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Active Property

Applies to

TBalloonHint, TCustomHint objects

Declaration

property Active: Boolean;

Description

The Active property determines if balloon/custom hints will be displayed. If Active is False, then standard Delphi hints will be displayed.



TBalloonHint Component

Properties Method

Unit

<u>Balloon</u>

Description

TBalloonHint is a descendent of TComponent. TBalloonHint is a component to display hint strings in a cartoon style balloon. Several properties are provided to customize the appearance of the balloon. The <u>Shape</u> property allows you to change between plain and rounded rectangles. <u>ShadowDepth</u> and <u>ShadowStyle</u> allow you to control the appearance of the drop shadow. The <u>Style</u> property allows you to configure the colors and font. The <u>Operation</u> property allows you to tailor the way the balloons are activated and displayed.

To add balloon hints to your application, simply place a TBalloonHint control on your main form and set the <u>Active</u> property to True.

Known Problem

Setting the <u>Style</u> property to hsSystem produces unexpected results.

Properties

Run-time only

🖙 Key Properties

- 🖙 <u>Active</u> **BorderColor** <u>Color</u> <u>Font</u>
- MaxWidth **Operation**
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- Position
- ShadowDepth
- ShadowStyle
- **.**.... <u>Shape</u>
- 🖙 <u>Style</u>

MaxWidth Property

Applies to

TBalloonHint , TCustomHint objects

Declaration

property MaxWidth: Integer;

Description

The MaxWidth property determines the maximum width in pixels the hint window will occupy on the screen. If this value is less than zero, the hint window will use the absolute value of the number as a divisor to the width of the screen. For example: If MaxWidth = -4, the maximum width in pixels would be Screen.Width div 4. To get the actual maximum width in pixels no matter what MaxWidth is set to, use the <u>GetMaxWidthPixels</u> method.

Position Property

Applies to

<u>TBalloonHint</u>, <u>TRotaryKnob</u> objects

Declaration

TBalloonHint:

property Position: <u>TBalloonPosition;</u>

TRotaryKnob:

property Position: Integer;

Description

TBalloonHint:

The Position property determines the preferred location to display the balloon hint.

TRotaryKnob:

The Position property determines position of the indicator on the knob.

ShadowDepth Property

Applies to <u>TBalloonHint</u> object

Declaration

property ShadowDepth: <u>TShadowDepth;</u>

Description

The ShadowDepth property determines the number of pixels to offset the balloon shadow.

Shape Property

Applies to

TAnalogClock, TBalloonHint, TLEDCheckBox, TLEDRadioButton, TPieMeter objects

Declaration

TAnalogClock:

property Shape: <u>TAnalogClockShape;</u>

TBalloonHint:

property Shape: <u>TBalloonShape;</u>

TLEDCheckBox, TLEDRadioButton:

property Shape: <u>TLEDShape;</u>

<u>TPieMeter</u>

property Shape: <u>TPieShape;</u>

Description

The Shape property determines the basic shape or outline of the object.

TBalloonShape Type

Unit

<u>Balloon</u>

Declaration

TBalloonShape = (bsRoundRect, bsRectangle);

Description

The TBalloonShape type is used by the <u>Shape</u> property to determine the shape of a <u>TBalloonHint</u> component.

TBalloonPosition Type

Unit

<u>Balloon</u>

Declaration

TBalloonPosition = (bpAboveLeft, bpAboveRight, bpBelowLeft, bpBelowRight);

Description

The TBalloonPosition type is used by the <u>Position</u> property of the <u>TBalloonHint</u> component to determine the default positioning of the balloon.

TShadowDepth Type

Unit

<u>Balloon</u>

Declaration

TShadowDepth = 0..16;

Description

The TShadowDepth type is used by the <u>ShadowDepth</u> property to determine the pixel offset of the balloon shadow of a <u>TBalloonHint</u> object.

Balloon Unit

The Balloon unit contains the classes and types used to implement balloon hints. The following items are declared in the Balloon unit:

Components

<u>TBalloonHint</u>

Types

<u>TShadowDepth</u> <u>TBalloonBehaviors</u> <u>TBalloonPosition</u> <u>TBalloonShape</u> <u>TBalloonShadowStyle</u>



TNeatoMeter Component

Properties

Unit

<u>Feedback</u>

Description

TNeatoMeter is a descendent of TGraphicControl. TNeatoMeter is a component to give user feedback for lengthy operations.

Feedback Unit

The Feedback unit contains the classes and types used to implement progress meters. The following items are declared in the Feedback unit:

Components

<u>TNeatoMeter</u> <u>TPieMeter</u> **Types**

<u>TBevelDepth</u> <u>TBevelType</u> <u>TBitmapDrawStyle</u> <u>TMeterDirection</u> <u>TMeterStyle</u> <u>TPieDirection</u> <u>TPieShape</u>

Properties

Run-time only

🖙 Key Properties

- **BackColor**
- 🖙 <u>BevelDepth</u>
- 🖙 <u>BevelType</u>
- 🖙 <u>Bitmap</u>
- BitmapDrawS tyle BorderStyle

<u>Caption</u>

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	<u>ShowHint</u>
C	<u>ShowPercent</u>
	<u>Style</u>
C	<u>Total</u>
	<u>UseFontColor</u>

<u>Visible</u>

TBevelType Type

Unit

Feedback

Declaration

TBevelType = (btNone, btInset, btRaised);

Description

The TBevelType type is used by the <u>BevelType</u> property to give a <u>TNeatoMeter</u> component 3-D appearance.

BackColor Property

Applies to

TAnalogClock, TLEDClock, TLEDLabel, TNeatoMeter, TPieMeter objects

Declaration

property BackColor: TColor

Description

TAnalogClock:

The BackColor property determines the color of the area around the clock.

TLEDClock and TLEDLabel

The BackColor property determines the color of the area around the segments.

TNeatoMeter and TPieMeter:

The BackColor property determines the color of the incomplete area of the meter.

BevelDepth Property

Applies to <u>TNeatoMeter</u> object

Declaration

property BevelDepth: <u>TBevelDepth;</u>

Description

The BevelDepth property is used to set the 3-D depth of the meter.

