
    {, integer xlocation {, integer ylocation } } )
```

| Argument                                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                               | A reference to a DataWindow control or child DataWindow in which you want to set the row focus indicator.                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <i>focusindicator</i><br>or <i>picturename</i> | The visual indicator for the current row. In PowerBuilder, a value of the RowFocusInd enumerated datatype or the name of a PowerBuilder Picture control whose image you want to use.<br><br>For a list of valid enumerated datatype values, see <a href="#">RowFocusInd on page 492</a> . |
| <i>xlocation</i><br>(optional)                 | The x coordinate in PowerBuilder units of the position of the hand or bitmap relative to the upper-left corner of the row.                                                                                                                                                                |
| <i>ylocation</i><br>(optional)                 | The y coordinate in PowerBuilder units of the position of the hand or bitmap relative to the upper-left corner of the row.                                                                                                                                                                |

Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, SetRowFocusIndicator returns null.

**Usage**

Sets the current row indicator in *dwcontrol* to *focusindicator*. If you select Hand or a Picture control as the indicator, PowerBuilder displays the indicator at the left side of the body of the DataWindow unless you specify location coordinates (*xlocation*, *ylocation*). The default location is 0,0 (the left side of the body of the DataWindow control).

You must assign a DataWindow object to the DataWindow control before you call `SetRowFocusIndicator`. If you change the DataWindow object at runtime, you must call `SetRowFocusIndicator` again to reset the indicator.

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**Pictures as row focus indicators**

To use a picture as the row focus indicator, set up the Picture control in the Window painter. Place the Picture control in the window that contains the DataWindow control and then reference it in the `SetRowFocusIndicator` method. You can hide the picture or place it under the DataWindow control so the user does not see the control itself.

---

**Examples**

This statement sets the row focus indicator in `dw_employee` to the pointing hand:

```
dw_employee.SetRowFocusIndicator (Hand!)
```

If `p_arrow` is a Picture control in the window, the following statement sets the row focus indicator in `dw_employee` to `p_arrow`:

```
dw_employee.SetRowFocusIndicator (p_arrow)
```

**See also**

`GetRow`  
`SetRow`

## SetSelfLink

**Description**

Specifies the URL and page parameters for the current page of the Web DataWindow.

---

**Obsolete method**

`SetSelfLink` is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

---

## Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Web             | Server component  |

## Syntax

## Web DataWindow server component

```
string dwcomponent.SetSelfLink ( string selflink, string selflinkargs )
```

| Argument            | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcomponent</i>  | A reference to an Web DataWindow server component.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <i>selflink</i>     | The URL for the current page. It cannot include parameters. Parameters may be added when HTML is generated.<br><br><i>Selflink</i> is used to generate URLs for navigation buttons that obtain additional rows from the result set and for other buttons that reload the page, such as <b>Update</b> and <b>Retrieve</b> .<br><br>Sets the value of the HTMLGen.SelfLink property for the DataWindow object associated with the server component.                                                                                                             |
| <i>selflinkargs</i> | A string in the form:<br><br><i>argname</i> ='exp'{   <i>argname</i> = 'exp' } ...<br><i>Argname</i> is a page parameter to be passed to the server.<br><i>Exp</i> is a DataWindow string expression that is evaluated, converted using URL encoding, and used as the value of <i>argname</i> in generated HTML.<br><br>The evaluated <i>selflinkargs</i> expressions are included in the generated HTML as hidden fields. The arguments supply information, such as retrieval arguments, that the server needs to render additional pages of the result set. |

## Return value

Returns an empty string if successful and the syntax error message from the **Modify** method if it fails.

## Usage

This method calls the **Modify** method of the server component's DataStore to set the property.

**Reason for self-link information** The first time the client browser requests the page template, it can pass page specific information using **GET** or **POST** and the page can use those values in the server-side scripts. However, when the page is reloaded because of user interactions with the Web DataWindow, that information will not be passed to the page automatically.

To make the information available, you specify a *selflinkargs* string that becomes page parameters in the reloaded page. Typically, you would use self-link parameters to provide:

- Login information from another page

- DataWindow object name
- Retrieval arguments for the DataWindow object

**Getting the URL for the page** To correctly reload the page in response to user actions, the server component needs to know the URL of the page template. You can get this information from the name property of the document object header or the SCRIPT\_NAME server variable.

In a JSP page, you must parse the return value from a `request.getRequestURI` call:

```
String URI = request.getRequestURI();
String [] myArray = URI.split ("/");
String pageName = myArray [myArray.length-1];
```

In ASP, use the `ServerVariables` method of the Request object:

```
var pageName =Request.ServerVariables (
"SCRIPT_NAME" );
```

**Self-link arguments for SetSelfLink** The syntax for specifying self-link arguments is:

```
pageparam='expression'|pageparam='expression'
```

The expression is a DataWindow expression that is evaluates to a string. Usually, you will be passing constant string values that have already been passed to the page as page parameters.

The expression is enclosed in quotes, and if the value is a constant, it must also be enclosed in quotes. For example, if a page parameter has the value *Johnson*, the value of the expression must be enclosed in two sets of quote marks: `'"Johnson"'`.

To get the value from the current Logname parameter, which is already defined for the page, you build the expression using the Logname page parameter. The single quotes and inner double quotes are embedded in the expression. The current value is inserted between the quotes:

```
String logname = (String)
request.getParameter ("Logname");
String linkargs =
"logname='\'' + logname + '\''";
```

If the DataWindow object requires retrieval arguments, they must be provided to the reloaded page in *selflinkargs*. For an example of using `SetSelfLink` for setting up retrieval arguments as page parameters, see `Retrieve`.

### Examples

This server-side script specifies hyperlink information for the page. The value of the empid column is stored in the page parameter EMPID:

```
webDW.SetSelfLink("mydwpage.html", "EMPID =  
'String(empid) '");
```

This hyperlink information refers to the JSP page by name. The page is regenerated by calling the template again. There are no link arguments:

```
webDW.SetSelfLink("salesrpt.jsp", "");
```

This ASP example uses the [ServerVariables](#) method of the Request object to get the SCRIPT\_NAME variable:

```
var pageName =Request.ServerVariables(  
"SCRIPT_NAME" );  
webDW.SetSelfLink(pageName, "");
```

In JSP you must parse the return value from a request.getRequestURI call. This example also sets up a page parameter for the reloaded page using the page parameter Logname:

```
String URI = request.getRequestURI();  
String [] myArray = URI.split ("/");  
String pageName = myArray [myArray.length-1];  
String logname = (String)  
    request.getParameter("Logname");  
String linkargs =  
    "Logname=\'" + logname + "\'";  
webDW.SetSelfLink( pageName, linkargs);
```

### See also

[Generate](#)  
[Modify](#)  
[SetAction](#)  
[HTMLGen.property](#)

## SetServerServiceClasses

### Description

Tells the server component to trigger custom events defined in user objects for data validation. These user objects, referred to as service classes, must be defined in the [PBL](#) or [PBD](#) containing the DataWindow object for the server component.



**Obsolete method**

`SetServerServiceClasses` is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Web             | Server component  |

**Syntax****Web DataWindow server component**

```
short dwcomponent.SetServerServiceClasses ( string
serviceclassnames )
```

| Argument                 | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcomponent</i>       | A reference to a Web DataWindow server component.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>serviceclassnames</i> | A string whose value is a list of PowerBuilder custom class user objects. The user objects must be in the PBL or PBD containing the DataWindow for the server component. Separate user object names with a semicolon. |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if a specified service class does not exist.

**Usage**

The main use of service classes is to provide data validation using server-side business logic.

Service classes implement one or more user-defined events with these names and signatures:

```
long dberror ( long sqldbcode, string sqlerrtext, string sqlsyntax,
dwbuffer buffer, long row, datastore ds )
long retrievestart ( datastore ds )
long retrieveend ( long rowcount, datastore ds )
long sqlpreview ( sqlpreviewfunction request, sqlpreviewtype
sqltype, string sqlsyntax, dwbuffer buffer, long row, datastore ds )
long updatestart ( datastore ds )
long updateend ( long rowsinserted, long rowsupdated, long
rowsdeleted, datastore ds )
long htmlcontextapplied ( string action, datastore ds )
```

The custom events can use the same return codes as the corresponding standard DataWindow events documented in [Chapter 8, DataWindow Events](#). By setting a return code, a custom event can cause the event action to be canceled in the server component.

When the standard DataWindow event occurs in the server component, the component triggers the custom event in each of the listed service classes. One or more of the components can implement the event. A service class only needs to implement the events whose outcome it wants to influence. Any of the service classes can set an event return code that cancels the event action in the server component.

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### Runtime errors

Instantiated service objects run in the same objects space as the server component. If a runtime error occurs in the service object, it could cause HTML generation to fail.

### Examples

This JavaScript example for a server-side script specifies a list of service classes that implement events:

```
dwMine.SetServerServiceClasses (  
    "uo_update;uo_retrieve;uo_dberror" );
```

### See also

Events:  
HTMLContextApplied  
DBError  
RetrieveStart  
RetrieveEnd  
SQLPreview  
UpdateStart  
UpdateEnd

## SetServerSideState

### Description

Tells the server component whether to attempt to maintain its state by saving the retrieved data and leaving the transaction open. Keeping the retrieved data means that the component does not need to reconnect and retrieve data every time a method is called.

---

### Obsolete method

`SetServerSideState` is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

---

## Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Web             | Server component  |

## Syntax

**Web DataWindow server component**

string *dwcomponent*.SetServerSideState ( boolean *maintainstate* )

| Argument             | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcomponent</i>   | A reference to a Web DataWindow server component                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>maintainstate</i> | Specifies whether the server will attempt to maintain its state between method calls. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – The server component will keep the result set and keep the transaction open if possible.</li> <li>• <b>False</b> – (Default) The result set is not saved and the server component uses information passed back from the client to retrieve the result set again and remember any uncommitted changes.</li> </ul> |

## Return value

Returns an empty string if it succeeds and an error message from server if it fails.

## Usage

**How state is maintained for a stateless component** The Web DataWindow can run in a fully stateless server environment. Variables in the Web page keep information about the rows being viewed and changes the user makes and this information is communicated to the server component as needed so the component can restore its state each time it is called. Restoring its state includes retrieving data from the database each time the page is reloaded, including each time the user navigates to another page.

**Performance impact of a stateless component** Operating in a stateless mode minimizes use of server resources but can decrease performance. The client maintains the state of the server component in string form and the information is sent back and forth with every request. Also, when state is not maintained on the server, the component must connect to the database and retrieve data each time it is called. If the component server does not do connection caching, response time for the client could be very slow.

**Maintaining state on the server** You can increase performance by maintaining state on the server. To maintain state, the page server's session object keeps a reference to the server component.

Maintaining state on the server will provide faster response time if the same component is accessed again. However, it also increases the server resources used for each client connection.

To minimize impact on server resources, a short timeout on a session lets the server get rid of a component that might not be requested again. If the component is called again, its state can be restored from the client state information.

You can also increase performance by calling `Update` frequently.

**Examples**

This example specifies that the server component should maintain state:

```
webDW.SetServerSideState( true );
```

**See also**

`Update`

## SetSort

**Description**

Specifies sort criteria for a DataWindow control or DataStore.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.SetSort ( string format )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <i>format</i>    | A string whose value is valid sort criteria for the DataWindow (see Usage). The expression includes column names or numbers. A column number must be preceded by a pound sign (#). If <i>format</i> is null, PowerBuilder prompts you to enter the sort criteria. |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

**Usage**

A DataWindow object can have sort criteria specified as part of its definition. `SetSort` overrides the definition, providing new sort criteria for the DataWindow. However, it does not actually sort the rows. Call the `Sort` method to perform the actual sorting.

The sort criteria for a column have one of the forms shown in the following table, depending on whether you specify the column by name or number.

**Table 9-9: Examples for specifying sort order**

| Syntax for sort order       | Examples                                       |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <i>columnname order</i>     | "emp_lname A"<br>"emp_lname asc, dept_id desc" |
| # <i>columnnumber order</i> | "#3 A"                                         |

The following table shows the recognized values for *order*. These values are case insensitive. For example, *as*, *s*, *AS*, or *S* all specify a case-sensitive sort in ascending order.

**Table 9-10: Recognized values for sort order**

| Order value                     | Resulting sort order        |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>a, asc, ascending, ai, i</i> | Case-insensitive ascending  |
| <i>d, desc, descending, di</i>  | Case-insensitive descending |
| <i>as, s</i>                    | Case-sensitive ascending    |
| <i>ds</i>                       | Case-sensitive descending   |

If you omit *order* or specify an unrecognized string, the sort is performed in ascending order and is case insensitive. You can specify secondary sorting by specifying criteria for additional columns in the format string. Separate each column specification with a comma.

To let the user specify the sort criteria for a DataWindow control, you can pass a null string to the `SetSort` method. PowerBuilder displays the Specify Sort Columns dialog with the sort specifications blank. Then you can call `Sort` to apply the user's criteria. You cannot pass a null string to the `SetSort` method for a DataStore object.

### Examples

This statement sets the sort criteria for `dw_employee` so `emp_status` is sorted in ascending order and within each employee status, `emp_salary` is sorted in descending order:

```
dw_employee.SetSort("emp_status asc, emp_salary
desc")
```

If `emp_status` is column 1 and `emp_salary` is column 5 in `dw_employee`, then the following statement is equivalent to the sort specification above:

```
dw_employee.SetSort("#1 A, #5 D")
```

This example defines sort criteria to sort the status column in ascending order and the salary column in descending order within status. Both sorts are case-sensitive. After assigning the sort criteria to the DataWindow control `dw_emp`, it sorts `dw_emp`:

```
string newsort
newsort = "emp_status as, emp_salary ds"
dw_emp.SetSort(newsort)
dw_emp.Sort( )
```

The following example sets the sort criteria for `dw_main` to null, causing PowerBuilder to display the Specify Sort Columns dialog so that the user can specify sort criteria. The `Sort` method applies the criteria the user specifies:

```
string null_str
SetNull(null_str)
dw_main.SetSort(null_str)
dw_main.Sort( )
```

See also

[Sort](#)

## SetSQLPreview

### Description

Specifies the **SQL** statement for a DataWindow control or DataStore that PowerBuilder is about to send to the database.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

integer *dwcontrol*.SetSQLPreview ( string *sqlsyntax* )

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow                                                        |
| <i>sqlsyntax</i> | A string whose value is valid <b>SQL</b> syntax for the <b>SQL</b> statement that will be submitted to the database server |

### Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and 0 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage**

Use `SetSQLPreview` to modify syntax before you update the database with changes in the DataWindow object.

To obtain the current `SQL` statement in the `SQLPreview` event, look at the `sqlsyntax` argument.

**When to call SetSQLPreview**

Call this method only in the script for the `SQLPreview` event.

**Examples**

This statement sets the current `SQL` string for the DataWindow `dw_1`:

```
dw_1.SetSQLPreview( &
    "INSERT INTO billings VALUES(100, " + &
    String(Current_balance) + ")")
```

**See also**

`GetSQLPreview`  
`GetUpdateStatus`

## SetSQLSelect

**Description**

Specifies the `SQL` `SELECT` statement for a DataWindow control or DataStore.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

integer *dwcontrol*.`SetSQLSelect` ( string *statement* )

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | The name of the DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow for which you want to change the <code>SELECT</code> statement.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>statement</i> | A string whose value is the <code>SELECT</code> statement for the DataWindow object. The statement must structurally match the current <code>SELECT</code> statement (that is, it must return the same number of columns, the columns must be the same datatype, and the columns must be in the same order). |

### Return value

**SetSQLSelect** returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if the **SELECT** statement cannot be changed. If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

### Usage

Use **SetSQLSelect** to dynamically change the **SQL SELECT** statement for a DataWindow object in a script.

If the DataWindow is updatable, PowerBuilder validates the **SELECT** statement against the database and DataWindow column specifications when you call the **SetSQLSelect** method. Each column in the **SQL SELECT** statement must match the column type in the DataWindow object. The statement is validated *only* if the DataWindow object is updatable.

You must use the **SetTrans** or **SetTransObject** method to set the transaction object before the **SetSQLSelect** method will execute.

If the new **SELECT** statement has a different table name in the **FROM** clause and the DataWindow object is updatable, then PowerBuilder must change the update information for the DataWindow object. PowerBuilder assumes the key columns are in the same positions as in the original definition. The following conditions would make the DataWindow not updatable:

- There is more than one table in the **FROM** clause
- A DataWindow update column is a computed column in the **SELECT** statement

If changing the **SELECT** statement makes the DataWindow object not updatable, the DataWindow control cannot execute an Update method call for the DataWindow object in the future.

---

### Limitations to using SetSQLSelect

Use **SetSQLSelect** *only* if the data source for the DataWindow object is a **SQL SELECT** statement *without* retrieval arguments and you want PowerBuilder to modify the update information for the DataWindow object:

```
dw_1.Modify("DataWindow.Table.Select='select...'")
```

Modify does not verify the **SELECT** statement or change the update information, so it is faster but more susceptible to user error. Although you can use **Modify** when arguments are involved, this is not recommended because of the lack of verification.

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Examples

If the current **SELECT** statement for `dw_emp` retrieves no rows, the following statements replace it with the syntax in `NewSyn`:

```
string OldSyn, NewSyn
OldSyn = &
    'SELECT employee.EMP_Name FROM employee' &
    + 'WHERE salary < 70000'
NewSyn = 'SELECT employee.EMP_Name FROM employee' &
    + 'WHERE salary < 100000'

IF dw_emp.Retrieve( ) = 0 THEN
    dw_emp.SetSQLSelect(NewSyn)
    dw_emp.Retrieve( )
END IF
```

See also

- Modify
- Retrieve
- SetTrans
- SetTransObject
- Update

## SetTabOrder

Description

Changes the tab sequence number of a column in a DataWindow control to the specified value.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object |

Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.SetTabOrder ( integer column, integer tabnumber )
integer dwcontrol.SetTabOrder ( string column, integer tabnumber )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control or child DataWindow in which you want to define the tab order.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <i>column</i>    | The column to which you are assigning a tab value. <i>Column</i> can be a column number or a column name. The column number is the number of the column as it is listed in the Column Specification view of the DataWindow painter—not necessarily the number of the column in the Design view. |

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                        |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>tabnumber</i> | The tab sequence number (0 - 9999) you want to assign to the DataWindow column. 0 removes the column from the tab order, which makes it read-only. |

**Return value**

Returns the previous tab value of the column if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage**

You can change a column in a DataWindow object to read-only by changing the tab sequence number of the column to 0.

**Examples**

This statement changes column 4 of dw\_Employee to read-only:

```
dw_Employee.SetTabOrder(4, 0)
```

These statements change column 4 of dw\_employee to read-only and later restore the column to its original tab value with read/write status:

```
integer OldTabNum
// Set OldTabNum to the previous tab order value
OldTabNum = dw_employee.SetTabOrder(4, 0)
... // Some processing
// Return column 4 to its previous tab value.
dw_employee.SetTabOrder(4, OldTabNum)
```

## SetText

**Description**

Replaces the text in the edit control over the current row and column in a DataWindow control or DataStore.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                    |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataStore object |

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.SetText ( string text )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                       |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | The name of the DataWindow control or DataStore in which you want to specify the text in the current row and column.              |
| <i>text</i>      | A string whose value you want to put in the current row and column. The value must be compatible with the datatype of the column. |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage**

SetText only sets the value in the edit control. When the user changes focus to another row and column, PowerBuilder accepts the text as the item in the row and column.

**Using SetText in the ItemChanged and ItemError events** In the ItemChanged or ItemError event, PowerBuilder or your own script might determine that the value in the edit control is invalid or that it needs further processing. You can call `SetItem` to specify a new item value for the row and column.

If you want the user to have an opportunity to enter a different value, after calling `SetItem` you can call `SetText` to put that same value in the edit control so that the user sees the value too. You can also call `SetText` without calling `SetItem`. In the script, use a return code that rejects the value in the edit control, avoiding further processing, but does not allow the focus to change. To retain focus and display an error message, return 1 for ItemChanged or 0 for ItemError.

When you use a return code that rejects the data the user entered but allows the focus to change (a return code of 2 in the script for the ItemChanged event or 3 in the ItemError event), you do not need to call `SetText` because the value set with `SetItem` displays when the focus changes.

**Examples**

These statements replace the value of the current row and column in `dw_employee` with `Tex` and then call `AcceptText` to accept and move `Tex` into the current column. (Do not use this code in the ItemChanged or ItemError event because it calls `AcceptText`.)

