

#3 Using Layout Buttons

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This note presents two examples of how to use buttons in a layout to change the current selection with a global procedure.

The following two global procedure examples use layout buttons to make changes to the current selection.

Example 1:

- ` The following procedure demonstrates how to use information
- ` from DISPLAY SELECTION layout buttons in a global procedure.
- ` The following buttons are in the footer of the output layout:
- ` bDelete - Accept Button
- ` bSort - Accept Button
- ` bOK - Accept Button (used to end loop)

DEFAULT FILE([My File])

OUTPUT LAYOUT("Output")

INPUT LAYOUT("Input2")

- ` Create a selection of records using the search window.

SEARCH

- ` Initialize the loop control variable.
- ` If no records were found, we won't enter the loop.

Loop:=(Records in selection#0)

- ` Create a set of the current selection that we will use later.

CREATE SET("Current Set")

While (Loop)

DISPLAY SELECTION

- ` After modifying the record, test the output layout buttons
- ` and perform the appropriate actions.

Case of

: (bDelete=1)

- ` If delete clicked, first check if selected records.

If (Records in set("UserSet")=0)

ALERT("You did not select any records to delete.")

Else

CONFIRM("Are you sure you want to delete those records?")

If (OK=1)

- ` If the user selected records and confirmed the
- ` deletion, use the UserSet (the set of selected



` records from the DISPLAY SELECTION list).
USE SET("UserSet")
` Delete the records.



DELETE SELECTION

` Use the original set of records.

USE SET("Current Set")

` End the loop if there are no records.

Loop:= (Records in selection#0)

End if

End if

: (bSort=1)

SORT SELECTION

Else

` If no buttons were pressed, end the loop.

Loop:=**False**

End case

End while

` Clear all sets from memory.

CLEAR SET("@")



Example 2:

- ` The following example procedure demonstrates how to use
- ` layout buttons in a global procedure.
- ` Layout buttons:
- ` bPrevious - Accept Button
- ` bNext - Accept Button
- ` bDelete - Accept Button
- ` bOK - Accept Button (used to end loop)
- ` bcancel - Don't Accept Button (to cancel and end loop)

DEFAULT FILE([My File])

INPUT LAYOUT("Input1")

- ` Create a selection of records using the search window.

SEARCH

- ` Create an empty set that will be used for deleting records.

CREATE EMPTY SET("Delete")

- ` Initialize the loop control variable.
- ` If no records were found, we won't enter the loop.

Loop:=(Records in file#0)

While (Loop)

MODIFY RECORD

- ` After modifying the record, test the layout buttons and
- ` perform the appropriate actions.

Case of

: (bPrevious=1)

PREVIOUS RECORD

- ` If we were at the first record, stay there.

If (Before selection)

FIRST RECORD

End if

: (bNext=1)

NEXT RECORD

- ` If we were at the last record, stay there.

If (End selection)

LAST RECORD

End if

: (bDelete=1)

CONFIRM("Mark this record for deletion?")

If (OK=1)

ADD TO SET("Delete")

End if

Else

- ` If no buttons were pressed, leave the loop.

Loop:=False

End case

End while

- ` If the user didn't click bCancel, delete the marked records.

If (OK=1)



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USE SET("Delete")  
DELETE SELECTION  
End if
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