BevelType Property

Applies to <u>TNeatoMeter</u> object

Declaration

property BevelType: <u>TBevelType;</u>

Description

The BevelType property is used to give a meter a 3-D appearance.

Bitmap Property

Applies to

<u>TNeatoMeter</u>, <u>TShadowButton</u>, <u>TTiledBitmap</u> objects

Declaration

property Bitmap: TBitmap;

Description

TNeatoMeter

The Bitmap property is used to show progress with a graphic instead of simple filled rectangles. The <u>BitmapDrawStyle</u> property determines the appearance of the bitmap.

TShadowButton, TTiledBitmap

The Bitmap property is the bitmap to tile.

BitmapDrawStyle Property

Applies to

TNeatoMeter object

Declaration

property BitmapDrawStyle: <u>TBitmapDrawStyle;</u>

Description

The BitmapDrawStyle property is used to determine how the $\underline{\text{bitmap}}$ will be displayed in a meter.

Percent Property

Applies to <u>TNeatoMeter</u>, <u>TPieMeter</u> objects

Declaration

property Percent: Integer;

Description

The Percent property indicates the amount completed.

Caption Property

Applies to

TNeatoMeter, TPieMeter objects

Declaration

property Caption: string;

Description

The Caption property contains the text that will be displayed on the meter. If Caption is an empty string and <u>ShowPercent</u> is True, the percent complete will be displayed.

Completed Property

Applies to

TNeatoMeter, TPieMeter objects

Declaration

property Completed: Longint;

Description

The Completed property determines how many items out of a possible <u>Total</u> have been completed.

Direction Property

Applies to <u>TNeatoMeter</u>, <u>TPieMeter</u> objects

Declaration

<u>TNeatoMeter</u>

property Direction: <u>TMeterDirection;</u>

<u>TPieMeter</u>

property Direction: <u>TPieDirection;</u>

Description

The Direction property determines the way a meter will indicate progress.

ForeColor Property

Applies to <u>TNeatoMeter</u>, <u>TPieMeter</u> objects

Declaration

property ForeColor: TColor;

Description

The ForeColor property determines the color of the complete area of the meter.



TPieMeter Component

Properties

Unit

<u>Feedback</u>

Description

TPieMeter component is a descendent of TGraphicControl. TPieMeter is a component to give user feedback for lengthy operations.

ShowPercent Property

Applies to

TNeatoMeter, TPieMeter objects

Declaration

property ShowPercent: Boolean;

Description

The ShowPercent property determines whether or not the percent complete will be displayed when <u>Caption</u> is an empty string.

Style Property

Applies to <u>TBalloonHint</u>, <u>TCustomHint</u>, <u>TFountainFill</u>, <u>TNeatoMeter</u> objects

Declaration

TBalloonHint and TCustomHint

property Style: <u>THintStyle;</u>

<u>TFountainFill</u>

property Style: <u>TFountainStyle;</u>

<u>TNeatoMeter</u>

property Style: <u>TMeterStyle;</u>

Description

TBalloonHint and TCustomHint

The Style property determines the font and colors used to display hints.

TFountainFill

The Style property determines the fill pattern.

<u>TNeatoMeter</u>

The Style property determines the look of the meter.

Total Property

Applies to

TNeatoMeter, TPieMeter objects

Declaration

property Total: Longint;

Description

The Total property determines the number of $\underline{Completed}$ items required to reach 100 percent.

UseFontColor Property

Applies to <u>TNeatoMeter</u> object

Declaration

property UseFontColor: Boolean;

Description

The UseFontColor property determines whether text displayed on the meter will be displayed using the color of the font or using the inverse color of the meter sections.

Note: When a bitmap has been assigned, the meter will always use the font color.

TBevelDepth Type

Unit

Feedback

Declaration

TBevelDepth = 0..10;

Description

The TBevelDepth type is used by the <u>BevelDepth</u> property to set the 3-D depth of a <u>TNeatoMeter</u> component.

TBitmapDrawStyle Type

Unit

<u>Feedback</u>

Declaration

TBitmapDrawStyle = (dsStretch, dsTile, dsTileInvert);

Description

The TBitmapDrawStyle type is used by the <u>BitmapDrawStyle</u> property to determine how the <u>bitmap</u> will be displayed in a <u>TNeatoMeter</u> object. The following table describes the meaning of each value:

Value	Meaning				
dsStretch	The bitmap will be stretched in the completed section of the meter. The remainder of the meter will be filled with the background color.				
dsTile	The bitmap will be tiled in the completed section of the meter. The remainder of the meter will be filled with the background color.				
dsTileInvert	The bitmap will be tiled in the completed section of the meter. The remainder of the meter will be tiled with the inverted image of the bitmap.				

TMeterDirection Type

Unit

<u>Feedback</u>

Declaration

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TMeterDirection = (mdLeftToRight, mdRightToLeft, mdTopToBottom,
    mdBottomToTop);
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Description

The TMeterDirection type is used by the <u>Direction</u> property to determine which way a <u>TNeatoMeter</u> object will indicate progress.

TMeterStyle Type

Unit

Feedback

Declaration

TMeterStyle = (msStandard);

Description

The TMeterStyle type is used by the \underline{Style} property to determine the look of a $\underline{TNeatoMeter}$ object.

Note: Future versions will hopefully support more styles (segments, etc.).

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Run-time only					
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	<u>DragCursor</u>		<u>Hint</u>	.	<u>Style</u>
	<u>DragMode</u>		<u>ParentShowHi</u> <u>nt</u>		<u>ToColor</u>
G	<u>DrawOnScree</u> <u>n</u>		<u>PopupMenu</u>		<u>Visible</u>
	<u>Enabled</u>		<u>ShowHint</u>		

Properties

Run-time only
 Key Properties
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 <u>BorderStyle</u>

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	<u>ParentShowHi</u>	.
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TVisualApp Component

Properties Events

Unit

<u>VisApp</u>

Description

TVisualApp is a descendent of TComponent. TVisualApp is a component to allow you to easily manipulate the global Application objects properties and attach event handlers.

AnaClock Unit

The AnaClock unit contains the classes and types used to implement an analog clock component.