```
dw_employee.SetText("Tex")
dw_employee.AcceptText()
```

This example converts a number that the user enters in the column called `credit` to a negative value and sets both the item and the edit control's text to the negative number. This code is the script for the ItemChanged event. The `data` argument holds the newly entered value:

```
integer negative

IF dwo.Name = "credit" THEN
    IF Integer(data) > 0 THEN
        // Convert to negative if it's positive
        negative = Integer(data) * -1

        // Change the primary buffer value.
```

```

        This.SetItem(row, "credit", negative)

        // Change the value in the edit control
        This.SetText(String(negative))
        RETURN 1
    END IF
END IF

```

See also

AcceptText  
 GetText  
 SetItem

## SetTrans

Description

Sets the values in the internal transaction object for a DataWindow control or DataStore to the values from the specified transaction object. The transaction object supplies connection settings, such as the database name.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

integer *dwcontrol*.SetTrans ( transaction *transaction* )

| Argument           | Description                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>   | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow in which you want to set the values of the internal transaction object |
| <i>transaction</i> | The name of the transaction object from which you want <i>dwcontrol</i> to get values                                                      |

Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, the method returns null.

Usage

In most cases, use the SetTransObject method to specify the transaction object. It is more efficient and allows you to control when changes get committed to the database.

`SetTrans` copies the values from a specified transaction object to the internal transaction object for the DataWindow control or DataStore. When you use `SetTrans` in a script, the DataWindow uses its internal transaction object and automatically connects and disconnects as needed; any errors that occur cause an automatic rollback. With `SetTrans`, you do not specify SQL statements, such as `CONNECT`, `COMMIT`, and `DISCONNECT`. The DataWindow control connects and disconnects after each `Retrieve` or `Update` function.

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### Use `SetTransObject` with composite DataWindows

You *must* use `SetTransObject` with DataWindow objects that use the Composite presentation style. Composite DataWindows are containers for other DataWindow objects and do not have any internal transaction information of their own.

If you use `SetTrans` with each nested DataWindow in a composite DataWindow, disconnect does not occur until the PowerBuilder session ends.

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Use `SetTrans` when you want PowerBuilder to manage the database connections automatically because you have a limited number of available connections or expect to use the application from a remote location. `SetTrans` is appropriate when you are only retrieving data and do not need to hold database locks on records the user is modifying. For better performance, however, you should use `SetTransObject`.

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**DBMS connection settings** You must set the parameters required to connect to your DBMS in the transaction object before you can use the transaction object to set the DataWindow's internal transaction object and connect to the database.

**Updating more than one table** When you use `SetTrans` to specify the transaction object, you cannot update multiple DataWindow objects or multiple tables within one object.

### Examples

This statement sets the values in the internal transaction object for `dw_employee` to the values in the default transaction object `SQLCA`:

```
dw_employee.SetTrans(SQLCA)
```

The following statements change the database type and password of dw\_employee. The first two statements create the transaction object emp\_TransObj. The next statement uses the GetTrans method to store the values of the internal transaction object for dw\_employee in emp\_TransObj. The next two statements change the database type and password. The SetTrans method assigns the revised values to dw\_employee:

```
// Name the transaction object.
transaction emp_TransObj

// Create the transaction object.
emp_TransObj = CREATE transaction

// Fill the new object with the original values.
dw_employee.GetTrans(emp_TransObj)
// Change the database type.
emp_TransObj.DBMS ="Sybase"
// Change the password.
emp_TransObj.LogPass = "cam2"

// Put the revised values into the
// DataWindow transaction object.
dw_employee.SetTrans(emp_TransObj)
```

See also

[GetTrans](#)  
[SetTransObject](#)

## SetTransObject

Description

Causes a DataWindow control or DataStore to use a programmer-specified transaction object. The transaction object provides the information necessary for communicating with the database.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.SetTransObject ( transaction transaction )
```

| Argument           | Description                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>   | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow in which you want to use a programmer-specified transaction object rather than the DataWindow control's internal transaction object |
| <i>transaction</i> | The name of the transaction object you want to use in the <i>dwcontrol</i>                                                                                                                              |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

**Usage**

**Transaction objects in PowerBuilder** A programmer-specified transaction object gives you more control over the database transactions and provides efficient application performance. You control the database connection by using SQL statements such as **CONNECT**, **COMMIT**, and **ROLLBACK**.

Since the DataWindow control does not have to connect to the database for every **RETRIEVE** and **UPDATE** statement, these statements run faster. You are responsible for committing and rolling back transactions after you call the Update method, using code like the following:

```
IF dw_Employee.Update()>0 THEN
    COMMIT USING emp_transobject;
ELSE
    ROLLBACK USING emp_transobject;
END IF
```

You must set the parameters required to connect to your DBMS in the transaction object before you can use the transaction object to connect to the database. PowerBuilder provides a global transaction object called **SQLCA**, which is all you need if you are connecting to one database. You can also create additional transaction objects, as shown in the examples.

To use **SetTransObject**, write code that does the following tasks:

- 1 Set up the transaction object by assigning values to its fields (usually in the application's Open event).
- 2 Connect to the database using the **SQL CONNECT** statement and the transaction object (in the Open event for the application or window).
- 3 Call **SetTransObject** to associate the transaction object with the DataWindow control or DataStore (usually in the window's Open event).

- 4 Check the return value from the `Update` method and follow it with a `SQL COMMIT` or `ROLLBACK` statement, as appropriate.

If you change the `DataWindow` object associated with the `DataWindow` control (or `DataStore`) or if you disconnect and reconnect to a database, the connection between the `DataWindow` control (or `DataStore`) and the transaction object is severed. You must call `SetTransObject` again to reestablish the connect.

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### SetTransObject versus SetTrans

In most cases, use the `SetTransObject` method to specify the transaction object because it is efficient and gives you control over when transactions are committed.

The `SetTrans` method provides another way of managing the database connection. `SetTrans`, which sets transaction information in the internal transaction object for the `DataWindow` control or `DataStore`, manages the connection automatically. You do not explicitly connect to the database; the `DataWindow` connects and disconnects for each database transaction, which is less efficient but necessary in some situations.

For more information, see `SetTrans`.

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### Examples

This statement causes `dw_employee` to use the default transaction object `SQLCA`:

```
dw_employee.SetTransObject(SQLCA)
```

This statement causes `dw_employee` to use the programmer-defined transaction object `emp_TransObj`. In this example, `emp_TransObj` is an instance variable, but your script must allocate memory for it with the `CREATE` statement before you use it:

```
emp_TransObj = CREATE transaction
... // Assign values to the transaction object
dw_employee.SetTransObject(emp_TransObj)
```

This example has two parts. The first script, for the application's `Open` event, reads database parameters from an initialization file called `MYAPP.INI` and stores the values in the default transaction object (`SQLCA`). The Database section of `MYAPP.INI` has the same keywords as PowerBuilder's own `PB.INI` file. The parameters shown are for a `SQL` Server or Oracle database. The second script, for the window's `Open` event, establishes a connection and retrieves data from the database.

The application's `Open` event script populates `SQLCA`:



```
SQLCA.DBMS = ProfileString("myapp.ini", &
    "database", "DBMS", " ")
SQLCA.Database = ProfileString("myapp.ini", &
    "database", "Database", " ")
SQLCA.LogId = ProfileString("myapp.ini", &
    "database", "LogId", " ")
SQLCA.LogPass = ProfileString("myapp.ini", &
    "database", "LogPassword", " ")
SQLCA.ServerName = ProfileString("myapp.ini", &
    "database", "ServerName", " ")
SQLCA.UserId = ProfileString("myapp.ini", &
    "database", "UserId", " ")
SQLCA.DBPass = ProfileString("myapp.ini", &
    "database", "DatabasePassword", " ")
SQLCA.lock = ProfileString("myapp.ini", &
    "database", "lock", " ")
```

The Open event script for the window that contains the DataWindow control connects to the database, assigns the transaction object to the DataWindow, and retrieves data:

```
long RowsRetrieved
string LastName

// Connect to the database.
CONNECT USING SQLCA;

// Test whether the connect succeeded.
IF SQLCA.SQLCode <> 0 THEN
    MessageBox("Connect Failed", &
        "Cannot connect to database " &
        + SQLCA.SQLErrMsgText)
    RETURN
END IF

// Set the transaction object to SQLCA.
dw_employee.SetTransObject(SQLCA)

// Retrieve the rows.
LastName = ...
RowsRetrieved = dw_employee.Retrieve(LastName)
// Test whether the retrieve succeeded.
IF RowsRetrieved < 0 THEN
    MessageBox("Retrieve Failed", &
        "Cannot retrieve data from the database.")
END IF
```

See also

GetTrans  
SetTrans

## SetValidate

### Description

Sets the input validation rule for a column in a DataWindow control or DataStore.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
integer dwcontrol.SetValidate ( string column, string rule )
integer dwcontrol.SetValidate ( integer column, string rule )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                            |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                                                   |
| <i>column</i>    | The column for which you want to set the input validation rule. <i>Column</i> can be a column number or a column name. |
| <i>rule</i>      | A string whose value is the validation rule for validating the data.                                                   |

### Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

### Usage

Validation rules are boolean expressions that usually compare the value in the column's edit control to some other value. When data the user enters fails to meet the criteria established in the validation rule, an ItemError event occurs.

You can specify validation rules in the Database painter or the DataWindow painter, and you can change the rules in scripts using [SetValidate](#). A validation rule can include any DataWindow painter function. For more information, see the *Users Guide*.

If you want to change a column's validation rule temporarily, you can use [GetValidate](#) to get and save the current rule. To include the value the user entered in the validation rule, use the [GetText](#) method. You can compare its return value to the validation criteria.

If the validation rule contains numbers, the DataWindow expects the numbers in U.S. format. In PowerBuilder, be aware that the `String` function formats numbers using the current system settings. If you use it to build the rule, specify a display format that produces U.S. notation.

### Examples

The following assigns a validation rule to the current column in `dw_employee`. The rule ensures that the data entered is greater than zero:

```
dw_employee.SetValidate(dw_employee.GetColumn(), &
    "Number(GetText( )) > 0")
```

The following assigns a validation rule to the current column in `dw_employee`. The rule checks that the value entered is less than the value in the `Full_Price` column:

```
dw_employee.SetValidate(dw_employee.GetColumn(), &
    "Number(GetText( )) < Full_Price")
```

This example defines a new validation rule for the column `emp_state` in the DataWindow control `dw_employee`. The new rule is `[A-Z]+`, meaning the data in `emp_state` must be all uppercase characters. The text pattern must be enclosed in quotes within the quoted validation rule. The embedded quotes are specified with `~`. The script saves the old rule, assigns the new rule, performs some processing, and then sets the validation rule back to the old rule:

```
string OldRule, NewRule

NewRule = "Match(GetText(), ~"[A-Z]+~")"

OldRule = dw_employee.GetValidate("emp_state")

dw_employee.SetValidate("emp_state", NewRule)
... //Process data using the new rule.

// Set the validation rule back to the old rule.
dw_employee.SetValidate("emp_state", OldRule)
```

### See also

[GetValidate](#)

## SetValue

### Description

Sets the value of an item in a value list or code table for a column in a DataWindow control or DataStore. (A value list is called a code table when it has both display and data values.) `SetValue` does not affect the data stored in the column.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
integer dwcontrol.SetValue ( string column, integer index, string
value )
integer dwcontrol.SetValue ( integer column, integer index, string
value )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control or DataStore.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <i>column</i>    | The column that contains the value list or code table. <i>Column</i> can be a column number or a column name.<br><br>The edit style of the column can be DropDownListBox, Edit, or RadioButton. SetValue has no effect when <i>column</i> has the EditMask or DropDownDataWindow edit style. |
| <i>index</i>     | The number of the item in the value list or code table for which you want to set the value.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <i>value</i>     | A string whose value is the new value for the item. For a code table, use a tab (~t in PowerBuilder) to separate the display value from the data value ("Texas~tTX"). The data value must be a string that can be converted to the datatype of the column.                                   |

### Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, in PowerBuilder and JavaScript the method returns null.

### Examples

This statement sets the value of item 3 in the value list for the column `emp_state` of `dw_employee` to Texas:

```
dw_employee.SetValue("emp_state", 3, "Texas")
```

This statement sets the display value of item 3 in the code table for the column named `emp_state` of `dw_employee` to Texas and the data value to TX:

```
dw_employee.SetValue("emp_state", 3, "Texas~tTX")
```

The following statements use a **SQL** cursor and **FETCH** statement to populate the ListBox portion of a DropDownListBox style column called `product_col` of a DataWindow object with code table values:

```
integer prod_code, i = 1
string prod_name

DECLARE prodcur CURSOR FOR
    SELECT product.name, product.code
    FROM product USING SQLCA;

CONNECT USING SQLCA;
IF SQLCA.SQLCode <> 0 THEN
    MessageBox("Status","Connect Failed " &
        + SQLCA.SQLErrText)
    RETURN
END IF

OPEN prodcur;
IF SQLCA.SQLCode <> 0 THEN
    MessageBox("Status","Cursor Open Failed " &
        + SQLCA.SQLErrText)
    RETURN
END IF

FETCH prodcur INTO :prod_name, :prod_code;

DO WHILE SQLCA.SQLCode = 0
    dw_products.SetValue("product_col", i, &
        prod_name + "~t" + String(prod_code))
    i = i + 1
    FETCH prodcur INTO :prod_name, :prod_code;
LOOP

CLOSE prodcur;
DISCONNECT USING SQLCA;
```

See also

[GetValue](#)

## SetWeight

Description

Specifies the types of JavaScript code that will be included in the generated HTML or XHTML.

**Obsolete method**

*SetWeight* is obsolete and should not be used, because the Web DataWindow technology is obsolete.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Web             | Server component  |

**Syntax****Web DataWindow server component**

integer *dwcomponent*.**SetWeight** ( boolean *allowupdate*, boolean *validation*, boolean *events*, boolean *clientscriptable*, boolean *clientformatting* )

| Argument           | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcomponent</i> | A reference to a Web DataWindow server component.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <i>allowupdate</i> | <p>Specifies whether the generated HTML will be a form with INPUT elements so that the user can change the data. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>True</b> – The generated HTML is a form. The user can change the data.</li> <li><b>False</b> – The generated HTML is a table. The user cannot change the data.</li> </ul> <p>When <i>allowupdate</i> is <b>false</b>, <i>validation</i> and <i>clientformatting</i> are ignored and no validation or formatting scripts are generated.</p>                     |
| <i>validation</i>  | <p>Specifies whether the generated HTML will include scripts for validating data the user enters. The scripts implement validation rules defined in the DataWindow object. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>True</b> – The generated HTML has scripts that implement validation rules.</li> <li><b>False</b> – The generated HTML does not validate user-entered data.</li> </ul> <p>Sets the value of the HTMLGen.ClientValidation property for the DataWindow object associated with the server component.</p> |

| Argument                | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>events</i>           | <p>Specifies whether the generated HTML will include code for triggering events. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – The generated HTML has scripts that trigger events.</li> <li>• <b>False</b> – The generated HTML does not trigger events.</li> </ul> <p>Sets the value of the HTMLGen.ClientEvents property for the DataWindow object associated with the server component.</p> <p>The available events are listed in the <a href="#">DataWindow event cross-reference on page 503</a>.</p>       |
| <i>clientscriptable</i> | <p>Specifies whether the generated HTML allows client-side scripts to call methods of the client control. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – The generated HTML includes methods that the client scripts can call.</li> <li>• <b>False</b> – The generated HTML does not include methods.</li> </ul> <p>This option adds approximately 100K to the generated HTML.</p> <p>Sets the value of the HTMLGen.ClientScriptable property for the DataWindow object associated with the server component.</p> |
| <i>clientformatting</i> | <p>Specifies whether the generated HTML will include scripts for formatting data the user enters. The scripts implement display formats defined in the DataWindow object. Values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – The generated HTML has scripts that format user-entered data.</li> <li>• <b>False</b> – The generated HTML does not format user-entered data.</li> </ul> <p>Sets the value of the HTMLGen.ClientFormatting property for the DataWindow object associated with the server component.</p>  |

**Return value**

Returns an empty string if successful and the syntax error message from the [Modify](#) method if it fails.

**Usage**

When code for more features is included, the Web DataWindow becomes a more robust tool for data entry and manipulation, allowing data validation, formatting, and client-side scripts that react to user actions. However, if your application does not use some of these features, you can decrease the size of the generated code by setting the appropriate options to **false**.

This method calls the [Modify](#) method of the server component's DataStore to set the properties.

These properties can also be set in the DataWindow painter so that the settings are part of the DataWindow object definition.

**Examples**

This example specifies updating of data is not supported in the server component webDW, but events are supported so client-side scripts can respond to user actions:

```
webDW.SetWeight( false, false, true, true, false );
```

This example specifies that all features are supported except client-side scripting. Scripts in the Web page will not be able to call Web DataWindow client methods:

```
webDW.SetWeight( true, true, true, false, true );
```

This example specifies that all features are supported:

```
webDW.SetWeight( true, true, true, true, true );
```

**See also**

- [Generate](#)
- [Modify](#)
- [SetAction](#)
- [HTMLGen.property](#)

## SetWSObject

**Description**

Causes a DataWindow control or DataStore to use a programmer-specified Web service connection object. The connection object provides the information necessary for communicating with a Web service data source.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.SetWSObject ( wsconnection wsobject )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                                                                                                       |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow in which you want to use a programmer-specified Web service connection object |



| Argument        | Description                                                               |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>wsobject</i> | The name of the connection object you want to use in the <i>dwcontrol</i> |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If the WSCONNECTION object is null, in PowerBuilder the method returns null.

**Usage**

You call the `SetWSObject` method to pass an instance of the WSCONNECTION object and connect to a Web service data source when the Web service requires user-related, session-related, or authentication information. If the Web service does not require this information, you do not need to use the WSCONNECTION object (or call `SetWSObject`) to access Web service data.

**Examples**

The following code instantiates a WSCONNECTION object, then sets the object as the connection object for a Web service data source:

```
int ii_return
wsconnection ws_1
ws_1 = create wsconnection
ws_1.username = "johndoe"
ws_1.password = "mypassword"
ws_1.endpoint = "myendpoint"
ws_1.authenticationmode = "basic"
ws_1.usewindowsintegratedauthentication = true
ii_return = dw_1.setwsobject (ws_1)
```

**See also**

`SetTransObject`

## ShareData

**Description**

Shares data retrieved by one DataWindow control (or DataStore), which is referred to as the primary DataWindow, with another DataWindow control (or DataStore), referred to as the secondary DataWindow.

The controls do not share formatting; only the data is shared, including data in the primary buffer, the delete buffer, the filter buffer, and the sort order.

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**Note** If you are using `ShareData` and then use `ReselectRow` on the primary DataWindow, the secondary DataWindow resets back to row 1, column 1.

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## Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

## Syntax

## PowerBuilder

```
integer dwprimary.ShareData ( datawindow dwsecondary )
integer dwprimary.ShareData ( datastore dwsecondary )
integer dwprimary.ShareData ( datawindowchild dwsecondary )
```

| Argument           | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwprimary</i>   | The name of the primary DataWindow. The primary DataWindow is the owner of the data. When you destroy this DataWindow, the data disappears. <i>Dwprimary</i> can be a child DataWindow but it cannot be a report in a composite DataWindow object or a Crosstab DataWindow object. |
| <i>dwsecondary</i> | The name of the secondary DataWindow with which the control <i>dwprimary</i> will share the data. The secondary DataWindow can be a child DataWindow or a report in a composite DataWindow object but it cannot be a Crosstab DataWindow object.                                   |

## Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

## Usage

The columns must be the same for the DataWindow objects in the primary and secondary DataWindow controls, but the **SELECT** statements may be different. For example, you could share data between DataWindow objects with these **SELECT** statements:

```
SELECT dept_id from dept
SELECT dept_id from dept where dept_id = 200
SELECT dept_id from employee
```

**WHERE clause in secondary has no effect**

The **WHERE** clause in the DataWindow object in the secondary DataWindow control has no effect on the number of rows returned. The number of rows returned to both DataWindow controls is determined by the **WHERE** clause in the primary DataWindow object.

You could also share data with a DataWindow object that has an external data source and columns defined to be like the columns in the primary. To share data between a primary DataWindow and more than one secondary DataWindow control, call **ShareData** for each secondary DataWindow control.

`ShareData` shares only the primary buffer of the primary DataWindow with the primary buffer of the secondary DataWindow. A DropDownDataWindow in the secondary DataWindow will not display any data unless you explicitly populate it. You can do this by getting a handle to the DropDownDataWindow (by calling the `GetChild` method) and either retrieving the DropDownDataWindow or using `ShareData` to share data from an appropriate data source with the DropDownDataWindow.

To turn off sharing in a primary or secondary DataWindow, call the `ShareDataOff` method. When sharing is turned off for the primary DataWindow, the secondary DataWindows are disconnected and the data disappears. However, turning off sharing for a secondary DataWindow does not affect the data in the primary DataWindow or other secondary DataWindows.

When you call methods in either the primary or secondary DataWindow that change the data, PowerBuilder applies them to the primary DataWindow control and all secondary DataWindow controls are affected.

For example, when you call any of the following methods for a secondary DataWindow control, PowerBuilder applies it to the primary DataWindow. Therefore, all messages normally associated with the method go to the primary DataWindow control. Such methods include:

- `DeleteRow`
- `Filter`
- `GetSQLSelect`
- `ImportFile`
- `ImportString`
- `ImportClipboard`
- `InsertRow`
- `ReselectRow`
- `Reset`
- `Retrieve`
- `SetFilter`
- `SetSort`
- `SetSQLSelect`
- `Sort`
- `Update`

There are some restrictions on the use of `ShareData`:

- Computed fields in secondary DataWindow controls

A secondary DataWindow control can have only data that is in the primary DataWindow control. If you add a computed field to a secondary control, it will not display when you run the application unless you also add it to the primary control.

- Query mode and secondary DataWindows

When you are sharing data, you cannot turn on query mode for a secondary DataWindow. Trying to set the QueryMode or QuerySort DataWindow object properties results in an error.

- Crosstab DataWindows

You *cannot* use **ShareData** with a Crosstab DataWindow as the primary or secondary DataWindow.

- Composite and child DataWindows

You can use a report in a Composite DataWindow as the secondary DataWindow, but not the primary DataWindow. You can use **ShareData** with a child DataWindow as the primary or secondary DataWindow.

- Distributed applications

You cannot share data between a DataWindow control in a client application and a DataStore in a server application.

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### Use DataSource with RichTextEdit controls

To share data between a DataStore or DataWindow and a RichTextEdit control, use the DataSource method.

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### Examples

In this example, the programmer wants to allow the user to view two portions of the same data retrieved from the database and uses the **ShareData** method to accomplish this in the script for the Open event for the window.

The **SELECT** statement for both DataWindow objects is the same, but the DataWindow object in dw\_dept displays only two of the five columns displayed in dw\_employee:

```
CONNECT USING SQLCA;  
dw_employee.SetTransObject(SQLCA)  
dw_employee.Retrieve()  
dw_employee.ShareData(dw_dept)
```

These statements share data between two DataWindow controls in different sheets within an MDI frame window:

```
CONNECT USING SQLCA;
mdi_sheet_1.dw_dept.SetTransObject(SQLCA)
mdi_sheet_1.dw_dept.Retrieve()
mdi_sheet_1.dw_dept.ShareData(mdi_sheet_2.dw_dept)
```

This example shares data in a tabular DataWindow with a report in a Composite DataWindow. The name of the report in the Composite DataWindow is `dw_1`:

```
DataWindowChild dwreport

// Get a reference to the nested report
dw_composite.GetChild("dw_1", dwreport)
dw_tabular.ShareData(dwreport)
```

See also

[ShareDataOff](#)

## ShareDataOff

Description

Turns off the sharing of data buffers for a DataWindow control or DataStore.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.ShareDataOff ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                         |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow |

Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If *dwcontrol* is null, [ShareDataOff](#) returns null.

Usage

Two or more DataWindow controls (or DataStores) can share data. See [ShareData](#) for more information about shared data buffers and primary and secondary DataWindows.

When you call `ShareDataOff` for a secondary DataWindow, that control no longer contains data, but the primary DataWindow and other secondary controls are not affected. When you call `ShareDataOff` for the primary DataWindow, all secondary DataWindows are disconnected and no longer contain data.

**Examples**

These statements establish the sharing of data among three DataWindow controls and then turn off sharing for one of the secondary DataWindow controls:

```
CONNECT USING SQLCA;
dw_corp.SetTransObject (SQLCA)
dw_corp.Retrieve()
dw_corp.ShareData(dw_emp)
dw_corp.ShareData(dw_dept)
... // Some processing
dw_emp.ShareDataOff ()
```

**See also**

`ShareData`

## Show

**Description**

Makes an object or control visible, if it is hidden. If the object is already visible, Show brings it to the top.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer objectname.Show ( )
```

| Argument          | Description                                                       |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>objectname</i> | The name of the object or control you want to make visible (show) |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If *objectname* is null, Show returns null.

**Usage**

**PowerBuilder environment**

Inherited from GraphicObject. For more details on use with PowerBuilder objects, see Show in the *PowerScript Reference*.

---

See also

Hide

## ShowHeadFoot

### Description

Displays the panels for editing the header and footer in a RichTextEdit control or hides the panels and returns to editing the main text.

### Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                       |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control with RichTextEdit presentation style |

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
integer rtename.ShowHeadFoot ( boolean editheadfoot,  
{headerfooter} )
```

| Argument                          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>rtename</i>                    | A reference to the DataWindow control for which you want to edit header and footer information. The DataWindow must have a RichTextEdit presentation style.                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>editheadfoot</i>               | A boolean value specifying the editing panel to display. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> – Display the header and footer editing panels.</li> <li>• <b>False</b> – Display the detail editing panel for the document body.</li> </ul>                                         |
| <i>headerfooter</i><br>(optional) | A boolean value specifying whether the insertion point (caret) for editing the header/footer panel is in the header or the footer section. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>True</b> Caret is in the header section.</li> <li>• <b>False</b> Caret is in the footer section.</li> </ul> |

### Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs.

### Usage

ShowHeadFoot takes effect when the control is in preview mode or when it is in edit mode for the main text. If the control is in preview mode, calling ShowHeadFoot returns to edit mode. The value of *editheadfoot* determines whether the main text or the header and footer panels display.

The *headerfooter* argument is ignored if the *editheadfoot* argument is **false**. The *headerfooter* argument defaults to “true” if a value is not provided. The header and footer can include input fields for page numbers and dates.

**PowerBuilder RichTextEdit control**

You can use the same syntax with any RichTextEdit control. See ShowHeadFoot in the *PowerScript Reference*.

**See also**

Preview for RichTextEdit controls in the *PowerScript Reference*

## Sort

**Description**

Sorts the rows in a DataWindow control or DataStore using the DataWindow's current sort criteria.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.Sort ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                                         |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If *dwcontrol* is null, Sort returns null.

**Usage**

Sort uses the current sort criteria for the DataWindow. To change the sort criteria, use the SetSort method. The SetSort method is equivalent to using the Sort command on the Rows menu of the DataWindow painter. If you do not call SetSort to set the sort criteria before you call Sort, Sort uses the sort criteria specified in the DataWindow object definition.

When the Retrieve method retrieves data for the DataWindow, PowerBuilder applies the sort criteria that were defined for the DataWindow object, if any. You need to call Sort only after you change the sort criteria with SetSort or if the data has changed because of processing or user input.

For information on letting the user specify sort criteria using the built-in dialog box, see SetSort.



When you sort a DataWindow on a specified column, rows with null data remain at the top, regardless of whether you choose ascending or descending order for your sort criteria. The sort order is performed on a result set returned from a database, but is not necessarily the same sort order used by the database (to return the result set) when an **ORDER BY** clause is used in a **SQL** query.

The **Sort** method uses a typical lexical sort, with symbols, such as a hyphen or underline, ranked higher than alphanumeric characters. It compares characters in the same manner as does a dictionary.

When the Retrieve As Needed option is set, the **Sort** method cancels its effect. **Sort** causes all rows to be retrieved so that they are sorted correctly. It also changes the current row to 1 without causing the RowFocusChanged or RowFocusChanging events to fire. These events should be triggered programmatically after the **Sort** method is called.

**Sort** has no effect on the DataWindows in a composite report.

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### Sorting and groups

To sort a DataWindow object with groups or TreeView levels, call **GroupCalc** after you call **Sort**.

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### PowerBuilder environment

For use with PowerBuilder ListView and TreeView controls, see **Sort** in the *PowerScript Reference*.

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### Examples

This example sets dw\_employee to be sorted by column 1 ascending and then by column 2 descending. Then it sorts the rows:

```
dw_employee.SetRedraw(false)
dw_employee.SetSort("#1 A, #2 D")
dw_employee.Sort()
dw_employee.SetRedraw(true)
```

In this example, the rows in the DataWindow dw\_depts are grouped based on department and the rows are sorted based on employee name. If the user has changed the department of several employees, then the following commands apply the sort criteria so that each group is in alphabetical order and then regroup the rows:

```
dw_depts.SetRedraw(false)
dw_depts.Sort()
dw_depts.GroupCalc()
```

```
dw_depts.SetRedraw(true)
```

See also

GroupCalc  
SetSort

## TextLine

Description

Obtains the text of the line that contains the insertion point. TextLine works for controls that can contain multiple lines.

Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

```
string editname.TextLine ( )
```

| Argument        | Description                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>editname</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control |

Return value

Returns the text on the line with the insertion point in *editname*. If an error occurs, TextLine returns the empty string (“”). If *editname* is null, TextLine returns null.

Usage

TextLine reports information about the edit control over the current row and column.

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### PowerBuilder environment

For use with other PowerBuilder controls, see TextLine in the *PowerScript Reference*.

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Examples

In the DataWindow control dw\_letter, if the insertion point is on line 4 in the edit control and the text on the line is North Carolina, then this example sets linetext to North Carolina:

```
string linetext  
linetext = dw_letter.TextLine ( )
```

See also

SelectTextLine

# TriggerEvent

## Description

Triggers an event associated with the specified object, which executes the script for that event immediately.

## Applies to

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

## Syntax

### PowerBuilder

integer *objectname*.TriggerEvent ( trigevent *event* {, long *word*, long *long* } )

integer *objectname*.TriggerEvent ( trigevent *event* {, long *word*, string *long* } )

| Argument                  | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>objectname</i>         | The name of any PowerBuilder object or control that has events associated with it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>event</i>              | A value of the TrigEvent enumerated datatype that identifies a PowerBuilder event (for example, Clicked!, Modified!, or DoubleClicked!) or a string whose value is the name of an event. The event must be a valid event for <i>objectname</i> and a script must exist for the event in <i>objectname</i> . |
| <i>word</i><br>(optional) | A value to be stored in the WordParm property of the system's Message object. If you want to specify a value for <i>long</i> , but not <i>word</i> , enter 0. (For cross-platform compatibility, WordParm and LongParm are both longs.)                                                                     |
| <i>long</i><br>(optional) | A value or a string that you want to store in the LongParm property of the system's Message object. When you specify a string, a pointer to the string is stored in the LongParm property, which you can access with the String function (see Usage).                                                       |

## Return value

Returns 1 if it is successful and the event script runs and -1 if the event is not a valid event for *objectname*, or no script exists for the event in *objectname*. If any argument's value is null, TriggerEvent returns null.

## Usage

Inherited from PowerObject. For information, see TriggerEvent in the *PowerScript Reference*.

## See also

Post in the *PowerScript Reference*  
 PostEvent in the *PowerScript Reference*  
 Send in the *PowerScript Reference*

## TypeOf

**Description**

Determines the type of an object or control, reported as a value of the Object enumerated datatype.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

object *objectname*.TypeOf ( )

| Argument          | Description                                                   |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>objectname</i> | The name of the object or control for which you want the type |

**Return value**

Object enumerated datatype. Returns the type of *objectname*. If *objectname* is null, TypeOf returns null.

**Usage**

Inherited from PowerObject. For information, see [TypeOf](#) in the *PowerScript Reference*.

**See also**

[ClassName](#)

## Undo

**Description**

Cancels the last edit in an edit control, restoring the text to the content before the last change.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to  |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control |

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

integer *editname*.Undo ( )

| Argument        | Description                                                                                                      |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>editname</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control. Reverses the last edit in the edit control over the current row and column. |

**Return value**

Returns 1 when it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If *editname* is null, Undo returns null.

**Usage**

To determine whether the last action can be canceled, call the `CanUndo` method.

**PowerBuilder environment**

For examples and for use with other PowerBuilder controls, see Undo in the *PowerScript Reference*.

**See also**

`CanUndo`

## Update

**Description**

Updates the database with the changes made in a DataWindow control or DataStore. `Update` can also call `AcceptText` for the current row and column before it updates the database.