The following items are declared in the AnaClock unit:

Components

<u>TAnalogClock</u>

Types TAnalogClockShape

TPieShape Type

Unit

<u>Feedback</u>

Declaration

TPieShape = (psCircle, psEllipse);

Description

The TPieShape type is used by the <u>Shape</u> property to determine the shape of a <u>TPieMeter</u> object.

TPieDirection Type

Unit

<u>Feedback</u>

Declaration

TPieDirection = (pdClockwise, pdCounterClockwise);

Description

The TPieDirection type is used by the <u>Direction</u> property to determine the direction a <u>TPieMeter</u> will indicate progress.

Events

- 🖙 Key Events
- <u>OnActivate</u>
- <u>OnDeactivate</u> <u>OnIdle</u>
- <u>OnException</u>
- <u>OnHelp</u>
- OnMessageOnMinimize

🖙 <u>OnHint</u>

- <u>OnRestore</u>
 - <u>OnShowHint</u>

OnTimer Event

Applies to <u>TAnalogClock</u>, <u>TDozer</u>, <u>TLEDClock</u> objects

Declaration

property OnTimer: <u>TNotifyEvent;</u>

Description

The OnTimer event is used to execute code at regular intervals. The Interval property determines how often this event occurs.

Note: The **sender** parameter of the event will be a TAnalogClock, TDozer or TLEDClock object not a TTimer.

VisApp Unit

The VisApp unit contains the classes and types used to implement the visual application component.

The following items are declared in the VisApp unit:

Components

<u>TVisualApp</u>

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TAnalogClock Component

Properties Events

Unit

AnaClock

Description

TAnalogClock is a descendent of TCustomControl. TAnalogClock is a component to display a standard analog clock. TAnalogClock can also be used as a timer by setting the <u>Interval</u> property and writing a handler for the <u>OnTimer</u> event.

Properties

Run-time only 🖙 Key Properties 🖙 <u>Interval</u> <u>Align</u> <u>ShowHint</u> ShowSeconds **BackColor** <u>OutlineColor</u> **Enabled** <u>ParentShowHi</u> <u>TickColor</u> <u>nt</u> **FaceColor** <u>PopupMenu</u> <u>Visible</u> <u>HandsColor</u> <u>SecHandColo</u> r 🖙 <u>Shape</u> <u>Hint</u>

Events

Key Events
<u>OnClick</u>

<u>OnDblClick</u> <u>OnDragDrop</u> <u>OnDragOver</u>

<u>OnEndDrag</u>

<u>n</u>

<u>OnMouseDow</u>

<u>OnMouseMov</u> <u>e</u>

<u>OnMouseUp</u> ☞ <u>OnTimer</u>

TAnalogClockShape Type

Unit

AnaClock

Declaration

TAnalogClockShape = (csCircle, csSquare);

Description

The TAnalogClockShape type is used by the Shape property to determine the displayed shape of a <u>TAnalogClock</u> component.

FaceColor Property

Applies to

TAnalogClock, TShadowButton object

Declaration

property FaceColor: TColor;

Description

The FaceColor property determines the color of the face of the clock or button.

Events					
C	Key Events				
.	<u>OnTimer</u>				

🖙 <u>OnWakeUp</u>

HandsColor Property

Applies to <u>TAnalogClock</u> object

Declaration property HandsColor: TColor;

Description

The HandsColor property determines the color of the minute and hour hands of the clock.

Interval Property

Applies to

TAnalogClock, TDozer, TLEDClock objects

Declaration

property Interval: Word;

Description

The Interval property determines how often clocks will be updated and <u>OnTimer</u> events will be fired.

OutlineColor Property

Applies to <u>TAnalogClock</u> object

Declaration

property OutlineColor: TColor;

Description

The OutlineColor property determines the color of the clock border.

SecHandColor Property

Applies to <u>TAnalogClock</u> object

Declaration

property SecHandColor: TColor;

Description

The SecHandColor property determines the color of the second hand of the clock.

ShowSeconds Property

Applies to <u>TAnalogClock</u>, <u>TLEDClock</u> objects

Declaration

property ShowSeconds: Boolean;

Description

The ShowSeconds property determines the whether or not seconds will be displayed.

TickColor Property

Applies to <u>TAnalogClock</u> object

Declaration

property TickColor: TColor;

Description

The TickColor property determines the color of the markers around the clock.



TLEDLabel Component

Properties Events

Unit

<u>LEDGadgt</u>

Description

TLEDClock is a descendent of TGraphicControl. TLEDLabel is a component to display a standard segmented LED readout.

GetMaxWidthPixels Method

Applies to

TBalloonHint, TCustomHint objects

Declaration

function GetMaxWidthPixels: Integer;

Description

The GetMaxWidthPixels method returns the actual maximum width in pixels of the balloon no matter what <u>MaxWidth</u> is set to.

IndicatorColor Property

Applies to <u>TRotaryKnob</u> object

Declaration

property IndicatorColor: TColor;

Description

The IndicatorColor property determines the color used to paint the position indicator.

Note: The area around the knob is painted using the value of the Color property. The rest of the knob colors are determined by the current system colors.

MMGadget Unit

The MMGadget unit contains the classes and types used to implement stereo-style rotary knobs.

The following items are declared in the MMGadget unit:

Components

<u>TRotaryKnob</u>

Method

<u>GetMaxWidth</u> <u>Pixels</u>



TRotaryKnob Component

Properties Events

Unit

<u>MMGadget</u>

Description

TRotaryKnob is a descendent of TCustomControl. TRotaryKnob is a component to allow users to select a value within a range using a familiar stereo-style rotary knob. TRotaryKnob can update the Caption or Text property of another control automatically using the Control property.

Events ☞ Key Events ☞ OnChange

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•••••	<u>Max</u>		<u>ShowHint</u>
C	<u>Min</u>	.	<u>Position</u>
	<u>ParentShowHi</u>		<u>Visible</u>
	<u>nt</u>		
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Min Property

Applies to

TODCycler, TRotaryKnob object

Declaration

property Min: Integer;

Description

The Min property along with the \underline{Max} property determines the range of possible values a knob or cycler button can have.