**Applies to**

| DataWindow type | Method applies to                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PowerBuilder    | DataWindow control, DataWindowChild object, DataStore object |

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.Update ( { boolean accept {, boolean resetflag } } )
```

| Argument                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>               | A reference to a DataWindow control, DataStore, or child DataWindow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>accept</i><br>(optional)    | A boolean value specifying whether the DataWindow control or DataStore should automatically perform an <code>AcceptText</code> prior to performing the update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>True</code> – (Default) Perform <code>AcceptText</code>. The update is canceled if the data fails validation.</li> <li><code>False</code> – Do not perform <code>AcceptText</code>.</li> </ul> |
| <i>resetflag</i><br>(optional) | A boolean value specifying whether <i>dwcontrol</i> should automatically reset the update flags: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>True</code> – (Default) Reset the flags.</li> <li><code>False</code> – Do not reset the flags.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                    |

### Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, Update returns null. If there is no DataWindow object assigned to the DataWindow control or DataStore, this method returns 1.

### Usage

*In PowerBuilder*, you *must* use the `SetTrans` or the `SetTransObject` method to specify the database connection before the Update method will execute. When you use `SetTransObject`, the more efficient of the two, you must do your own transaction management, which includes issuing the `SQL COMMIT` or `ROLLBACK` statement to finalize the update.

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### Test success/failure code

It is good practice to test the success/failure code after calling `Update`. You can also verify the number of rows inserted, updated, and deleted by a DataWindow update by examining the values of the arguments of the `UpdateEnd` event.

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By default, `Update` resets the update flags after successfully completing the update. However, you can prevent the flags from being reset until you perform other validations and commit the changes. When you are satisfied with the update, call `ResetUpdate` to clear the flags so that items are no longer marked as modified.

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### Use `SetTransObject` when `resetflag` is `False`

You would typically use `SetTransObject`, not `SetTrans`, to specify the transaction object for the DataWindow control or DataStore when you plan to update with the `resetflag` argument set to `false`. Only `SetTransObject` allows you to control when changes are committed.

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If you want to update several tables in one DataWindow control or DataStore, you can use `Modify` to change the Update property of columns in each table. To preserve the status flags of the rows and columns, set the `resetflag` argument to `false`. Because the updates all occur in the same DataWindow control or DataStore, you cannot allow the flags to be cleared until all the tables have used them. When all the updates are successfully completed and committed, you can call `ResetUpdate` to clear the changed flags in the DataWindow. For an example of this technique, see `Modify`.

If you are updating multiple DataWindow controls or DataStores as part of one transaction, set the *resetflag* argument to *false*. This will prevent the DataWindow from “forgetting” which rows to update in case one of the updates fails. You can roll back, try to correct the situation, and update again. Once all of the DataWindows have been updated successfully, use *COMMIT* to finalize the transaction and use *ResetUpdate* to reset the DataWindow’s status flags.

If you call *Update* with the *resetflag* argument set to *false* and do not call *ResetUpdate*, the DataWindow will attempt to issue the same *SQL* statements again the next time you call *Update*.

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**Caution**

If you call *Update* in an *ItemChanged* event, be sure to set the *accept* argument to *false* to avoid an endless loop and a stack fault. Because *AcceptText* triggers an *ItemChanged* event, you cannot call it in that event (see *AcceptText*).

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If you call *Update* in the *ItemChanged* event, then the item’s old value is updated in the database, not the newly entered value. The newly entered value in the edit control is still being validated and does not become the item value until the *ItemChanged* event is successfully completed. If you want to include the new value in an update in the *ItemChanged* event, use the appropriate *SetItem* method first.

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**Apply GetChanges after deleting rows in a distributed application**

If a DataWindow or data store is populated using *SetChanges* or *SetFullState*, and an *Update* is done that includes deleted rows, the deleted rows remain in the delete buffer until a subsequent *GetChanges* is applied to the DataWindow or data store.

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**Events** *Update* can trigger these events:

- DBError
- SQLPreview
- UpdateEnd
- UpdateStart

If *AcceptText* is performed, it can trigger these events:

- ItemChanged
- ItemError

### Examples

This example connects to the database, specifies a transaction object for the DataWindow control with `SetTransObject`, and then updates the database with the changes made in `dw_employee`. By default, `AcceptText` is performed on the data in the edit control for the current row and column and the status flags are reset:

```
CONNECT USING SQLCA;
dw_employee.SetTransObject(SQLCA)
... // Some processing
dw_employee.Update()
```

This example connects to the database, specifies a transaction object for the DataWindow control with `SetTransObject`, and then updates the database with the changes made in `dw_employee`. The update resets the status flags but does not perform `AcceptText` before updating the database:

```
CONNECT USING SQLCA;
dw_employee.SetTransObject(SQLCA)
... // Some processing
dw_Employee.Update(false, true)
```

As before, this example connects to the database, specifies a transaction object for the DataWindow control with `SetTransObject`, and then updates the database with the changes made in `dw_employee`. After `Update` is executed, the example checks the return code and, depending on the success of the update, executes a `COMMIT` or `ROLLBACK`:

```
integer rtn

CONNECT USING SQLCA;
dw_employee.SetTransObject(SQLCA)
rtn = dw_employee.Update()

IF rtn = 1 THEN
    COMMIT USING SQLCA;
ELSE
    ROLLBACK USING SQLCA;
END IF
```

### See also

- `AcceptText`
- `Modify`
- `ResetUpdate`
- `Print`
- `SaveAs`
- `SetTrans`
- `SetTransObject`





































































# Methods for Graphs in the DataWindow Control

## About this chapter

This chapter documents the methods that you can use to manipulate DataWindow graphs in the PowerBuilder and Web environments. You will find syntax, notes, and examples for both environments.

Other methods for DataWindows and DataStores are in a separate chapter.

## Contents

The graph methods are in alphabetical order.

## CategoryCount

### Description

Counts the number of categories on the category axis of a graph.

### Applies to

*PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
integer dwcontrol.CategoryCount ( string graphcontrol )
```

| Argument            | Description                                                                                                 |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>    | A reference to a DataWindow control containing the graph                                                    |
| <i>graphcontrol</i> | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow for which you want the number of categories |

### Return value

Returns the count if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, *CategoryCount* returns null.

### Examples

These statements get the number of categories in the graph *gr\_revenues* in the DataWindow control *dw\_findata*:

```
integer li_count
li_count = &
dw_findata.CategoryCount ("gr_revenues")
```

### See also

*DataCount*  
*SeriesCount*

## CategoryName

**Description** Obtains the category name associated with the specified category number.

**Applies to** *PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

**Syntax** **PowerBuilder**

```
string dwcontrol.CategoryName ( string graphcontrol, integer categorynumber )
```

| Argument              | Description                                                                                                        |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>      | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph                                                         |
| <i>graphcontrol</i>   | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow for which you want the name of a specific category |
| <i>categorynumber</i> | The number of the category for which you want the name                                                             |

**Return value** Returns the name of *categorynumber* in the graph named in *graphcontrol*. If an error occurs, it returns the empty string (""). If any argument's value is null, **CategoryName** returns null.

**Usage** Categories are numbered consecutively, from 1 to the value returned by **CategoryCount**. When you delete a category, the categories are renumbered to keep the numbering consecutive. You can use **CategoryName** to find out the named category associated with a category number.

**Examples** These statements obtain the name of category 5 in the graph gr\_revenues in the DataWindow control dw\_findata:

```
string ls_name  
ls_name = &  
dw_findata.CategoryName("gr_revenues", 5)
```

**See also** **CategoryCount**  
**SeriesName**

## Clipboard

**Description** Replaces the contents of the system clipboard with a bitmap image of a graph. You can paste the image into other applications.

**Applies to** *PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

**Syntax** **PowerBuilder**



integer *dwcontrol*.Clipboard ( string *graphcontrol* )

| Argument            | Description                                                            |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>    | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph             |
| <i>graphcontrol</i> | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow object |

**Return value** Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, Clipboard returns null.

**Examples** This statement copies the graph gr\_employees in the DataWindow control dw\_emp\_data to the clipboard:

```
dw_emp_data.Clipboard("gr_employees")
```

**See also** Clipboard in the *PowerScript Reference*  
Copy

## DataCount

**Description** Reports the number of data points in the specified series in a graph.

**Applies to** *PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

**Syntax** **PowerBuilder**

long *dwcontrol*.DataCount ( string *graphcontrol*, string *seriesname* )

| Argument            | Description                                                                                 |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>    | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph                                  |
| <i>graphcontrol</i> | The name of the graph in the DataWindow control                                             |
| <i>seriesname</i>   | A string whose value is the name of the series for which you want the number of data points |

**Return value** Returns the number of data points in the specified series if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, DataCount returns null.

**Examples** These statements store in ll\_count the number of data points in the series named Salary in the graph gr\_dept in the DataWindow control dw\_employees:

```
long ll_count
ll_count = &
    dw_employees.DataCount("gr_dept", "Salary")
```

**See also** SeriesCount

## FindCategory

**Description** Obtains the number of a category in a graph when you know the category's label. The category values label the category axis.

**Applies to** *PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

**Syntax** **PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.FindCategory ( string graphcontrol,
                                date categoryvalue )
integer dwcontrol.FindCategory ( string graphcontrol,
                                datetime categoryvalue )
integer dwcontrol.FindCategory ( string graphcontrol,
                                double categoryvalue )
integer dwcontrol.FindCategory ( string graphcontrol,
                                string categoryvalue )
integer dwcontrol.FindCategory ( string graphcontrol,
                                time categoryvalue )
```

| Argument             | Description                                                                                                                                       |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>     | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                                                                                       |
| <i>graphcontrol</i>  | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.                                                                          |
| <i>categoryvalue</i> | A value that is the category for which you want the number. The value you specify must be the same datatype as the datatype of the category axis. |

**Return value** Returns the number of the category named in *categoryvalue* in the graph. If an error occurs, **FindCategory** returns -1. If any argument's value is null, **FindCategory** returns null.

**Usage** Most of the category manipulation functions require a category number, rather than a name. However, when you delete and insert categories, existing categories are renumbered to keep the numbering consecutive. Use **FindCategory** when you know only a category's label or when the numbering might have changed.

**Examples** These statements obtain the number of the category named Qty in the graph *gr\_computers* in the DataWindow control *dw\_equipment*:

```
integer CategoryNbr
CategoryNbr = &
dw_equipment.FindCategory("gr_computers", "Qty")
```

**See also** **FindSeries**

## FindSeries

**Description** Obtains the number of a series in a graph when you know the series' name.

**Applies to** *PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

**Syntax**

### PowerBuilder

```
integer dwcontrol.FindSeries ( string graphcontrol, string seriesname )
```

| Argument            | Description                                                                  |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>    | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph                   |
| <i>graphcontrol</i> | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control      |
| <i>seriesname</i>   | A string whose value is the name of the series for which you want the number |

**Return value** Returns the number of the series named in *seriesname* in the graph. If an error occurs, **FindSeries** returns -1. If any argument's value is null, **FindSeries** returns null.

**Usage** Most of the series manipulation functions require a series number, rather than a name. Use **FindSeries** when you know only a series' name or when the numbering might have changed.

**Examples** These statements obtain the number of the series named PCs in the graph `gr_computers` in the DataWindow control `dw_equipment` and store it in `SeriesNbr`:

```
integer SeriesNbr
SeriesNbr = &
    dw_equipment.FindSeries("gr_computers", "PCs")
```

**See also** [FindCategory](#)

## GetData

**Description** Gets the value of a data point in a series in a graph when the values axis has numeric values.

**Applies to** *PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

**Syntax**

### PowerBuilder

```
double dwcontrol.GetData ( string graphcontrol, integer seriesnumber,
    long datapoint, { grDataType datatype } )
```

| Argument                                              | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                                      | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <i>graphcontrol</i>                                   | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>seriesnumber</i>                                   | The number that identifies the series from which you want data.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>datapoint</i>                                      | The number of the data point for which you want the value.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <i>datatype</i><br>(scatter graph only)<br>(optional) | A value of the <code>grDataType</code> enumerated datatype (in PowerBuilder) specifying whether you want the x or y value of the data point in a scatter graph.<br><br>Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>xValue!</code> – The x value of the data point.</li> <li>• <code>yValue!</code> – (Default) The y value of the data point.</li> </ul> For more information, see <code>grDataType</code> on page 488. |

**Return value** Returns the value of the data in *datapoint* if it succeeds, 0 if the series does not exist, and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, `GetData` returns null.

**Usage** You can use `GetData` only for graphs whose values axis is numeric. For graphs with other types of values axes, use the `GetDataValue` method instead.

**Examples** These statements obtain the data value of data point 3 in the series named Costs in the graph `gr_computers` in the DataWindow control `dw_equipment`:

```
integer SeriesNbr
double data_value

// Get the number of the series.
SeriesNbr = &
    dw_equipment.FindSeries("gr_computers", "Costs")
data_value = dw_equipment.GetData( &
    "gr_computers" , SeriesNbr, 3)
```

These statements obtain the x value of the data point in the scatter graph `gr_sales_yr` in the DataWindow `dw_sales` and store it in `data_value`:

```
integer SeriesNbr, ItemNbr
double data_value

dw_sales.ObjectAtPointer("gr_sales_yr", SeriesNbr, &
    ItemNbr)
data_value = dw_sales.GetData("gr_sales_yr", &
    SeriesNbr, ItemNbr, xValue!)
```

See also [FindSeries](#)  
[GetDataValue](#)  
[ObjectAtPointer](#)

## GetDataDateVariable

**Description** Returns the value associated with a data point in a graph in a DataWindow object when the values axis has the date datatype. You must call [GetDataDate](#) first to retrieve the line style information. ([GetDataDate](#) is based on [GetDataValue](#) and is documented in that entry.)

---

### Obsolete method

[GetDataDateVariable](#) is obsolete and should not be used, because the DataWindow Web Control for ActiveX technology is obsolete.

---

**Applies to** [DataWindow Web ActiveX](#) DataWindow control

**Syntax** **Web ActiveX**

Date *dwcontrol*.[GetDataDateVariable](#) ( )

| Argument         | Description                                              |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control containing the graph |

**Return value** Returns a date value associated with a data point in a graph.

**Usage** To find out the value of a data point, call one of the [GetData](#) methods to retrieve the information, then immediately afterward, call one of the [GetDataVariable](#) methods and examine the return value.

| For a values axis of type | Call this method to set up the value | Then call this method to return the value |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Date, DateTime, or time   | <a href="#">GetDataDate</a>          | <a href="#">GetDataDateVariable</a>       |
| Number or double          | <a href="#">GetDataNumber</a>        | <a href="#">GetDataNumberVariable</a>     |
| String                    | <a href="#">GetDataString</a>        | <a href="#">GetDataStringVariable</a>     |

For information on the [GetData](#) methods, see [GetDataValue](#).

See also [GetDataValue](#)

## GetDataLabelling

**Description** Determines whether the data at a given data point is labeled in a DirectX 3D graph.

**Applies to** DataWindow control

**Syntax** integer *dwcontrol*.GetDataLabelling (string *graphcontrol*, string *series*, int *datapoint*, REF boolean *value*)

| Argument            | Description                                                                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>    | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                       |
| <i>graphcontrol</i> | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.          |
| <i>series</i>       | The string that identifies the series in which you want the data labelling value. |
| <i>datapoint</i>    | The data point for which you want to obtain a label.                              |
| <i>value</i>        | Boolean passed by reference to indicate whether the data point has a label.       |

**Return value** Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, `GetDataLabelling` returns null.

**Usage** `GetDataLabelling` determines whether a data label is set for data points from DirectX 3D Area, Bar, Col, or Line graphs. You cannot use this method with DirectX 3D Pie graphs.

**Examples** In a DataWindow Clicked event, these statements obtain the number of the series and data point clicked by the user and determine whether the label is set for that data point.

```
integer SeriesNbr, ItemNbr
boolean refB
grObjectType clickedtype

// Get the number of the series and data point
clickedtype = this.ObjectAtPointer("gr_1", &
    SeriesNbr, ItemNbr)

// Get data label
this.GetDataLabelling("gr_1", SeriesNbr, &
    ItemNbr, refB)
```

**See also** [GetSeriesLabelling](#)  
[SetDataLabelling](#)  
[SetSeriesLabelling](#)

## GetDataNumberVariable

### Description

Returns the value associated with a data point in a graph in a DataWindow object when the values axis has a numeric datatype. You must call [GetDataNumber](#) first to retrieve the line style information. ([GetDataNumber](#) is based on [GetDataValue](#) and is documented in that entry.)

### Obsolete method

[GetDataNumberVariable](#) is obsolete and should not be used, because the DataWindow Web Control for ActiveX technology is obsolete.

### Applies to

*DataWindow Web ActiveX* DataWindow control

### Syntax

#### Web ActiveX

number *dwcontrol*.[GetDataNumberVariable](#) ( )

| Argument         | Description                                              |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control containing the graph |

### Return value

Returns a number value associated with a data point in a graph.

### Usage

To find out the value of a data point, call one of the [GetData](#) methods to retrieve the information, then immediately afterward, call one of the [GetDataVariable](#) methods and examine the return value.

| For a values axis of type | Call this method to set up the value | Then call this method to return the value |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Date, DateTime, or time   | <a href="#">GetDataDate</a>          | <a href="#">GetDataDateVariable</a>       |
| Number or double          | <a href="#">GetDataNumber</a>        | <a href="#">GetDataNumberVariable</a>     |
| String                    | <a href="#">GetDataString</a>        | <a href="#">GetDataStringVariable</a>     |

For information on the [GetData](#) methods, see [GetDataValue](#).

### See also

[GetDataValue](#)

## GetDataPieExplode

### Description

Reports the percentage of the pie graph's radius that a pie slice is moved away from the center of the pie graph. An exploded slice is moved away from the center of the pie in order to draw attention to the data.

### Applies to

*PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

integer *dwcontrol*.**GetDataPieExplode** ( string *graphcontrol*, integer *series*, integer *datapoint*, REF integer *percentage* )

| Argument            | Description                                                                                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>    | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph                                   |
| <i>graphcontrol</i> | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control                      |
| <i>series</i>       | The number that identifies the series                                                        |
| <i>datapoint</i>    | The number of the exploded data point (that is, the pie slice)                               |
| <i>percentage</i>   | An integer variable in which you want to store the percentage that the pie slice is exploded |

Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, **GetDataPieExplode** returns null.

Examples

This example reports the percentage that a pie slice is exploded when the user clicks on that slice. The code checks whether the graph is a pie graph using the property **GraphType**. It then finds out whether the user clicked on a pie slice by checking the series and data point values set by **ObjectAtPointer**. The script is for the **DoubleClick** event of a graph control:

```
integer series, datapoint
grObjectType clickedtype
integer percentage

percentage = 50
IF (This.GraphType <> PieGraph! and &
    This.GraphType <> Pie3D!) THEN RETURN
clickedtype = This.ObjectAtPointer(series, &
    datapoint)

IF (series > 0 and datapoint > 0) THEN
    This.GetDataPieExplode("gr_sales_yr", series, &
        datapoint, percentage)
    MessageBox("Explosion Percentage", &
        "Data point " + This.CategoryName(datapoint)
    &
        + " in series " + This.SeriesName(series) &
        + " is exploded " + String(percentage) + "%")
END IF
```

See also

**GetDataPieExplodePercentage**  
**SetDataPieExplode**



## GetDataPieExplodePercentage

**Description** Returns the percentage value that a slice is exploded in a pie graph in a DataWindow object. You must call [GetDataPieExplode](#) first to retrieve the information and then call this method to get the value.

---

### Obsolete method

[GetDataPieExplodePercentage](#) is obsolete and should not be used, because the DataWindow Web Control for ActiveX technology is obsolete.

---

**Applies to** *DataWindow Web ActiveX* DataWindow control

**Syntax** **Web ActiveX**

number *dwcontrol*.[GetDataPieExplodePercentage](#) ( )

| Argument         | Description                                              |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control containing the graph |

**Return value** Returns a number specifying how much the pie slice is exploded.

**Usage** To find out the percentage of the pie graphs's radius that a pie slice is moved away from the center of the pie graph, call [GetDataPieExplode](#) to retrieve the information, then immediately afterward, call [GetDataPieExplodePercentage](#) and examine the return value.

**See also** [GetDataPieExplode](#)  
[SetDataPieExplode](#)

## GetDataStringVariable

**Description** Returns the value associated with a data point in a graph in a DataWindow object when the values axis has the string datatype. You must call [GetDataString](#) first to retrieve the line style information. ([GetDataString](#) is based on [GetDataValue](#) and is documented in that entry.)

---

### Obsolete method

[GetDataStringVariable](#) is obsolete and should not be used, because the DataWindow Web Control for ActiveX technology is obsolete.

---

**Applies to** *DataWindow Web ActiveX* DataWindow control

**Syntax**

**Web ActiveX**

string *dwcontrol*.GetDataStringVariable ( )

| Argument         | Description                                              |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control containing the graph |

**Return value**

String. Returns a string value associated with a data point in a graph.

**Usage**

To find out the value of a data point, call one of the [GetData](#) methods to retrieve the information, then immediately afterward, call one of the [GetDataVariable](#) methods and examine the return value.

| For a values axis of type | Call this method to set up the value | Then call this method to return the value |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Date, DateTime, or time   | GetDataDate                          | GetDataDateVariable                       |
| Number or double          | GetDataNumber                        | GetDataNumberVariable                     |
| String                    | GetDataString                        | GetDataStringVariable                     |

For information on the [GetData](#) methods, see [GetDataValue](#).

**See also**

[GetDataValue](#)

## GetDataStyle

Finds out the appearance of a data point in a graph. Each data point in a series can have individual appearance settings. There are different syntaxes, depending on what settings you want to check.

| To get the                                                                                          | Use                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Data point's colors (called <a href="#">GetDataStyleColor</a> in JavaScript)                        | <a href="#">Syntax 1</a> |
| Line style and width used by the data point (called <a href="#">GetDataStyleLine</a> in JavaScript) | <a href="#">Syntax 2</a> |
| Fill pattern for the data point (called <a href="#">GetDataStyleFill</a> in JavaScript)             | <a href="#">Syntax 3</a> |
| Symbol for the data point (called <a href="#">GetDataStyleSymbol</a> in JavaScript)                 | <a href="#">Syntax 4</a> |

`GetDataStyle` provides information about a single data point. The series to which the data point belongs has its own style settings. In general, the style values for the data point are the same as its series' settings. Use `SetDataStyle` to change the style values for individual data points. Use `GetSeriesStyle` and `SetSeriesStyle` to get and set style information for the series.

The graph stores style information for properties that do not apply to the current graph type. For example, you can find out the fill pattern for a data point or a series in a 2-dimensional line graph, but that fill pattern will not be visible.

## Syntax 1

Description

Applies to

Syntax

## For the colors of a data point

Obtains the colors associated with a data point in a graph.

*PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

### PowerBuilder

integer *dwcontrol*.**GetDataStyle** ( string *graphcontrol*, integer *seriesnumber*, integer *datapointnumber*, grColorType *colortype*, REF long *colorvariable* )

| Argument               | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>       | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <i>graphcontrol</i>    | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>seriesnumber</i>    | The number of the series in which you want the color of a data point.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>datapointnumber</i> | The number of the data point for which you want the color.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <i>colortype</i>       | A value of the grColorType enumerated datatype (in PowerBuilder) or an integer (in JavaScript) specifying the aspect of the data point for which you want the color.<br>For a list of values, see <a href="#">grColorType on page 488</a> . |
| <i>colorvariable</i>   | In PowerBuilder, a long variable in which you want to store the color.                                                                                                                                                                      |

Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. In PowerBuilder, `GetDataStyle` stores an RGB color value in *colorvariable*. If any argument's value is null, `GetDataStyle` returns null.

Examples

This example gets the background color used for data point 6 in the series entered in the SingleLineEdit `sle_series` in the DataWindow graph `gr_emp_data`. It stores the color value in the variable `color_nbr`:

```

long color_nbr
integer SeriesNbr

// Get the number of the series
SeriesNbr = &
    FindSeries("gr_emp_data", sle_series.Text)

// Get the color
dw_emp_data.GetDataStyle("gr_emp_data", &
    SeriesNbr, 6, Background!, color_nbr)

```

See also

- FindSeries
- GetSeriesStyle
- SetDataStyle
- SetSeriesStyle

## Syntax 2

## For the line style and width used by a data point

Description

Obtains the line style and width for a data point in a graph.

Applies to

*PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

Syntax

### PowerBuilder

```

integer dwcontrol.GetDataStyle ( string graphcontrol, integer
seriesnumber, integer datapointnumber, REF LineStyle linestyle, REF
integer linewidth )

```

| Argument               | Description                                                                                                                                                              |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>       | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                                                                                                              |
| <i>graphcontrol</i>    | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.                                                                                                 |
| <i>seriesnumber</i>    | The number of the series in which you want the line style and width of a data point.                                                                                     |
| <i>datapointnumber</i> | The number of the data point for which you want the line style and width.                                                                                                |
| <i>linestyle</i>       | In PowerBuilder, a variable of type LineStyle in which you want to store the line style.<br>For a list of line style values, see <a href="#">LineStyle on page 490</a> . |
| <i>linewidth</i>       | In PowerBuilder, an integer variable in which you want to store the width of the line. The width is measured in pixels.                                                  |

**Return value** Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. In PowerBuilder, for the specified series and data point, `GetDataStyle` stores its line style in *linestyle* and the line's width in *linewidth*. If any argument's value is null, `GetDataStyle` returns null.

**Examples** This example gets the line style and width for data point 6 in the series entered in the SingleLineEdit sle\_series in the graph gr\_depts in the DataWindow control dw\_employees. The information is stored in the variables line\_style and line\_width:

```
integer SeriesNbr, line_width
LineStyle line_style

// Get the number of the series
SeriesNbr = dw_employees.FindSeries( &
    "gr_depts", sle_series.Text)

// Get the line style and width
dw_employees.GetDataStyle("gr_depts", SeriesNbr, &
    6, line_style, line_width)
```

**See also** `FindSeries`  
`GetDataStyleLineStyle`  
`GetDataStyleLineWidth`  
`GetSeriesStyle`  
`SetDataStyle`  
`SetSeriesStyle`

### Syntax 3 For the fill pattern of a data point

**Description** Obtains the fill pattern of a data point in a graph.

**Applies to** *PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

**Syntax** **PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.GetDataStyle ( string graphcontrol, integer seriesnumber, integer datapointnumber, REF FillPattern fillvariable )
```

| Argument            | Description                                                                  |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>    | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                  |
| <i>graphcontrol</i> | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.     |
| <i>seriesnumber</i> | The number of the series in which you want the fill pattern of a data point. |

| Argument               | Description                                                                                                                                                              |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>datapointnumber</i> | The number of the data point for which you want the fill pattern.                                                                                                        |
| <i>fillvariable</i>    | In PowerBuilder, a variable of type FillPattern in which you want to store the fill pattern value.<br>For a list of values, see <a href="#">FillPattern</a> on page 487. |

**Return value** Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. In PowerBuilder, [GetDataStyle](#) stores a value of the FillPattern enumerated datatype representing the fill pattern used for the specified data point. If any argument's value is null, [GetDataStyle](#) returns null.

**Examples** This example gets the pattern used to fill data point 6 in the series entered in the SingleLineEdit sle\_series in the graph gr\_depts in the DataWindow control dw\_employees. The information is assigned to the variable data\_pattern:

```
integer SeriesNbr
FillPattern data_pattern

// Get the number of the series
SeriesNbr = dw_employees.FindSeries("gr_depts", &
    sle_series.Text)

// Get the pattern
dw_employees.GetDataStyle("gr_depts", SeriesNbr, &
    6, data_pattern)
```

**See also** [FindSeries](#)  
[GetDataStyleFillPattern](#)  
[GetSeriesStyle](#)  
[SetDataStyle](#)  
[SetSeriesStyle](#)

## Syntax 4 For the symbol of a data point

**Description** Obtains the symbol of a data point in a graph.

**Applies to** *PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

**Syntax** **PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.GetDataStyle ( string graphcontrol, integer
seriesnumber, integer datapointnumber, REF grSymbolType
symbolvariable )
```

| Argument               | Description                                                                                                                                                                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>       | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                                                                                                                       |
| <i>graphcontrol</i>    | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.                                                                                                          |
| <i>seriesnumber</i>    | The number of the series in which you want the symbol type of a data point.                                                                                                       |
| <i>datapointnumber</i> | The number of the data point for which you want the symbol type.                                                                                                                  |
| <i>symbolvariable</i>  | In PowerBuilder, a variable of type <code>grSymbolType</code> in which you want to store the symbol type.<br>For a list of values, see <a href="#">grSymbolType on page 490</a> . |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. Stores, according to the type of *symbolvariable*, a value of that enumerated datatype representing the symbol used for the specified data point. If any argument's value is null, `GetDataStyle` returns null.

**Examples**

These statements store the symbol for a data point in the variable `symbol_type`. The data point is the sixth point in the series named in the `SingleLineEdit sle_series` in the graph `gr_depts` in the DataWindow control `dw_employees`:

```
integer SeriesNbr
grSymbolType symbol_type

// Get the number of the series
SeriesNbr = dw_employees.FindSeries("gr_depts", &
    sle_series.Text)

// Get the symbol
dw_employees.GetDataStyle("gr_depts", SeriesNbr, &
    6, symbol_type)
```

**See also**

`FindSeries`  
`GetDataStyleSymbolValue`  
`GetSeriesStyle`  
`SetDataStyle`  
`SetSeriesStyle`

## GetDataStyleColorValue

**Description** Returns the color value associated with a data point in a graph in a DataWindow object. You must call [GetDataStyleColor](#) first to retrieve the color information. (See [GetDataStyle](#) for information about this method.)

---

**Obsolete method**

[GetDataStyleColorValue](#) is obsolete and should not be used, because the DataWindow Web Control for ActiveX technology is obsolete.

---

**Applies to** *DataWindow Web ActiveX* DataWindow control

**Syntax** **Web ActiveX**

number *dwcontrol*.[GetDataStyleColorValue](#) ( )

| Argument         | Description                                              |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control containing the graph |

**Return value** Returns an RGB color value.

**Usage** To find out the color associated with a data point, call [GetDataStyleColor](#) to retrieve the information, then immediately afterward, call [GetDataStyleColorValue](#) and examine the return value.

The color for a data point overrides the color setting for the series.

**See also** [GetDataStyle](#)

## GetDataStyleFillPattern

**Description** Returns the fill pattern associated with a data point in a graph in a DataWindow object. You must call [GetDataStyleFill](#) first to retrieve the fill information. (See [GetDataStyle](#) for information about this method.)

---

**Obsolete method**

[GetDataStyleFillPattern](#) is obsolete and should not be used, because the DataWindow Web Control for ActiveX technology is obsolete.

---

**Applies to** *DataWindow Web ActiveX* DataWindow control

**Syntax** **Web ActiveX**



number *dwcontrol*.**GetDataStyleFillPattern** ( )

| Argument         | Description                                              |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control containing the graph |

**Return value** Returns an integer representing the fill pattern.

For a list of values and their meanings, see [FillPattern on page 487](#).

**Usage** To find out the fill pattern associated with a data point, call [GetDataStyleFill](#) to retrieve the information, then immediately afterward, call [GetDataStyleFillPattern](#) and examine the return value.

The fill pattern for a data point overrides the fill pattern setting for the series.

**See also** [GetDataStyle](#)

## GetDataStyleLineStyle

**Description** Returns the line style associated with a data point in a graph in a DataWindow object. You must call [GetDataStyleLine](#) first to retrieve the line style information. (See [GetDataStyle](#) for information about this method.)

### Obsolete method

[GetDataStyleLineStyle](#) is obsolete and should not be used, because the DataWindow Web Control for ActiveX technology is obsolete.

**Applies to** *DataWindow Web ActiveX* DataWindow control

**Syntax** **Web ActiveX**

number *dwcontrol*.**GetDataStyleLineStyle** ( )

| Argument         | Description                                              |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control containing the graph |

**Return value** Returns an integer representing the line style.

For a list of values and their meanings, see [LineStyle on page 490](#).

**Usage** To find out the line width or line style associated with a data point, call [GetDataStyleLine](#) to retrieve the information, then immediately afterward, call [GetDataStyleLineWidth](#) and [GetDataStyleLineStyle](#) and examine the return values.

The line style for a data point overrides the setting for the series.

See also

[GetDataStyle](#)

## GetDataStyleLineWidth

Description

Returns the line width associated with a data point in a graph in a DataWindow object. You must call [GetDataStyleLine](#) first to retrieve the line style information. (See [GetDataStyle](#) for information about this method.)

---

### Obsolete method

[GetDataStyleLineWidth](#) is obsolete and should not be used, because the DataWindow Web Control for ActiveX technology is obsolete.

---

Applies to

*DataWindow Web ActiveX* DataWindow control

Syntax

**Web ActiveX**

number *dwcontrol*.[GetDataStyleLineWidth](#) ( )

| Argument         | Description                                              |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control containing the graph |

Return value

Returns the width of the line in pixels.

Usage

To find out the line width or line style associated with a data point, call [GetDataStyleLine](#) to retrieve the information, then immediately afterward, call [GetDataStyleLineWidth](#) and [GetDataStyleLineStyle](#) and examine the return values.

The line width for a data point overrides the setting for the series.

See also

[GetDataStyle](#)

## GetDataStyleSymbolValue

Description

Returns the symbol associated with a data point in a graph in a DataWindow object. You must call [GetDataStyleSymbol](#) first to retrieve the symbol information. (See [GetDataStyle](#) for information about this method.)

**Obsolete method**

`GetDataStyleSymbolValue` is obsolete and should not be used, because the DataWindow Web Control for ActiveX technology is obsolete.

**Applies to**

*DataWindow Web ActiveX* DataWindow control

**Syntax**

**Web ActiveX**

number *dwcontrol*.`GetDataStyleSymbolValue` ( )

| Argument         | Description                                              |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control containing the graph |

**Return value**

Returns an integer representing data point's symbol. For a list of values and their meanings, see [grSymbolType on page 490](#).

**Usage**

To find out the symbol associated with a data point, call `GetDataStyleSymbol` to retrieve the information, then immediately afterward, call `GetDataStyleSymbolValue` and examine the return value.

The symbol for a data point overrides the setting for the series.

**See also**

`GetDataStyle`

## GetDataTransparency

**Description**

Obtains the transparency percentage of a data point in a DirectX 3D graph (those with 3D rendering).

**Applies to**

DataWindow control

**Syntax**

integer *dwcontrol*.`GetDataTransparency` ( string *graphcontrol*, integer *seriesnumber*, int *datapoint*, REF int *transparency* )

| Argument            | Description                                                              |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>    | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.              |
| <i>graphcontrol</i> | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control. |
| <i>seriesnumber</i> | The number that identifies the series from which you want data.          |
| <i>datapoint</i>    | The number of the data point for which you want the transparency value.  |

| Argument            | Description                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>transparency</i> | Integer value for percent transparency. A value of 0 means that the data point is opaque and a value of 100 means that it is completely transparent. |

**Return value** Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, `GetDataTransparency` returns null.

**Usage** `GetDataTransparency` retrieves data from any DirectX 3D graph (those with 3D rendering).

**Examples** These statements obtain the transparency percentage of data point 3 in the series named Costs in the graph `gr_computers` in the DataWindow control `dw_equipment`:

```
integer SeriesNbr, rtn, transp_value

// Get the number of the series.
SeriesNbr = dw_equipment.FindSeries( &
    "gr_computers", "Costs")
rtn = dw_equipment.GetDataTransparency( &
    "gr_computers" , SeriesNbr, 3, transp_value)
```

**See also** [FindSeries](#)  
[GetSeriesTransparency](#)  
[SetSeriesTransparency](#)  
[SetDataTransparency](#)

## GetDataValue

**Description** Obtains the value of a data point in a series in a graph.

**Applies to** *PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

**Syntax** **PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.GetDataValue ( string graphcontrol,
    integer seriesnumber, long datapoint, REF date datavariable
    {, grDataType XorY } )
integer dwcontrol.GetDataValue ( string graphcontrol,
    integer seriesnumber, long datapoint, REF datetime datavariable
    {, grDataType XorY } )
integer dwcontrol.GetDataValue ( string graphcontrol,
    integer seriesnumber, long datapoint, REF double datavariable
    {, grDataType XorY } )
```

```
integer dwcontrol.GetDataValue ( string graphcontrol,
    integer seriesnumber, long datapoint, REF string datavariab
    {, grDataType XorY } )
integer dwcontrol.GetDataValue ( string graphcontrol,
    integer seriesnumber, long datapoint, REF time datavariab
    {, grDataType XorY } )
```

| Argument                                          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                                  | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>graphcontrol</i>                               | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>seriesnumber</i>                               | The number that identifies the series from which you want data.                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>datapoint</i>                                  | The number of the data point for which you want the value.                                                                                                                                                         |
| <i>datavariab</i>                                 | The name of a variable that will hold the data value. The variable's datatype can be date, DateTime, double, string, or time. The variable must have the same datatype as the values axis of the graph.            |
| <i>xory</i><br>(scatter graph only)<br>(optional) | A value of the grDataType enumerated datatype (in PowerBuilder) specifying whether you want the x or y value of the data point in a scatter graph.<br><br>For values, see <a href="#">grDataType on page 488</a> . |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, `GetDataValue` returns null.

**Usage**

`GetDataValue` retrieves data from any graph. The data is stored in *datavariab*, whose datatype must match the datatype of the graph's values axis, or returned by a method that corresponds to the axis datatype. If the values axis is numeric, you can also use the `GetData` function.

Calling `GetDataValue` when the datatype of *datavariab* is not the same as the datatype of the data produces undefined results.

If a variable's datatype is non-numeric and the datatype of *datavariab* is `double`, `GetDataValue` returns the number of the datapoint in *datavariab*.