Max Property

Applies to

TODCycler, TRotaryKnob object

Declaration

property Max: Integer;

Description

The Max property along with the $\underline{\text{Min}}$ property determines the range of possible values a knob or cycler button can have.

Control Property

Applies to

TRotaryKnob object

Declaration

property Control: TControl;

Description

When the <u>Position</u> changes, the knob control will automatically update the value of the Caption or Text property of the assigned control.

OnChange Event

Applies to <u>TRotaryKnob</u> object

Declaration

property OnChange: <u>TNotifyEvent;</u>

Description

The OnChange event is triggered whenever the Position of the knob changes.

TSegmentSize Type

Unit

<u>LEDGadgt</u>

Declaration

TSegmentSize = 1..16;

Description

The TSegmentSize type is used by the <u>SegmentSize</u> property to determine the thickness of LED segments.

Events

Key Events
<u>OnClick</u>

<u>OnDragOver</u>

<u>OnDblClick</u> <u>OnDragDrop</u> <u>OnEndDrag</u> <u>OnMouseDow</u> <u>n</u> OnMouseMov e OnMouseUp



TLEDClock Component

Properties Events

Unit

LEDGadgt

Description

TLEDClock is a descendent of TGraphicControl. TLEDClock is a component to display a standard LED clock. TLEDClock can also be used as a timer by setting the <u>Interval</u> property and writing a handler for the <u>OnTimer</u> event.

Events

Key Events
<u>OnClick</u>

<u>OnDblClick</u> <u>OnDragDrop</u> <u>OnDragOver</u>

<u>OnEndDrag</u>

<u>n</u>

<u>OnMouseDow</u>

<u>OnMouseMov</u> <u>e</u>

<u>OnMouseUp</u> ☞ <u>OnTimer</u>

Properties					
Run-time only					
🖙 Ke	ey Properties				
	<u>BackColor</u>		<u>Hint</u>	.	<u>SegmentSize</u>
	<u>Caption</u>		<u>Interval</u>		<u>ShowHint</u>
	<u>Columns</u>		<u>LitColor</u>	G	ShowSeconds
C	<u>DrawMode</u>		<u>ParentShowHi</u> <u>nt</u>		<u>UnlitColor</u>
.	<u>DrawOnScree</u> <u>n</u>		<u>PopupMenu</u>		<u>Visible</u>
	<u>Enabled</u>		<u>Rows</u>		

Properties

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ShowHint
UnlitColor

<u>Visible</u>

DrawMode Property

Applies to <u>TLEDClock</u>, <u>TLEDLabel</u> objects

Declaration

property DrawMode: <u>TLEDDrawMode;</u>

Description

The DrawMode property determines the method used to draw the LED segments.

Note: When <u>SegmentSize</u> is 1, the drawing mode will be dmLine regardless of the DrawMode setting.

Columns Property

Applies to

TLEDLabel object

Declaration

property Columns: Integer;

Description

The Columns property combined with the \underline{Rows} property determine the number of LED characters in a LED display.

TLEDDrawMode Type

Unit

<u>LEDGadgt</u>

Declaration

TLEDDrawMode = (dmPolygon,dmLine);

Description

The TLEDDrawMode type is used by the <u>DrawMode</u> property to determine what method will be used to draw LED segments.

DTUtil Unit

The DTUtil unit contains utility routines. The following items are declared in the DTUtil unit:

Types

TFountainStyle THintStyle **Routines** <u>GetColorStep</u> <u>CreateFountainFillPalette</u> DrawFountainFill LeftStr LTrim Mid RightStr RTrim ScaleColor ScaleNum ScaleRGB TileBitmap

<u>Trim</u>

LEDGadgt Unit

The LEDGadgt unit contains the classes and types used to implement LED style label and clock components.

The following items are declared in the LEDGadgt unit:

Components <u>TLEDClock</u>

<u>TLEDLabel</u>

Types

<u>TLEDDrawMode</u> <u>TSegmentSize</u>

DrawOnScreen Property

Applies to

TFountainFill, TLEDClock, TLEDLabel objects

Declaration

property DrawOnScreen: Boolean;

Description

The DrawOnScreen property determines whether or not the Paint method will use an offscreen bitmap. Off-screen bitmaps result in less flicker.

LitColor Property

Applies to

<u>TLEDCheckBox</u>, <u>TLEDClock</u>, <u>TLEDLabel</u>, <u>TLEDRadioButton</u> objects

Declaration

property LitColor: TColor;

Description

The LitColor property determines the color of LED segments which should be "lit".

Rows Property

Applies to

TLEDLabel object

Declaration

property Rows: Integer;

Description

The Rows property combined with the <u>Columns</u> property determine the number of LED characters in an LED display.

SegmentSize Property

Applies to <u>TLEDClock</u>, <u>TLEDLabel</u> objects

Declaration

property SegmentSize: <u>TSegmentSize;</u>

Description

The SegmentSize type is used to determine the thickness of LED segments.

UnlitColor Property

Applies to

TLEDCheckBox, TLEDClock, TLEDLabel, TLEDRadioButton objects

Declaration

property UnlitColor: TColor;

Description

The UnlitColor property determines the color of LED segments which should not be "lit". Note: For TLEDClock and TLEDLabel, if UnlitColor and <u>BackColor</u> are the same, the unlit segments will not be drawn to improve performance.

Release Notes

3.0

- Added support for Delpi 2.0 32-bit!
- Added <u>Behavior</u> property to <u>TBalloonHint</u> to replace the Operation property. If you load an old project, you might receive the following message: "Error reading Object.Operation: Property does not exist. Ignore the error and continue?". Choose Ignore and everything should perform as expected. You will also need to save the form. Thanks to Nick Naimo for bringing discrepencies between the 1.0 and 2.0 balloon hint performance.
- Added HintHidePause, HintShortPause, ShowMainForm, and UpdateFormatSettings properties to <u>TVisualApp</u> to support new TApplication properties available in Delphi 2.0.

2.1

- Fixed <u>TBWCCCheckbox</u> and <u>TBWCCRadioButton</u> Font property. The Font property was not being set properly during the Paint method. Thanks to Scott Lovy for reporting this bug.
- Made sure that all DTools .DCU files were compiled without debug information. This was causing some of you a few problems sorry!

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- Thanks to all of you for the encouragement, ideas and support!
- Source code for DTools is now available! See ORDER.TXT for details.
- As soon as I get a copy of the 32-bit Delphi, I will update and release a new version of DTools.
- Added several new features to <u>TBalloonHint</u> (including Windows '95 features)
- Added Routines section to this help file. Included are: <u>CreateFountainFillPalette</u>, <u>DrawFountainFill</u>, <u>GetColorStep</u>, <u>LeftStr</u>, <u>LTrim</u>, <u>Mid</u>, <u>RightStr</u>, <u>RTrim</u>, <u>ScaleColor</u>, <u>ScaleNum</u>, <u>ScaleRGB</u>, <u>TileBitmap</u>, <u>Trim</u>.
- Added the following components: <u>TCustomHintWindow</u>, <u>TBWCCCheckBox</u>, <u>TBWCCRadioButton</u>, <u>TDozer</u>, <u>TFComboBox</u>, <u>TFountainFill</u>, <u>TLEDCheckBox</u>, <u>TLEDRadioButton</u>, <u>TODButton</u>, <u>TODCheckBox</u>, <u>TODCycler</u>, <u>TODRadioButton</u>, <u>TShadowButton</u>, <u>TTiledBitmap</u>.
- Fixed <u>TLEDLabel</u> and <u>TLEDClock</u> <u>SegmentSize</u> setting of 3. The default value in the class declaration was incorrect. Thanks to Stephen Ibbs for reporting this bug.
- A special thanks goes out to Ritchey Consulting Services for there most excellent K2B RTF File Preprocessor.



TODCheckBox Component

Properties Events

Unit

<u>Toggler</u>

Description

TODCheckBox is a descendent of TCustomControl. TODCheckBox is an owner-draw button which behaves like a check box.



TODCycler Component

Properties Events

Unit

<u>Toggler</u>

Description

TODCycler is a descendent of TCustomControl. TODCycler is an owner-draw button which cycles its values on each click.



TODRadioButton Component

Properties Events

Unit

<u>Toggler</u>

Description

TODRadioButton is a descendent of TCustomControl. TODRadioButton is an owner-draw button which behaves like a radio button.

Toggler Unit

The Toggler unit contains the classes and types used to implement custom toggle style buttons.

The following items are declared in the Toggler unit:

Components

<u>TBWCCCheckBox</u> <u>TBWCCRadioButton</u> <u>TLEDCheckBox</u> <u>TLEDRadioButton</u> <u>TODCheckBox</u> <u>TODCycler</u> <u>TODRadioButton</u>

Types <u>TLEDShape</u>

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TODButton Component

Properties Events

Unit

<u>CustBtn</u>

Description

TODButton is a descendent of TButton. TODButton is an owner-draw button which behaves like a standard command button.



TCustomHint Component

Properties Method

Unit

<u>DTMisc</u>

Description

TCustomHint is a descendent of TComponent. TCustomHint is a replacement for the built in 'tool-tip' style hints. TCustomHint provides control over the font, color and maximum width of the hint window.

To add custom hints to your application, simply place a TCustomHint control on your main form and set the <u>Active</u> property to True.

Known Problem

Setting the <u>Style</u> property to hsSystem produces unexpected results.

TileBitmap Procedure

Unit

<u>DTUtil</u>

Declaration

procedure TileBitmap(Canvas: TCanvas; Bitmap: TBitmap; Bounds: TRect);

Remarks

Draws a bitmap in a tiled fashion on a canvas.

Parameter	Description
Canvas	Canvas to draw on
Bitmap	Bitmap to tile
Bounds	Bounds rectangle to draw in

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TBalloonShadowStyle Type

Unit

<u>Balloon</u>

Declaration

TBalloonShadowStyle = (ssShaded, ssSolid);

Description

The TBalloonShadowStyle type is used by the <u>ShadowStyle</u> property of the <u>TBalloonHint</u> component to determine if balloon shadows will appear solid or shaded.

Events

🖙 Key Events

• <u>OnClick</u>

<u>OnExit</u>

<u>OnMouseMov</u> <u>e</u>

<u>OnMouseUp</u>

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CustBtn Unit

The CustBtn unit contains the classes and types used to implement custom and ownerdraw buttons.

The following items are declared in the CustBtn unit:

Components

<u>TODButton</u> <u>TShadowButton</u>

Events

🖙 Key Events

• <u>OnClick</u>

<u>OnExit</u>

OnDragDrop OnDragOver OnEndDrag OnEnter

OnKeyDown OnKeyPress OnKeyUp OnMouseDow <u>n</u> OnMouseMov e OnMouseUp

ScaleNum Function

Unit

<u>DTUtil</u>

Declaration

function ScaleNum(value, limit, percent: Integer): Integer;

Remarks

Returns a number scaled by *percent*.

Parameter	Description
value	value to scale
limit	upper/lower bound of value
percent	percentage to scale by - if limit is less than value then the result will also be less than value, otherwise the result will be greater than value.

ScaleColor Function

Unit

<u>DTUtil</u>

Declaration

function ScaleColor(color: TColor; HowMuch: Integer): TColor;

Remarks

Returns a lightened/darkened RGB color. This function can accept system color values as well as RGB colors.

Parameter	Description
color	color to scale
HowMuch	percentage to scale by - positive values produce lighter colors, negative values produce darker colors

ScaleRGB Function

Unit

<u>DTUtil</u>

Declaration

function ScaleRGB(color: TColor; HowMuch: Integer): TColor;

Remarks

Returns a lightened/darkened RGB color. This function will not work properly with system color values - use <u>ScaleColor</u> instead.

Parameter	Description
color	color to scale
HowMuch	percentage to scale by - positive values produce lighter colors, negative values produce darker colors

DTMisc Unit

The DTMisc unit contains the classes and types used to implement miscelaneous components.