If a variable's datatype is `date`, `time`, or `DateTime`, `GetDataValue` returns 1 when the datatype of *datavariab* is any of those datatypes. However, if the variable's datatype is `time` and the datatype of *datavariab* is `date`, `GetDataValue` returns 00/00/00 in *datavariab*, and if the variable's datatype is `date` and the datatype of *datavariab* is `time`, `GetDataValue` returns 00:00:00 in *datavariab*.

**Examples**

These statements obtain the data value of data point 3 in the series named Costs in the graph `gr_computers` in the DataWindow control `dw_equipment`:

```
integer SeriesNbr, rtn
double data_value

// Get the number of the series.
SeriesNbr = dw_equipment.FindSeries( &
    "gr_computers", "Costs")
rtn = dw_equipment.GetDataValue( &
    "gr_computers" , SeriesNbr, 3, data_value)
```

See also

FindSeries  
ObjectAtPointer

## GetSeriesLabelling

Description

Determines whether the data for a given series is labeled in a DirectX 3D graph.

Applies to

DataWindow control

Syntax

integer *dwcontrol*.GetSeriesLabelling (string *graphcontrol*, string *series*, REF boolean *value*)

| Argument            | Description                                                                  |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>    | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                  |
| <i>graphcontrol</i> | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.     |
| <i>series</i>       | The string that names the series in which you want the series label setting. |
| <i>value</i>        | A boolean passed by reference to indicate whether the series has labels.     |

Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, GetSeriesLabelling returns null.

Usage

GetSeriesLabelling retrieves the data from DirectX 3D Area, Bar, Col, or Line graphs. You cannot use this method with DirectX 3D Pie graphs.

Examples

These statements obtain the number of the series and data point for the graph *gr\_1* in the DataWindow control *dw\_employee* and then get the series label setting.

```
integer SeriesNbr, ItemNbr
boolean refB
string ls_SeriesName
```

```

grObjectType clickedtype

// Get the number of the series and datapoint
clickedtype = this.ObjectAtPointer("gr_1", &
    SeriesNbr, ItemNbr)

//Get the name of series
ls_SeriesName = dw_employee.SeriesName("gr_1", &
    SeriesNbr)

// Get Series label
dw_employee.GetSeriesLabelling("gr_1", &
    ls_SeriesName, refB)

```

See also

[GetDataLabelling](#)  
[SetDataLabelling](#)  
[SetSeriesLabelling](#)

## GetSeriesStyle

Finds out the appearance of a series in a graph. The appearance settings for individual data points can override the series settings, so the values obtained from [GetSeriesStyle](#) might not reflect the current state of the graph. There are several syntaxes, depending on what settings you want.

| To                                                                                           | Use                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Get the series' colors                                                                       | <a href="#">Syntax 1</a> |
| Get the line style and width used by the series                                              | <a href="#">Syntax 2</a> |
| Get the fill pattern for the series                                                          | <a href="#">Syntax 3</a> |
| Get the symbol for data points in the series                                                 | <a href="#">Syntax 4</a> |
| Find out if the series is an overlay (a series shown as a line on top of another graph type) | <a href="#">Syntax 5</a> |

[GetSeriesStyle](#) provides information about a series. The data points in the series can have their own style settings. Use [SetSeriesStyle](#) to change the style values for a series. Use [GetDataStyle](#) to get style information for a data point and [SetDataStyle](#) to override series settings and set style information for individual data points.

The graph stores style information for properties that do not apply to the current graph type. For example, you can find out the fill pattern for a data point or a series in a two-dimensional line graph, but that fill pattern will not be visible.

## Syntax 1

**Description**

Obtains the colors associated with a series in a graph.

**Applies to**

*PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.GetSeriesStyle ( string graphcontrol, string
seriesname, grColorType colortype, REF long colorvariable )
```

| Argument             | Description                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>     | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>graphcontrol</i>  | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.                                                                                                                                  |
| <i>seriesname</i>    | A string whose value is the name of the series for which you want the color.                                                                                                                              |
| <i>colortype</i>     | A value of the grColorType enumerated datatype (in PowerBuilder) specifying the aspect of the series for which you want the color.<br>For a list of values, see <a href="#">grColorType on page 488</a> . |
| <i>colorvariable</i> | In PowerBuilder, a long variable in which you want to store the color's RGB value.                                                                                                                        |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. In PowerBuilder, stores in *colorvariable* the RGB value of the specified series and item. If any argument's value is null, `GetSeriesStyle` returns null.

**Examples**

These statements store in the variable `color_nbr` the background color used for the series PCs in the graph `gr_computers` in the DataWindow control `dw_equipment`:

```
long color_nbr
// Get the color.
dw_equipment.GetSeriesStyle("gr_computers", &
    "PCs", Background!, color_nbr)
```

**See also**

[GetDataStyle](#)  
[GetSeriesStyleColorValue](#)  
[FindSeries](#)



SetDataStyle  
SetSeriesStyle

## Syntax 2

Description

Applies to

Syntax

## For the line style and width used by a series

Obtains the line style and width for a series in a graph.

*PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

### PowerBuilder

```
integer dwcontrol.GetSeriesStyle ( string graphcontrol, string
seriesname, REF LineStyle linestyle {, REF integer linewidth } )
```

| Argument                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>               | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                                                                                                                      |
| <i>graphcontrol</i>            | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.                                                                                                         |
| <i>seriesname</i>              | A string whose value is the name of the series for which you want the line style information.                                                                                    |
| <i>linestyle</i>               | In PowerBuilder, a variable of type LineStyle in which you want to store the line style of <i>seriesname</i> . For a list of values, see <a href="#">LineStyle on page 490</a> . |
| <i>linewidth</i><br>(optional) | In PowerBuilder, an integer variable in which you want to store the line width for <i>seriesname</i> . The width is measured in pixels.                                          |

Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. In PowerBuilder, stores in *linestyle* a value of the LineStyle enumerated datatype and in *linewidth* the width of the line used for the specified series. If any argument's value is null, `GetSeriesStyle` returns null.

Examples

These statements store in the variables `line_style` and `line_width` the line style and width for the series under the mouse pointer in the graph `gr_product_data`:

```
string SeriesName
integer SeriesNbr, Data_Point, line_width
LineStyle line_style
grObjectType MouseHit

MouseHit = dw_equipment.ObjectAtPointer &
("gr_product_data", SeriesNbr, Data_Point)

IF MouseHit = TypeSeries! THEN
    SeriesName = &
```

```

dw_equipment.SeriesName("gr_product_data", &
    SeriesNbr)

dw_equipment.GetSeriesStyle ("gr_product_data", &
    SeriesName, line_style, line_width)
END IF

```

**See also**

[GetDataStyle](#)  
[GetDataStyleLineStyle](#)  
[GetSeriesStyleLineWidth](#)  
[FindSeries](#)  
[SetDataStyle](#)  
[SetSeriesStyle](#)

**Syntax 3**

**For the fill pattern of a series**

**Description**

Obtains the fill pattern of a series in a graph.

**Applies to**

*PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

integer *dwcontrol*.GetSeriesStyle ( string *graphcontrol*, string *seriesname*, REF FillPattern *fillvariable* )

| Argument            | Description                                                                                                                                                            |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>    | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                                                                                                            |
| <i>graphcontrol</i> | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.                                                                                               |
| <i>seriesname</i>   | A string whose value is the name of the series for which you want the style information.                                                                               |
| <i>fillvariable</i> | In PowerBuilder, a variable of type FillPattern in which you want to store the fill pattern value. For a list of values, see <a href="#">FillPattern on page 487</a> . |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. In PowerBuilder, stores in *fillvariable* identifying the fill pattern for the specified series. If any argument's value is null, GetSeriesStyle returns null.

**Examples**

This example stores in the variable *data\_pattern* the fill pattern for the series under the pointer in the graph *gr\_depts* in the DataWindow control *dw\_employees*. It then sets the fill pattern for the series Total Salary in the graph *gr\_dept\_data* to that pattern:

```

string SeriesName
integer SeriesNbr, Data_Point

```

```

FillPattern data_pattern
grObjectType MouseHit

MouseHit = dw_employees.ObjectAtPointer("gr_depts" , &
    SeriesNbr, Data_Point)

IF MouseHit = TypeSeries! THEN
    SeriesName = &
        dw_employees.SeriesName("gr_depts" ,
SeriesNbr)

        dw_employees.GetSeriesStyle("gr_depts" , &
            SeriesName, data_pattern)

        gr_dept_data.SetSeriesStyle("Total Salary", &
            data_pattern)
    END IF

```

See also

[GetDataStyle](#)  
[GetSeriesStyleFillPattern](#)  
[FindSeries](#)  
[SetDataStyle](#)  
[SetSeriesStyle](#)

## Syntax 4

Description

Applies to

Syntax

## For the symbol of a series

Obtains the symbol used for data points in a series in a graph.

*PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

### PowerBuilder

integer *dwcontrol*.**GetSeriesStyle** ( string *graphcontrol*, string *seriesname*, REF grSymbolType *symbolvariable* )

| Argument              | Description                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>      | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                                                                                                             |
| <i>graphcontrol</i>   | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.                                                                                                |
| <i>seriesname</i>     | A string whose value is the name of the series for which you want the style information.                                                                                |
| <i>symbolvariable</i> | In PowerBuilder, the variable of type grSymbolType in which you want to store the symbol value.<br>For a list of values, see <a href="#">grSymbolType on page 490</a> . |

**Return value** Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. In PowerBuilder, stores in *symbolvariable* a value of the grSymbolType enumerated datatype for the symbol used for the specified series. If any argument's value is null, `GetSeriesStyle` returns null.

**Examples** This example stores in the variable `data_pattern` the fill pattern for the series under the pointer in the graph `gr_depts` in the DataWindow control `dw_employees`. It then sets the fill pattern for the series Total Salary in the graph `gr_dept_data` to that pattern:

```
string SeriesName
integer SeriesNbr, Data_Point
grSymbolType symbol
grObjectType MouseHit

MouseHit = dw_employees.ObjectAtPointer("gr_depts" , &
    SeriesNbr, Data_Point)

IF MouseHit = TypeSeries! THEN
    SeriesName = &
        dw_employees.SeriesName("gr_depts" , SeriesNbr)
        dw_employees.GetSeriesStyle("gr_depts" , &
            SeriesName, symbol)
        gr_dept_data.SetSeriesStyle("Total Salary", &
            symbol)
END IF
```

**See also** [GetDataStyle](#)  
[GetSeriesStyleSymbolValue](#)  
[FindSeries](#)  
[SetDataStyle](#)  
[SetSeriesStyle](#)

## Syntax 5 **For determining whether a series is an overlay**

**Description** Reports whether a series in a graph is an overlay—whether it is shown as a line on top of another graph type.

**Applies to** *PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

**Syntax** **PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.GetSeriesStyle ( string graphcontrol, string seriesname, REF boolean overlayindicator )
```

| Argument                | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>        | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <i>graphcontrol</i>     | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>seriesname</i>       | A string whose value is the name of the series for which you want the overlay status.                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>overlayindicator</i> | In PowerBuilder, a boolean variable in which you want to store a value indicating whether the series is an overlay. GetSeriesStyle sets <i>overlayindicator</i> to true if the series is an overlay and false if it is not. |

**Return value** Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. In PowerBuilder, stores in *overlayindicator* true if the specified series is an overlay and false if it is not. If any argument's value is null, GetSeriesStyle returns null.

**See also** [GetSeriesStyleOverlayValue](#)

## GetSeriesStyleColorValue

**Description** Returns the color value associated with a series in a graph in a DataWindow object. You must call [GetSeriesStyleColor](#) first to retrieve the color information. (See [GetSeriesStyle](#) for information about this method.)

### Obsolete method

[GetSeriesStyleColorValue](#) is obsolete and should not be used, because the DataWindow Web Control for ActiveX technology is obsolete.

**Applies to** [DataWindow Web ActiveX](#) DataWindow control

**Syntax** **Web ActiveX**

number *dwcontrol*.[GetSeriesStyleColorValue](#) ( )

| Argument         | Description                                              |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control containing the graph |

**Return value** Returns an RGB color value.

**Usage** To find out the color associated with a series, call [GetSeriesStyleColor](#) to retrieve the information, then immediately afterward, call [GetSeriesStyleColorValue](#) and examine the return value.

Since data points in a series can have their own style settings, the color setting for a series might not match the color for a specific data point within that series.

See also [GetSeriesStyle](#)

## GetSeriesStyleFillPattern

**Description** Returns the fill pattern associated with a series in a graph in a DataWindow object. You must call [GetSeriesStyleFill](#) first to retrieve the fill information. (See [GetSeriesStyle](#) for information about this method.)

---

### Obsolete method

[GetSeriesStyleFillPattern](#) is obsolete and should not be used, because the DataWindow Web Control for ActiveX technology is obsolete.

---

**Applies to** [DataWindow Web ActiveX](#) DataWindow control

**Syntax** **Web ActiveX**

number *dwcontrol*.[GetSeriesStyleFillPattern](#) ( )

| Argument         | Description                                              |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control containing the graph |

**Return value** Returns an integer representing the fill pattern.

For a list of values and their meanings, see [FillPattern on page 487](#).

**Usage** To find out the fill pattern associated with a series, call [GetSeriesStyleFill](#) to retrieve the information, then immediately afterward, call [GetSeriesStyleFillPattern](#) and examine the return value.

Since data points in a series can have their own style settings, the fill pattern for a series might not match the fill pattern for a specific data point within that series.

See also [GetSeriesStyle](#)

## GetSeriesStyleLineStyle

**Description** Returns the line style associated with a series in a graph in a DataWindow object. You must call [GetSeriesStyleLine](#) first to retrieve the line style information. (See [GetSeriesStyle](#) for information about this method.)

---

### Obsolete method

[GetSeriesStyleLineStyle](#) is obsolete and should not be used, because the DataWindow Web Control for ActiveX technology is obsolete.

---

**Applies to** *DataWindow Web ActiveX* DataWindow control

**Syntax** **Web ActiveX**

number *dwcontrol*.[GetSeriesStyleLineStyle](#) ( )

| Argument         | Description                                              |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control containing the graph |

**Return value** Returns an integer representing the line style.

For a list of possible values and their meanings, see [LineStyle on page 490](#).

**Usage** To find out the line width or line style associated with a series, call [GetSeriesStyleLine](#) to retrieve the information, then immediately afterward, call [GetSeriesStyleLineWidth](#) and [GetSeriesStyleLineStyle](#) and examine the return values.

Since data points in a series can have their own style settings, the line style for a series might not match the line style for a specific data point within that series.

**See also** [GetSeriesStyle](#)  
[GetDataStyleLineWidth](#)

## GetSeriesStyleLineWidth

**Description** Returns the line width associated with a series in a graph in a DataWindow object. You must call [GetSeriesStyleLine](#) first to retrieve the line style information. (See [GetSeriesStyle](#) for information about this method.)

### Obsolete method

`GetSeriesStyleLineWidth` is obsolete and should not be used, because the DataWindow Web Control for ActiveX technology is obsolete.

---

**Applies to** *DataWindow Web ActiveX* DataWindow control

**Syntax** **Web ActiveX**

number *dwcontrol*.**GetSeriesStyleLineWidth** ( )

| Argument         | Description                                              |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control containing the graph |

**Return value** Returns the width of the line in pixels.

**Usage** To find out the line width or line style associated with a series, call `GetSeriesStyleLine` to retrieve the information, then immediately afterward, call `GetSeriesStyleLineWidth` and `GetSeriesStyleLineStyle` and examine the return values.

Since data points in a series can have their own style settings, the line width for a series might not match the line width for a specific data point within that series.

**See also** `GetSeriesStyle`  
`GetSeriesStyleLineStyle`

## GetSeriesStyleOverlayValue

**Description** Returns a value indicating whether a series is an overlay, that is, whether it is shown on top of another graph type. You must call `GetSeriesStyleOverlay` first to retrieve the overlay information. (See `GetSeriesStyle` for information about this method.)

### Obsolete method

`GetSeriesStyleOverlayValue` is obsolete and should not be used, because the DataWindow Web Control for ActiveX technology is obsolete.

---

**Applies to** *DataWindow Web ActiveX* DataWindow control

**Syntax** **Web ActiveX**

boolean *dwcontrol*.**GetSeriesStyleOverlayValue** ( )



| Argument         | Description                                              |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control containing the graph |

- Return value** Returns true if the series is an overlay and false if it is not.
- Usage** To find out whether a series is an overlay, call `GetSeriesStyleOverlay` to retrieve the information, then immediately afterward, call `GetSeriesStyleOverlayValue` and examine the return value.
- See also** `GetSeriesStyle`

## GetSeriesStyleSymbolValue

- Description** Returns the symbol associated with a series in a graph in a DataWindow object. You must call `GetSeriesStyleLine` first to retrieve the line style information. (See `GetSeriesStyle` for information about this method.)

### Obsolete method

`GetSeriesStyleOverlayValue``GetSeriesStyleSymbolValue` is obsolete and should not be used, because the DataWindow Web Control for ActiveX technology is obsolete.

- Applies to** *DataWindow Web ActiveX* DataWindow control

- Syntax** **Web ActiveX**

number *dwcontrol*.**GetSeriesStyleSymbolValue** ( )

| Argument         | Description                                              |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control containing the graph |

- Return value** Returns an integer representing a data point's symbol.
- For a list of values and their meanings, see `grSymbolType` on page 490.
- Usage** To find out the symbol associated with a series, call `GetSeriesStyleSymbol` to retrieve the information, then immediately afterward, call `GetSeriesStyleSymbolValue` and examine the return value.
- Since data points in a series can have their own style settings, the symbol for a series might not match the symbol for a specific data point within that series.
- See also** `GetSeriesStyle`

## GetSeriesTransparency

**Description** Obtains the transparency percentage of a series in a DirectX 3D graph (those with 3D rendering).

**Applies to** DataWindow control

**Syntax** integer *dwcontrol*.**GetSeriesTransparency** ( string *graphcontrol*, string *series*, REF int *transparency*)

| Argument            | Description                                                                                                                                      |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>    | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                                                                                      |
| <i>graphcontrol</i> | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.                                                                         |
| <i>series</i>       | The string that identifies the series from which you want the transparency value.                                                                |
| <i>transparency</i> | Integer value for percent transparency. A value of 0 means that the series is opaque and a value of 100 means that it is completely transparent. |

**Return value** Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, **GetSeriesTransparency** returns null.

**Usage** **GetSeriesTransparency** retrieves data from any DirectX 3D graph (those with 3D rendering).

**Examples** These statements obtain the transparency percentage of the series named Costs in the graph `gr_computers` in the DataWindow control `dw_equipment`:

```
integer SeriesNbr, rtn, ser_transp_value

// Get the number of the series.
SeriesNbr = dw_equipment.FindSeries( &
    "gr_computers", "Costs")
rtn = dw_equipment.GetSeriesTransparency( &
    "gr_computers" , SeriesNbr, ser_transp_value)
```

**See also** [FindSeries](#)  
[GetDataTransparency](#)  
[SetDataTransparency](#)  
[SetSeriesTransparency](#)

## ObjectAtPointer

**Description** Finds out where the user clicked in a graph. `ObjectAtPointer` reports the region of the graph under the pointer and stores the associated series and data point numbers in the designated variables.