The following items are declared in the DTMisc unit:

Components

<u>TCustomHint</u> <u>TDozer</u> <u>TFountainFill</u> <u>TFComboBox</u> <u>TFocusPanel</u> <u>TTiledBitmap</u> ۲

TBWCCRadioButton Component

Properties Events

Unit

<u>Toggler</u>

Description

TBWCCRadioButton is a descendent of TCustomControl. TBWCCRadioButton functions as a radio button which looks like the ones found in BWCC.DLL.



TLEDCheckBox Component

Properties Events

Unit

<u>Toggler</u>

Description

TLEDCheckBox is a descendent of TCustomControl. TLEDCheckBox functions as a check box which displays an LED style 'button'.



TLEDRadioButton Component

Properties Events

Unit

<u>Toggler</u>

Description

TLEDRadioButton is a descendent of TCustomControl. TLEDRadioButton functions as a radio button which displays an LED style 'button'.

TBWCCCheckBox Component

Properties Events

Unit

<u>Toggler</u>

Description

TBWCCCheckBox is a descendent of TCustomControl. TBWCCCheckBox functions as a check box which looks like the ones found in BWCC.DLL.

TFountainStyle Type

Unit

<u>DTUtil</u>

Declaration

TFountainStyle = (fsHorizontal, fsVertical, fsCircular);

Description

The TFountainStyle type is used by to determine the drawing method for the <u>DrawFountainFill</u> procedure and the **Style** property of a <u>TFountainFill</u> object. The following table describes the meaning of each value:

Value	Meaning
fsHorizontal	The gradient will be draw using horizontal rectangles.
fsVertical	The gradient will be draw using vertical rectangles.
fsCircular	The gradient will be draw using rings.



TFountainFill Component

Properties Events

Unit

<u>DTMisc</u>

Description

TFountainFill is a descendent of TGraphicControl. TFountainFill is a component to display color gradients similar to those found in illustration packages.

TFocusPanel Component

TPanel reference

Unit

<u>DTMisc</u>

Description

TFocusPanel is a descendent of TPanel. Unlike TPanel, TFocusPanel will accept the input focus and publishes the <u>OnKeyDown</u>, <u>OnKeyPress</u> and <u>OnKeyUp</u> events.



OnPaint Event

Applies to

TODButton, TODCheckBox, TODCycler, TODRadioButton objects

Declaration

property OnPaint: <u>TNotifyEvent;</u>

Description

The OnPaint event is triggered whenever the control needs to be repainted.

Operation Property

This property has been replaced by the <u>Behavior</u> property.

Note: If you load an old project, you might receive the following message: "Error reading Object.Operation: Property does not exist. Ignore the error and continue?". Choose Ignore and everything should perform as expected. You will also need to save the form.

Behavior Property

Applies to <u>TBalloonHint</u> object

Declaration

property Behavior: <u>TBalloonBehaviors;</u>

Description

The Behavior property determines how and when the balloon will be displayed. Behavior replaces the Operation property.

Note: If you load an old project, you might receive the following message: "Error reading Object.Operation: Property does not exist. Ignore the error and continue?". Choose Ignore and everything should perform as expected. You will also need to save the form.

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ShadowStyle Property

Applies to <u>TBalloonHint</u> object

Declaration

property ShadowStyle: <u>TBalloonShadowStyle;</u>

Description

The ShadowStyle property determines the type of shading used under the balloon.

Note: Setting ShadowStyle to ssSolid and setting <u>Operation</u> to boUseRegions is nice for Windows '95.

GroupIndex Property

Applies to

TBWCCRadioButton, TLEDRadioButton, TODRadioButton objects

Declaration

property GroupIndex: Integer;

Description

The GroupIndex property determines which radio buttons work together as a group.

EraseBackground Property

Applies to

TODButton, TODCheckBox, TODCycler, TODRadioButton objects

Declaration

property EraseBackground: Boolean;

Description

The EraseBackground property determines whether the background of the control will be erased prior to painting. If your control paints the entire client area then EraseBackground should be False, otherwise EraseBackground should be True.

IsDown Property

Applies to

TODButton, TODCheckBox, TODCycler, TODRadioButton objects

Declaration

property IsDown: Boolean;

Description

The IsDown property determines whether the control should be drawn as pressed.

Step Property

Applies to <u>TODCycler</u> object

Declaration

property Step: Integer;

Description

The Step property determines how much the <u>Value</u> property is incremented for each click. The range of possible values can be limited by the <u>Min</u> and <u>Max</u> properties.

TLEDShape Type

Unit

Feedback

Declaration

TLEDShape = (shCircle, shSquare);

Description

The TLEDShape type is used by the Shape property to determine the shape of <u>TLEDCheckBox</u> and <u>TLEDRadioButton</u> indicators.

Value Property

Applies to

TODCycler object

Declaration

property Value: Integer;

Description

The Value property holds the current value of a TODCycler object. The range of possible values can be limited by the \underline{Min} and \underline{Max} properties.



TDozer Component

Properties Methods

<u>Events</u>

Unit

<u>DTMisc</u>

Description

TDozer is a descendent of TComponent. TDozer is used to put your program to 'sleep' for the time specified by <u>DozeLength</u>. TDozer will also generate <u>OnTimer</u> events (depending on the Interval setting) for the duration of the nap.

DozeFor Method

Applies to <u>TDozer</u> object

Declaration

procedure DozeFor(ADozeLength: Word);

Description

The DozeFor method sets <u>DozeLength</u> to ADozeLength. and then calls <u>Doze</u>.

Doze Method

Applies to

TDozer object

Declaration

procedure Doze;

Description

The Doze method puts the program to 'sleep' for the time specified by <u>DozeLength</u>.

See Also

<u>DozeFor</u>

Methods

🖙 Key Methods Error DozeFor

DozeLength Property

Applies to

TDozer object

Declaration

property DozeLength: Word;

Description

The DozeLength property determines how long the program should 'sleep'. When this time has expired the <u>OnWakeUp</u> event will be fired.

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OnWakeUp Event

Applies to

TDozer object

Declaration

property OnWakeUp: <u>TNotifyEvent;</u>

Description

The OnWakeUp event is used to execute code when the time specified by <u>DozeLength</u> has expired.

Properties

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LTrim Function

Unit <u>DTUtil</u> Declaration function LTrim(s: string): string; Remarks

Returns a string with the leading spaces removed.

Parameter	Description
S	string from which the leading spaces will be removed

Note: Under Delphi 2.0, this function is implemented as a simple wrapper for the Delphi TrimLeft function.



TShadowButton Component

Properties Events

Unit

<u>CustBtn</u>

Description

TShadowButton is a descendent of TButton. TShadowButton is a shadowed button which behaves like a standard command button.

DrawFountainFill Procedure

Unit

<u>DTUtil</u>

Declaration

```
procedure DrawFountainFill(Canvas: TCanvas; FromColor, ToColor: TColor;
   Steps: Integer; Style: TFountainStyle; Height, Width: Integer; Palette:
   HPalette; DrawOnCanvas: Boolean);
```

Remarks

This procedure draws a gradient on the specified canvas.

Parameter	Description
Canvas	Canvas to draw on
FromColor	Starting color for gradient
ToColor	Ending color for gradient
Steps	The number of colors from FromColor to ToColor
Style	Determines the appearance of the gradient - <u>TFountainStyle</u>
Height	Height of the area to fill
Width	Width of the area to fill
Palette	Palette to use - <u>CreateFountainFillPalette</u> can be used to create a suitable palette
DrawOnCanvas	If this parameter is True then drawing will occur directly on Canvas, otherwise drawing will occur on a temporary bitmap which will be transferred to Canvas when the gradient is complete.

LeftStr Function

Unit

<u>DTUtil</u>

Declaration

function LeftStr(s: string; cnt: Integer): string;

Remarks

Returns the leftmost cnt characters of s.

Parameter	Description
S	string from which the leftmost characters are returned
cnt	number of characters to return

BorderColor Property

Applies to <u>TBalloonHint</u>, <u>TShadowButton</u> objects

Declaration

property BorderColor: TColor

Description

The BorderColor property determines the color of the border around the object.

ShadowOffset Property

Applies to

TShadowButton object

Declaration

property ShadowOffset: Integer;

Description

The ShadowOffset property determines the number of pixels to offset the button shadow.

ShadowColor Property

Applies to <u>TShadowButton</u> object

Declaration

property ShadowColor: TColor

Description

The ShadowColor property determines the color of the button shadow.

TBalloonBehaviors Type

Unit

<u>Balloon</u>

Declaration

TBalloonBehavior = (bbNoShowMouseDown, bbUseRegions, bbHideOnPaint);

TBalloonBehaviors = set of TBalloonBehavior;

Description

The TBalloonBehaviors type is used by the <u>Behavior</u> property of the <u>TBalloonHint</u> component to determine the behavior of the balloon. The following table describes the meaning of each value:

Value	Meaning
bbNoShowMouseDown	The balloon will not display if any mouse button is down. This helps to reduce the amount of screen flicker that occurs.
bbUseRegions	The balloon will take advantage of region windows when running under Win32. The balloon will behave just like the rectangular tooltip style hints. When using this setting it is best to set <u>ShadowStyle</u> to ssSolid. Since Window NT does not currently export a 16-bit entry point for SetWindowRgn this value will be ignored in 16-bit applications running under Windows NT.
bbHideOnPaint	The balloon will hide when a WM_PAINT message is sent to the application which includes an update rectangle which is under the balloon window. <i>This value is ignored when bbUseRegions is set.</i>

CreateFountainFillPalette Function

Unit

<u>DTUtil</u>

Declaration

```
function CreateFountainFillPalette(FromColor, ToColor: TColor; Steps:
Integer): HPalette;
```

Remarks

This function will return a Windows palette handle (HPALETTE) filled with the range of colors specified. Use this function in conjunction with <u>DrawFountainFill</u> to create nice gradient backgrounds. If the palette could not be created the return value will be zero.

Parameter	Description
FromColor	Starting color for gradient
ToColor	Ending color for gradient
Steps	The number of colors from FromColor to ToColor

GetColorStep Function

Unit

<u>DTUtil</u>

Declaration

```
function GetColorStep(FromColor, ToColor: TColor; Steps, Step: Integer):
    TColor;
```

Remarks

This function will return an RGB color value for the specified step within the range of colors.

Parameter	Description
FromColor	Starting color for gradient
ToColor	Ending color for gradient
Steps	The number of colors from FromColor to ToColor
Step	Item within the range to return

Steps Property

Applies to

TFountainFill object

Declaration

property Steps: Integer;

Description

The Steps property determines how many colors will be drawn between <u>FromColor</u> and <u>ToColor</u>.

FromColor Property

Applies to <u>TFountainFill</u> object

Declaration property FromColor: TColor;

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Description

The FromColor property determines the starting color of a fountain fill.

ToColor Property

Applies to

TFountainFill object

Declaration

property ToColor: TColor;

Description

The ToColor property determines the ending color of a fountain fill.

UsePalette Property

Applies to <u>TFountainFill</u> object

Declaration

property UsePalette: Boolean;

Description

The UsePalette property determines if a fountain fill will use an optimized palette.

TextAlignment Property

Applies to <u>TShadowButton</u> object

Declaration

property TextAlignment: TAlignment;

Description

The TextAlignment property determines the justification of text on the button.



TFComboBox Component

TComboBox reference

Unit

<u>DTMisc</u>

Description

TFComboBox is a descendent of TComboBox. Under Windows '95, the menu you specify for the PopupMenu property will not display if your combo box has an edit box while the mouse is over the edit box. TFComboBox fixes this problem - it does not add other properties or events to TComboBox.

Mid Function

Unit

<u>DTUtil</u>

Declaration

function Mid(s: string; idx, cnt: Integer): string;

Remarks

Returns a substring of a string. This function is identical in function to the built in Copy function.

Parameter	Description
S	string from which the substring will be extracted
idx	starting point
cnt	number of characters to return

RightStr Function

Unit

<u>DTUtil</u>

Declaration

function RightStr(s: string; cnt: Integer): string;

Remarks

Returns the rightmost *cnt* characters of *s*.