**Applies to** *PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

**Syntax** **PowerBuilder**

```
grObjectType dwcontrol.ObjectAtPointer ( string graphcontrol, REF integer seriesnumber, REF integer datapoint )
```

| Argument            | Description                                                                                                     |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>    | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                                                     |
| <i>graphcontrol</i> | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.                                        |
| <i>seriesnumber</i> | In PowerBuilder, an integer variable in which you want to store the number of the series under the pointer.     |
| <i>datapoint</i>    | In PowerBuilder, an integer variable in which you want to store the number of the data point under the pointer. |

**Return value** Returns a value of the `grObjectType` enumerated datatype identifying the type of object under the pointer if the user clicks anywhere in the graph (including an empty area) and a null value if the user clicks outside the graph.

For a list of type values, see [grObjectType on page 489](#).

**Usage** The `ObjectAtPointer` function allows you to find out how the user is interacting with the graph. The function returns a value of the `grObjectType` enumerated datatype identifying the part of the graph. When the user clicks in a series, data point, or category, `ObjectAtPointer` stores the series and/or data point numbers in designated variables.

When the user clicks a data point (or other data mark, such as line or bar), or on the series labels in the legend, `ObjectAtPointer` stores the series number in the designated variable. When the user clicks on a data point or category tickmark label, `ObjectAtPointer` stores the data point number in the designated variable.

When the user clicks in a series, but not on the actual data point, `ObjectAtPointer` stores 0 in *datapoint* and when the user clicks in a category, `ObjectAtPointer` stores 0 in *seriesnumber*. When the user clicks other parts of the graph, `ObjectAtPointer` stores 0 in both variables.

**Examples**

**PowerBuilder** These statements store the series number and data point number at the pointer location in the graph named gr\_computers in the DataWindow control dw\_equipment in SeriesNbr and ItemNbr:

```
integer SeriesNbr, ItemNbr  
dw_equipment.ObjectAtPointer("gr_computers", &  
    SeriesNbr, ItemNbr)
```

## ObjectAtPointerDataPoint

**Description**

Returns the number of the data point under the pointer. You must call `ObjectAtPointer` first to retrieve the pointer position information.

---

**Obsolete method**

`ObjectAtPointerDataPoint` is obsolete and should not be used, because the DataWindow Web Control for ActiveX technology is obsolete.

---

**Applies to**

*DataWindow Web ActiveX* DataWindow control

**Syntax**

**Web ActiveX**

```
number dwcontrol.ObjectAtPointerDataPoint ( )
```

| Argument         | Description                                              |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control containing the graph |

**Return value**

Returns the number of the data point.

**Usage**

To find out the data point and series under the pointer, call `ObjectAtPointer` to retrieve the information, then immediately afterward, call `ObjectAtPointerDataPoint` and `ObjectAtPointerSeries` and examine the return values.

**See also**

`ObjectAtPointer`  
`ObjectAtPointerSeries`

## ObjectAtPointerSeries

**Description**

Returns the number of the series under the pointer. You must call `ObjectAtPointer` first to retrieve the pointer position information.

**Obsolete method**

`ObjectAtPointerSeries` is obsolete and should not be used, because the DataWindow Web Control for ActiveX technology is obsolete.

**Applies to**

*DataWindow Web ActiveX* DataWindow control

**Syntax**

**Web ActiveX**

number *dwcontrol*.`ObjectAtPointerSeries` ( )

| Argument         | Description                                              |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to a DataWindow control containing the graph |

**Return value**

Returns the number of the series.

**Usage**

To find out the data point and series under the pointer, call `ObjectAtPointer` to retrieve the information, then immediately afterward, call `ObjectAtPointerDataPoint` and `ObjectAtPointerSeries` and examine the return values.

**See also**

`ObjectAtPointer`  
`ObjectAtPointerDataPoint`

## Reset

**Description**

Deletes the data, the categories, or the series from a graph.

Reset is for graphs within a DataWindow object with an external data source. It does not apply to other graphs in DataWindow objects because their data comes directly from the DataWindow.

**Applies to**

*PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

integer *dwcontrol*.`Reset` ( grResetType *graphresettype* )

| Argument         | Description                                                 |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph. |

| Argument              | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>graphresettype</i> | A value of the grResetType enumerated datatype specifying whether you want to delete only data values or all series and all data values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All! – Delete all series, categories, and data in <i>dwcontrol</i>.</li> <li>• Category! – Delete categories and data in <i>dwcontrol</i>.</li> <li>• Data! – Delete data in <i>dwcontrol</i>.</li> <li>• Series! – Delete the series and data in <i>dwcontrol</i>.</li> </ul> |

**Return value** Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument’s value is null, **Reset** returns null. The return value is usually not used.

**Usage** Use **Reset** to clear the data in a graph before you add new data.

**Examples** **PowerBuilder** This statement deletes the series and data, but leaves the categories, in the graph gr\_product\_data in the DataWindow dw\_prod. The DataWindow object has an external data source:

```
dw_prod.Reset("gr_product_data", Series!)
```

## ResetDataColors

**Description** Restores the color of a data point to the default color for its series.

**Applies to** *PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

**Syntax** **PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.ResetDataColors ( string graphcontrol, integer seriesnumber, long datapointnumber )
```

| Argument               | Description                                                                   |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>       | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph                    |
| <i>graphcontrol</i>    | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control       |
| <i>seriesnumber</i>    | The number of the series in which you want to reset the color of a data point |
| <i>datapointnumber</i> | The number of the data point for which you want to reset the color            |

**Return value** Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument’s value is null, **ResetDataColors** returns null.

**Default color for data points**

To set the color for a series, use [SetSeriesStyle](#). The color you set for the series is the default color for all data points in the series.

**Examples**

**PowerBuilder** These statements change the color of data point 10 in the series named Costs in the graph gr\_computers in the DataWindow control dw\_equipment to the color for the series:

```
SeriesNbr = dw_equipment.FindSeries("gr_computers", &
    "Costs")
dw_equipment.ResetDataColors("gr_computers", &
    SeriesNbr, 10)
```

**See also**

[GetDataStyle](#)  
[GetSeriesStyle](#)  
[SetDataStyle](#)  
[SetSeriesStyle](#)

## SaveAs

**Description**

Saves the data in a graph in the format you specify.

**Applies to**

*PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.SaveAs ( string graphcontrol {, string filename,
    SaveAsType saveastype, boolean colheading {, encoding } )
```

| Argument                        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>graphcontrol</i>             | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>filename</i><br>(optional)   | A string whose value is the name of the file in which you want to save the data in the graph. If you omit <i>filename</i> or specify an empty string (""), the user is prompted for a file name.                |
| <i>saveastype</i><br>(optional) | A value of the SaveAsType enumerated datatype (in PowerBuilder) specifying the format in which to save the data represented in the graph.<br>For a list of values, see <a href="#">SaveAsType on page 492</a> . |

| Argument                        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>colheading</i><br>(optional) | A boolean value indicating whether you want column headings with the saved data. The default value is true. This argument is used for the following formats: Clipboard, CSV, Excel, and Text. For most other formats, column headings are always saved.                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>encoding</i><br>(optional)   | Character encoding of the file to which the data is saved. This parameter applies only to the following formats: TEXT, CSV, SQL, HTML, and DIF. If you do not specify an <i>encoding</i> parameter, the file is saved in ANSI format. Values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EncodingANSI! (default)</li> <li>• EncodingUTF8!</li> <li>• EncodingUTF16LE!</li> <li>• EncodingUTF16BE!</li> </ul> |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, *SaveAs* returns null.

If you do not specify any arguments, PowerBuilder saves the DataWindow data rather than the data in the graph control. In this case, or in the case where you specify only the graph control name as an argument, PowerBuilder displays the Save As dialog box, letting the user specify the format of the saved data.

**Examples**

**PowerBuilder** This statement saves the contents of *gr\_computers* in the DataWindow control *dw\_equipmt* to the file *G:\INVENTORY\SALES.XLS*. The format is comma-separated values with column headings:

```
dw_equipmt.SaveAs("gr_computers", &
    "G:\INVENTORY\SALES.XLS", CSV!, true)
```

**See also**

*Print*  
*SaveAs*

## SeriesCount

**Description**

Counts the number of series in a graph.

**Applies to**

*PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.SeriesCount ( string graphcontrol )
```



| Argument            | Description                                                             |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>    | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph              |
| <i>graphcontrol</i> | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control |

**Return value** Returns the number of series in the graph if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, `SeriesCount` returns null.

**Examples** **PowerBuilder** These statements store in the variable `li_series_count` the number of series in the graph `gr_computers` in the DataWindow control `dw_equipment`:

```
integer li_series_count
li_series_count = &
    dw_equipment.SeriesCount("gr_computers")
```

**See also** `CategoryCount`  
`DataCount`

## SeriesName

**Description** Obtains the series name associated with the specified series number.

**Applies to** *PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

**Syntax** **PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.SeriesName ( string graphcontrol, integer
    seriesnumber )
```

| Argument            | Description                                                             |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>    | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph              |
| <i>graphcontrol</i> | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control |
| <i>seriesnumber</i> | The number of the series for which you want to obtain the name          |

**Return value** Returns the name assigned to the series. If an error occurs, it returns the empty string (""). If any argument's value is null, `SeriesName` returns null.

**Usage** Series are numbered consecutively, from 1 to the value returned by `SeriesCount`. When you delete a series, the series are renumbered to keep the numbering consecutive. You can use `SeriesName` to find out the name of the series associated with a series number.

**Examples** **PowerBuilder** These statements store in the variable `ls_SeriesName` the name of series 5 in the graph `gr_computers` in the DataWindow control `dw_equipment`:

```
string ls_SeriesName
ls_SeriesName = &
dw_equipment.SeriesName("gr_computers", 5)
```

**See also** [CategoryName](#)  
[GetData](#)

## SetDataLabelling

**Description** Set the data label for a DirectX 3D graph.

**Applies to** DataWindow control

**Syntax** integer *dwcontrol*.**SetDataLabelling** (string *graphcontrol*, int *seriesnumber*, int *datapoint*, boolean *value*)

| Argument            | Description                                                                              |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>    | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                              |
| <i>graphcontrol</i> | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.                 |
| <i>seriesnumber</i> | The number that identifies the series in which you want to set the data labelling value. |
| <i>datapoint</i>    | The datapoint.                                                                           |
| <i>value</i>        | Indicates whether to label the data with its value.                                      |

**Return value** Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, `SetDataLabelling` returns null.

**Usage** `SetDataLabelling` is used to indicate whether or not to label the data with the numbers for data in DirectX 3D Area, Bar, Col, or Line graphs. You cannot use this method with DirectX 3D Pie graphs.

**Examples** These statements obtain the series and datapoint for the graph `gr_1` in the DataWindow control `dw_employee`.

```
integer SeriesNbr, ItemNbr
grObjectType clickedtype

// Get the number of the series and datapoint
clickedtype = this.ObjectAtPointer("gr_1", &
```

```

SeriesNbr, ItemNbr)

// Set data label
dw_employee.SetDataLabelling("gr_1", &
SeriesNbr, ItemNbr, true)

```

**See also**

[GetDataLabelling](#)  
[GetSeriesLabelling](#)  
[SetSeriesLabelling](#)

## SetDataPieExplode

**Description**

Explodes a pie slice in a pie graph. The exploded slice is moved away from the center of the pie, which draws attention to the data. You can explode any number of slices of the pie.

**Applies to**

*PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.SetDataPieExplode ( string graphcontrol, integer seriesnumber, integer datapoint, integer percentage )
```

| Argument            | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>    | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>graphcontrol</i> | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.                                                                                                                                                  |
| <i>seriesnumber</i> | The number that identifies the series.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>datapoint</i>    | The number of the data point (that is, the pie slice) to be exploded.                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>percentage</i>   | A number between 0 and 100 that is the percentage of the radius that the pie slice is moved away from the center. When <i>percentage</i> is 100, the tip of the slice is even with the circumference of the pie's circle. |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, [SetDataPieExplode](#) returns null.

**Usage**

If the graph is not a pie graph, [SetDataPieExplode](#) has no effect.

## Examples

**PowerBuilder** This example explodes the pie slice under the pointer to 50% when the user double-clicks within the graph. The code checks the property `GraphType` to make sure the graph is a pie graph. It then finds out whether the user clicked on a pie slice by checking the series and data point values set by `ObjectAtPointer`. The script is for the `DoubleClick` event of the `DataWindow` control:

```
integer series, datapoint
grObjectType clickedtype
integer percentage

percentage = 50
IF (This.GraphType <> PieGraph! AND &
    This.GraphType <> Pie3D!) THEN RETURN

clickedtype = This.ObjectAtPointer( "gr_equipment", &
    series, datapoint)

IF (series > 0 and datapoint > 0) THEN
    This.SetDataPieExplode("gr_equipment", series, &
        datapoint, percentage)
END IF
```

## See also

`GetDataPieExplode`

## SetDataStyle

Specifies the appearance of a data point in a graph. The data point's series has appearance settings that you can override with `SetDataStyle`.

| To                                              | Use                      |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Set the data point's colors                     | <a href="#">Syntax 1</a> |
| Set the line style and width for the data point | <a href="#">Syntax 2</a> |
| Set the fill pattern for the data point         | <a href="#">Syntax 3</a> |
| Set the symbol for the data point               | <a href="#">Syntax 4</a> |

### Syntax 1

## Description

### For setting a data point's colors

Specifies the colors of a data point in a graph.

## Applies to

*PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

## Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

integer *dwcontrol*.**SetDataStyle** ( string *graphcontrol*, integer *seriesnumber*, integer *datapointnumber*, grColorType *colortype*, long *color* )

| Argument               | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>       | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>graphcontrol</i>    | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.                                                                                                                                             |
| <i>seriesnumber</i>    | The number of the series in which you want to set the color of a data point.                                                                                                                                         |
| <i>datapointnumber</i> | The number of the data point for which you want to set the color.                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>colortype</i>       | A value of the grColorType enumerated datatype (in PowerBuilder) specifying the aspect of the data point for which you want to set the color.<br>For a list of values, see <a href="#">grColorType on page 488</a> . |
| <i>color</i>           | A long whose value is the new color for <i>colortype</i> .                                                                                                                                                           |

## Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, **SetDataStyle** returns null.

## Usage

To change the appearance of a series, use **SetSeriesStyle**. The settings you make for the series are the defaults for all data points in the series.

To reset the color of individual points back to the series color, call **ResetDataColors**.

You can specify the appearance of a data point in the graph before the application draws the graph. To do so, define a user event for `pbm_dwnggraphcreate` and call **SetDataStyle** in the script for that event. The event `pbm_dwnggraphcreate` is triggered just before a graph is created in a DataWindow object.

**Using SetDataStyle with DirectX 3D Graphs**

You can only set the color for the foreground. Background, line color, and shade are not supported.

## Examples

**PowerBuilder** These statements set the text (foreground) color to black for data point 6 in the series named Salary in the graph `gr_depts` in the DataWindow control `dw_employees`:

```
integer SeriesNbr
```

```
// Get the number of the series
SeriesNbr = &
    dw_employees.FindSeries("gr_depts" , "Salary")

// Set the background color
dw_employees.SetDataStyle("gr_depts" , SeriesNbr, &
    6, Background!, 0)
```

See also

GetDataStyle  
 GetSeriesStyle  
 ResetDataColors  
 SetSeriesStyle

## Syntax 2

## For the line associated with a data point

Description

Specifies the style and width of a data point's line in a graph.

Applies to

*PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

Syntax

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.SetDataStyle ( string graphcontrol, integer
seriesnumber, integer datapointnumber, LineStyle linestyle, { integer
linewidth } )
```

| Argument                                     | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                             | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>graphcontrol</i>                          | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>seriesnumber</i>                          | The number of the series in which you want to set the line style and width of a data point.                                                                                                                   |
| <i>datapointnumber</i>                       | The number of the data point for which you want to set the line style and width.                                                                                                                              |
| <i>linestyle</i>                             | A value of the LineStyle enumerated datatype (in PowerBuilder) specifying a line style pattern of dots, dashes, and solid lines. For a list of line style values, see <a href="#">LineStyle on page 490</a> . |
| <i>linewidth</i> (optional for PowerBuilder) | An integer whose value is the width of the line in pixels.                                                                                                                                                    |

Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, `SetDataStyle` returns null.

Usage

To change the appearance of a series, use `SetSeriesStyle`. The settings you make for the series are the defaults for all data points in the series.

You can specify the appearance of a data point in the graph before the application draws the graph. To do so, define a user event for `pbm_dwngraphcreate` and call `SetDataStyle` in the script for that event. The event `pbm_dwngraphcreate` is triggered just before a graph is created in a `DataWindow` object.

**Examples**

**PowerBuilder** This example checks the line style used for data point 10 in the series named `Costs` in the graph `gr_computers` in the `DataWindow` control `dw_equipment`. If it is dash-dot, the `SetDataStyle` sets it to continuous. The line width stays the same:

```
integer SeriesNbr, line_width
LineStyle line_style

// Get the number of the series
SeriesNbr = dw_equipment.FindSeries( &
    "gr_computers", "Costs")

// Get the current line style
dw_equipment.GetDataStyle("gr_computers", &
    SeriesNbr, 10, line_style, line_width)

// If the pattern is dash-dot, change to continuous
IF line_style = DashDot! THEN &
    dw_equipment.SetDataStyle("gr_computers", &
        SeriesNbr, 10, Continuous!, line_width)
```

**See also**

[GetDataStyle](#)  
[GetSeriesStyle](#)  
[SetSeriesStyle](#)

**Syntax 3**

**For the fill pattern of a data point**

**Description**

Specifies the fill pattern for a data point in a graph.