Parameter	Description
S	string from which the rightmost characters are returned
cnt	number of characters to return

RTrim Function

Unit <u>DTUtil</u>

Declaration

function RTrim(s: string): string;

Remarks

Returns a string with the trailing spaces removed.

Parameter	Description	
S	string from which the trailing spaces will be removed	

Note: Under Delphi 2.0, this function is implemented as a simple wrapper for the Delphi TrimRight function.

Trim Function

 Unit

 DTUtil

 Declaration

 function Trim(s: string): string;

 Remarks

 Returns a string with the leading and trailing spaces removed.

 Parameter
 Description

 s
 string from which the leading and trailing spaces will be removed

Note: Since Delphi 2.0 contains a Trim function, this function is not included in the 32-bit version of DTools.

IgnoreEnabled Property

Applies to <u>TLEDCheckBox</u>, <u>TLEDRadioButton</u> objects

Declaration

property IgnoreEnabled: Boolean;

Description

The IgnoreEnabled property determines whether or not the component will take the Enabled property into account when drawing the control. Normally the control would 'dim' the text color to indicate to the user that the component is disabled. If IgnoreEnabled is True, the control will be drawn as if it were enabled (text will be the normal color). The IgnoreEnabled property allows the component to be used as a status indicator without allowing the user to change values using the mouse or keyboard.



TTiledBitmap Component

Properties Events

Unit

<u>DTMisc</u>

Description

TTiledBitmap is a descendent of TGraphicControl. TTiledBitmap is a component to display tiled bitmaps.

Properties

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<u>Bitmap</u>

RedrawOnUpDown Property

Applies to <u>TODCheckBox</u>, <u>TODCycler</u>, <u>TODRadioButton</u> objects

Declaration

property RedrawOnUpDown: Boolean;

Description

The RedrawOnUpDown property determines whether the control will generate <u>OnPaint</u> events on an 'up/down' state change. The 'up/down' state change occurs when the user is moving the mouse on and off the control with the primary mouse button down.

THintStyle Type

Unit

<u>DTUtil</u>

Declaration

THintStyle = (hsDefault, hsCustom, hsSystem);

Description

The THintStyle type is used by to determine which font and colors to use when displaying hints. The following table describes the meaning of each value:

Value	Meaning
hsDefault	The hint will use the default Delphi settings of Black 8 point MS Sans Serif font and Application.HintColor for the hint background.
hsCustom	The hint will use the values specified in the Color and Font properties.
hsSystem	The hint will use the values stored in the system registry for Windows '95 (hsDefault when running under other than Windows '95).

DTools Installation

Component Installation

- <u>Delphi 2.0:</u> Choose Install from the Components menu <u>Delphi 1.0:</u> Choose Install Components from the Options menu
- Choose Add
- Choose Browse
- Select DTOOLS.PAS from the directory you put DTOOLS in
- Choose OK and wait
- There will now be a DTools page on your component palette

Help File Installation

Note: There are two help files referenced in this section - DTOOLS32 and DTOOLS. The only difference between the files are the links to Delphi help topics. Delphi 1.0 has VCL references in DELPHI.HLP while Delphi 2.0 has VCL references in VCL.HLP. There is no difference in the content of these files.

- Make sure Delphi is NOT running
- Put the DTools help files where Delphi can find them. This can be anywhere along your PATH or:

Delphi 2.0: c:\Program Files\Borland\Delphi 2.0\Bin

Copy DTOOLS32.HLP and DTOOLS32.CNT

Delphi 1.0: c:\delphi\bin

Copy DTOOLS.HLP and DTOOLS.CNT

- Run the HelpInst application that comes with Delphi
 - Delphi 2.0: c:\Program Files\Borland\Delphi 2.0\Help\Tools\Helpinst.exe
 - Delphi 1.0: c:\delphi\help\Helpinst.exe
- Open DELPHI.HDX
 - Delphi 2.0: C:\Program Files\Borland\Delphi 2.0\BIN\delphi.hdx

Since HelpInst doesn't support long filenames you will probably need to select something like:

 $c:\progra~1\borland\delphi~1.0\bin\delphi.hdx$

Delphi 1.0: c:\delphi\bin\delphi.hdx

Set the search paths

<u>Delphi 2.0:</u> Select Search paths from the Options menu. You need to specify the directory where the .KWF files can be found. This is usually: C:\Program Files\Borland\Delphi 2.0\Help

For a default installation you can just type in ..\ (dot dot backslash) for the path.

Otherwise, since HelpInst doesn't support long filenames you will probably need to enter something like:

 $c:\progra~1\borland\delphi~1.0\help$

Note: To avoid this step in the future, you can simply move or copy Helpinst.exe into the Delphi HELP directory where the .KWF files

reside.

<u>Delphi 1.0:</u> This step should be unnecessary for a normal Delphi 1.0 installation.

- Choose Add Keyword File from the Keywords menu
- Select the DTools keyword file:

Delphi 2.0: DTOOLS32.KWF

Delphi 1.0: DTOOLS.KWF

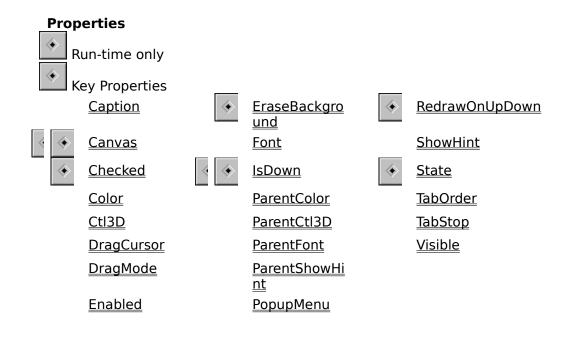
Putting the keyword file in the Delphi HELP directory will make your life easier if you need to run HelpInst in the future.

• Choose Save from the File menu and wait

Note: All directory references assume you installed Delphi using the setup defaults. If you installed Delphi using different directories, you will need to adjust these instructions to match your installation.

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CheckColor Property

Applies to

TBWCCCheckBox, TBWCCRadioButton objects

Declaration

property CheckColor: TColor;

Description

The CheckColor property determines the color of the 'checked' indicator for BWCC-style radio buttons and checkboxes.