**Applies to**

*PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.SetDataStyle ( string graphcontrol, integer seriesnumber, integer datapointnumber, FillPattern fillvalue )
```

| Argument            | Description                                                              |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>    | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.              |
| <i>graphcontrol</i> | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control. |

| Argument               | Description                                                                                                                                                                            |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>seriesnumber</i>    | The number of the series in which you want to set the appearance of a data point.                                                                                                      |
| <i>datapointnumber</i> | The number of the data point for which you want to set the appearance.                                                                                                                 |
| <i>fillvalue</i>       | A value of the FillPattern enumerated datatype (in PowerBuilder) specifying the fill pattern for the data point.<br>For a list of values, see <a href="#">FillPattern</a> on page 487. |

**Return value** Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, `SetDataStyle` returns null.

**Usage** To change the appearance of a series, use `SetSeriesStyle`. The settings you make for the series are the defaults for all data points in the series.

You can specify the appearance of a data point in the graph before the application draws the graph. To do so, define a user event for `pbm_dwngngraphcreate` and call `SetDataStyle` in the script for that event. The event `pbm_dwngngraphcreate` is triggered just before a graph is created in a `DataWindow` object.

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**Using SetDataStyle with DirectX 3D Graphs**

You cannot use a fill pattern for a data point.

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**See also** [GetDataStyle](#)  
[GetSeriesStyle](#)  
[SetSeriesStyle](#)

**Syntax 4 For the symbol of a data point**

**Description** Specifies the symbol for a data point in a graph.

**Applies to** *PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

**Syntax** **PowerBuilder**

integer *dwcontrol*.**SetDataStyle** ( string *graphcontrol*, integer *seriesnumber*, integer *datapointnumber*, grSymbolType *symbolvalue* )

| Argument            | Description                                                              |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>    | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.              |
| <i>graphcontrol</i> | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control. |



| Argument               | Description                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>seriesnumber</i>    | The number of the series in which you want to set the appearance of a data point.                                                                                                            |
| <i>datapointnumber</i> | The number of the data point for which you want to set the appearance.                                                                                                                       |
| <i>symbolvalue</i>     | A value of the <code>grSymbolType</code> enumerated datatype (in PowerBuilder) specifying the symbol for the data point.<br>For a list of values, see <code>grSymbolType</code> on page 490. |

**Return value** Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, `SetDataStyle` returns null.

**Usage** To change the appearance of a series, use `SetSeriesStyle`. The settings you make for the series are the defaults for all data points in the series.

You can specify the appearance of a data point in the graph before the application draws the graph. To do so, define a user event for `pbm_dwnggraphcreate` and call `SetDataStyle` in the script for that event. The event `pbm_dwnggraphcreate` is triggered just before a graph is created in a `DataWindow` object.

### Using `SetDataStyle` with DirectX 3D Graphs

You cannot specify specific symbols for the data point.

**See also**

`GetDataStyle`  
`GetSeriesStyle`  
`SetSeriesStyle`

## SetDataTransparency

**Description** Sets the transparency percentage for a data point in a series in a DirectX 3D graph.

**Applies to** `DataWindow` control

**Syntax** integer *dwcontrol*.`SetDataTransparency` ( string *graphcontrol*, integer *seriesnumber*, int *datapoint*, int *transparency* )

| Argument         | Description                                                              |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i> | A reference to the <code>DataWindow</code> control containing the graph. |

| Argument            | Description                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>graphcontrol</i> | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.                                                                             |
| <i>seriesnumber</i> | The number that identifies the series in which you want to set the transparency value of a data point.                                               |
| <i>datapoint</i>    | The number of the data point for which you want to set a transparency value.                                                                         |
| <i>transparency</i> | Integer value for percent transparency. A value of 0 means that the data point is opaque and a value of 100 means that it is completely transparent. |

**Return value** Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, `SetDataTransparency` returns null.

**Usage** `SetDataTransparency` sets the transparency value of a data point in any DirectX 3D graph (those with 3D rendering).

**Examples** These statements set the transparency percentage to 50% for data point 3 in the series named Costs in the graph `gr_1` in the DataWindow control `dw_employee`:

```
integer SeriesNbr, ItemNbr, TransNbr
grObjectType clickedtype

// Get the number of the series and datapoint
clickedtype = this.ObjectAtPointer("gr_1", &
    SeriesNbr, ItemNbr)

//The following statement sets Transparency to 50%
TransNbr = 50

dw_employee.SetDataTransparency("gr_1", &
    SeriesNbr, ItemNbr, TransNbr)
```

**See also** `FindSeries`  
`GetDataTransparency`  
`GetSeriesTransparency`  
`SetSeriesTransparency`

## SetSeriesLabelling

**Description** Set the series label for a DirectX 3D graph.

**Applies to** DataWindow control

**Syntax** integer *dwcontrol*.**SetSeriesLabelling** (string *graphcontrol*, string *series*, boolean *value*)

| Argument            | Description                                                                            |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>    | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                            |
| <i>graphcontrol</i> | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.               |
| <i>series</i>       | The string that names the series in which you want to change the series label setting. |
| <i>value</i>        | Indicates whether to label the series with its values.                                 |

**Return value** Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, **SetSeriesLabelling** returns null.

**Usage** **SetDataLabelling** is used to indicate whether or not to label the series with the data numbers for data in DirectX 3D Area, Bar, Col, or Line graphs. You cannot use this method with DirectX 3D Pie graphs.

**Examples** These statements obtain the series and datapoint of graph *gr\_1* and the DataWindow control *dw\_employee*.

```
integer SeriesNbr, ItemNbr
string ls_SeriesName
grObjectType clickedtype

// Get the number of the series and datapoint
clickedtype = this.ObjectAtPointer("gr_1", &
    SeriesNbr, ItemNbr)

//Get the name of series
ls_SeriesName = dw_employee.SeriesName("gr_1", &
    SeriesNbr)

// Set Series label
dw_employee.SetSeriesLabelling("gr_1", &
    ls_SeriesName, true)
```

**See also** [GetDataLabelling](#)  
[GetSeriesLabelling](#)  
[SetDataLabelling](#)

## SetSeriesStyle

Specifies the appearance of a series in a graph. There are several syntaxes, depending on what settings you want to change.

| To                                    | Use                      |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Set the series' colors                | <a href="#">Syntax 1</a> |
| Set the line style and width          | <a href="#">Syntax 2</a> |
| Set the fill pattern for the series   | <a href="#">Syntax 3</a> |
| Set the symbol for the series         | <a href="#">Syntax 4</a> |
| Specify that the series is an overlay | <a href="#">Syntax 5</a> |

### Syntax 1

Description

Applies to

Syntax

### For setting a series' colors

Specifies the colors of a series in a graph.

*PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.SetSeriesStyle ( string graphcontrol, string
seriesname, grColorType colortype, long color )
```

| Argument            | Description                                                                                                                                                                    |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>    | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                                                                                                                    |
| <i>graphcontrol</i> | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.                                                                                                       |
| <i>seriesname</i>   | A string whose value is the name of the series for which you want to set the color.                                                                                            |
| <i>colortype</i>    | A value of the grColorType enumerated datatype specifying the item for which you want to set the color.<br>For a list of values, see <a href="#">grColorType on page 488</a> . |
| <i>color</i>        | A long specifying an RGB value for the new color.                                                                                                                              |

Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, [SetSeriesStyle](#) returns null.

Usage

Data points in a series can have their own style settings. Settings made with [SetDataStyle](#) set the style of individual data points and override series settings.

The graph stores style information for properties that do not apply to the current graph type. For example, you can set the fill pattern in a two-dimensional line graph or the line style in a bar graph, but that fill pattern or line style will not be visible.

You can specify the appearance of a series in the graph before the application draws the graph. To do so, define a user event for `pbm_dwngraphcreate` and call `SetSeriesStyle` in the script for that event. The event `pbm_dwngraphcreate` is triggered just before a graph is created in a DataWindow object.

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### Using `SetSeriesStyle` with DirectX 3D Graphs

You can only set the color for the foreground. Background, line color, and shade are not supported.

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#### Examples

**PowerBuilder** This statement sets the background color of the series named Salary in the graph `gr_depts` in the DataWindow control `dw_employees` to black:

```
dw_employees.SetSeriesStyle("gr_depts", &
    "Salary", Background!, 0)
```

These statements in the `Clicked` event of the graph control `gr_product_data` coordinate line color between it and the graph `gr_sales_data`. The script stores the line color for the series under the mouse pointer in the graph `gr_product_data` in the variable `line_color`. Then it sets the line color for the series Northeast in the graph `gr_sales_data` within the DataWindow control `dw_sales` to that color:

```
string SeriesName
integer SeriesNbr, Series_Point
long line_color
grObjectType MouseHit
MouseHit = This.ObjectAtPointer( &
    SeriesNbr, Series_Point)

IF MouseHit = TypeSeries! THEN
    SeriesName = &
        gr_product_data.SeriesName(SeriesNbr)

    gr_product_data.GetSeriesStyle(SeriesName, &
        LineColor!, line_color)

    dw_sales.SetSeriesStyle("gr_sales_data", &
        "Northeast", LineColor!, line_color)
END IF
```

#### See also

`GetDataStyle`  
`GetSeriesStyle`  
`SetSeriesStyle`

## Syntax 2

### Description

Specifies the style and width of a series' lines in a graph.

### Applies to

*PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

### Syntax

#### PowerBuilder

```
integer dwcontrol.SetSeriesStyle ( string graphcontrol, string
seriesname, LineStyle linestyle {, integer linewidth } )
```

| Argument                                     | Description                                                                                                                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>                             | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                                                                                                    |
| <i>graphcontrol</i>                          | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.                                                                                       |
| <i>seriesname</i>                            | A string whose value is the name of the series for which you want to set the line style and width.                                                             |
| <i>linestyle</i>                             | A value of the LineStyle enumerated datatype (in PowerBuilder) specifying the line style.<br>For a list of values, see <a href="#">LineStyle on page 490</a> . |
| <i>linewidth</i> (optional for PowerBuilder) | An integer specifying the width of the line in pixels.                                                                                                         |

### Return value

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, [SetSeriesStyle](#) returns null.

### Usage

Data points in a series can have their own style settings. Settings made with [SetDataStyle](#) set the style of individual data points and override series settings.

The graph stores style information for properties that do not apply to the current graph type. For example, you can set the fill pattern in a two-dimensional line graph or the line style in a bar graph, but that fill pattern or line style will not be visible.

You can specify the appearance of a series in the graph before the application draws the graph. To do so, define a user event for `pbm_dwngnaphcreate` and call `SetSeriesStyle` in the script for that event. The event `pbm_dwngnaphcreate` is triggered just before a graph is created in a DataWindow object.

### Examples

**PowerBuilder** This statement sets the line style and width for the series named Costs in the graph `gr_product_data` in the DataWindow `dw_prod`:

```
dw_prod.SetSeriesStyle("gr_product_data", "Costs", &
Dot!, 5)
```

### See also

[GetDataStyle](#)  
[GetSeriesStyle](#)  
[SetDataStyle](#)

## Syntax 3

**Description**

## For the fill pattern in a graph

Specifies the fill pattern for data markers in a series.

**Applies to**

*PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

**Syntax**

**PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.SetSeriesStyle ( string graphcontrol, string
seriesname, FillPattern fillvalue )
```

| Argument            | Description                                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>    | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                                                                                                       |
| <i>graphcontrol</i> | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.                                                                                          |
| <i>seriesname</i>   | A string whose value is the name of the series in which you want to set the appearance.                                                                           |
| <i>fillvalue</i>    | A value of the FillPattern enumerated datatype specifying the fill pattern for the series.<br>For a list of values, see <a href="#">FillPattern on page 487</a> . |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, `SetSeriesStyle` returns null.

**Usage**

Data points in a series can have their own style settings. Settings made with `SetDataStyle` set the style of individual data points and override series settings.

The graph stores style information for properties that do not apply to the current graph type. For example, you can set the fill pattern in a two-dimensional line graph or the line style in a bar graph, but that fill pattern or line style will not be visible.

You can specify the appearance of a series in the graph before the application draws the graph. To do so, define a user event for `pbm_dwngngraphcreate` and call `SetSeriesStyle` in the script for that event. The event `pbm_dwngngraphcreate` is triggered just before a graph is created in a DataWindow object.

---

### Using SetSeriesStyle with DirectX 3D Graphs

You cannot use a fill pattern for a series.

---

**Examples**

**PowerBuilder** This statement sets the fill pattern used for the series named Costs in the graph `gr_computers` in the DataWindow control `dw_equipment` to Horizontal:

```
dw_equipment.SetSeriesStyle("gr_computers", &
    "Costs", Horizontal!)
```

**See also**

GetDataStyle  
GetSeriesStyle  
SetDataStyle

**Syntax 4****For the symbols in a graph****Description**

Specifies the symbol for data markers in a series.

**Applies to**

*PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.SetSeriesStyle ( string graphcontrol, string  
seriesname, grSymbolType symbolvalue )
```

| Argument            | Description                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>    | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                                                                                                   |
| <i>graphcontrol</i> | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.                                                                                      |
| <i>seriesname</i>   | A string whose value is the name of the series in which you want to set the appearance.                                                                       |
| <i>symbolvalue</i>  | A value of the grSymbolType enumerated datatype specifying the symbol for the series.<br>For a list of values, see <a href="#">grSymbolType on page 490</a> . |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, SetSeriesStyle returns null.

**Usage**

Data points in a series can have their own style settings. Settings made with SetDataStyle set the style of individual data points and override series settings.

The graph stores style information for properties that do not apply to the current graph type. For example, you can set the fill pattern in a two-dimensional line graph or the line style in a bar graph, but that fill pattern or line style will not be visible.

You can specify the appearance of a series in the graph before the application draws the graph. To do so, define a user event for pbm\_dwngngraphcreate and call SetSeriesStyle in the script for that event. The event pbm\_dwngngraphcreate is triggered just before a graph is created in a DataWindow object.

---

**Using SetSeriesStyle with DirectX 3D Graphs**

You cannot specify specific symbols for the data markers in a series.

---



**Examples**

**PowerBuilder** This statement sets the symbol for the series named Costs in the graph gr\_computers in the DataWindow control dw\_equipment to X:

```
dw_equipment.SetSeriesStyle("gr_computers", &
    "Costs", SymbolX!)
```

**See also**

GetDataStyle  
GetSeriesStyle  
SetDataStyle

**Syntax 5****For creating an overlay in a graph****Description**

Specifies whether a series is an overlay, meaning that the series is represented by a line on top of another graph type.

**Applies to**

*PowerBuilder DataWindow* DataWindow control

**Syntax****PowerBuilder**

```
integer dwcontrol.SetSeriesStyle ( string graphcontrol, string series,
    boolean overlaystyle )
```

| Argument            | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>    | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>graphcontrol</i> | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <i>series</i>       | A string whose value is the name of the series whose overlay status you want to change.                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>overlaystyle</i> | A boolean value indicating whether you want the series to be an overlay, meaning that the series is shown in front as a line. Set <i>overlaystyle</i> to true to make the specified series an overlay. Set it to false to remove the overlay setting. |

**Return value**

Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, *SetSeriesStyle* returns null.

**Usage**

You can specify the appearance of a series in the graph before the application draws the graph. To do so, define a user event for pbm\_dwngngraphcreate and call *SetSeriesStyle* in the script for that event. The event pbm\_dwngngraphcreate is triggered just before a graph is created in a DataWindow object.

**Using SetSeriesStyle with DirectX 3D Graphs**

You cannot use the overlay style for a series.

**Examples**

**PowerBuilder** These statements in the Clicked event of the DataWindow control dw\_employees store the style of the series under the pointer in the graph gr\_depts in the variable style\_type. If the style of the series is overlay (true), the script changes the style to normal (false):

```

string SeriesName
integer SeriesNbr, Data_Point
boolean overlay_style
grObjectType MouseHit

MouseHit = dw_employees.ObjectAtPointer( &
    "gr_depts", SeriesNbr, Data_Point)

IF MouseHit = TypeSeries! THEN
    SeriesName = &
        dw_employees.SeriesName("gr_depts",SeriesNbr)

    dw_employees.GetSeriesStyle("gr_depts", &
        SeriesName, overlay_style)

    IF overlay_style THEN &
        dw_employees.SetSeriesStyle("gr_depts", &
            SeriesName, false)
END IF
    
```

**See also**

GetDataStyle  
 GetSeriesStyle  
 SetDataStyle

## SetSeriesTransparency

**Description** Sets the transparency percentage of a series in a DirectX 3D type graph.

**Applies to** DataWindow control

**Syntax** integer *dwcontrol*.SetSeriesTransparency ( string *graphcontrol*, string*series*, int *transparency*)

| Argument            | Description                                                                            |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>dwcontrol</i>    | A reference to the DataWindow control containing the graph.                            |
| <i>graphcontrol</i> | A string whose value is the name of the graph in the DataWindow control.               |
| <i>series</i>       | The string that identifies the series in which you want to set the transparency value. |

| Argument            | Description                                                                                                                                         |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>transparency</i> | Integer value for percentage transparency. A value of 0 means that the series is opaque and a value of 100 means that it is completely transparent. |

**Return value** Returns 1 if it succeeds and -1 if an error occurs. If any argument's value is null, `SetSeriesTransparency` returns null.

**Usage** `SetSeriesTransparency` sets the transparency value for a series in a DirectX 3D graph (those with 3D rendering).

**Examples** These statements set the transparency percentage to 50% for the series named Costs in the graph `gr_1` in the DataWindow control `dw_employee`:

```
integer SeriesNbr, ItemNbr, TransNbr
string ls_SeriesName
grObjectType clickedtype

// Get the number of the series and datapoint
clickedtype = this.ObjectAtPointer("gr_1", &
    SeriesNbr, ItemNbr)

//Get the name of series
ls_SeriesName = dw_employee.SeriesName("gr_1", &
    SeriesNbr)

//The following statement sets Transparency to 50%
TransNbr = 50

dw_employee.SetSeriesTransparency("gr_1", &
    ls_SeriesName, TransNbr)
```

**See also** `FindSeries`  
`GetSeriesTransparency`  
`GetDataTransparency`  
`SetDataTransparency`



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