XLabel 1.0

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XLabel is an extended label control for use with Microsoft Visual Basic for Windows version 2.0 or higher.

XLabel supports most of the features of the standard Label control with the following enhancements:

- Rotates TrueType fonts to *any* specified angle.
- Provides shadowed text for dazzling 3-D effects.
- Allows both horizontal and vertical alignment of text.

Installation

You should have received the following files:

`XLABEL.VBX`   Visual Basic custom control file
`XLABEL.HLP`   This help file
`README.TXT`   Installation notes and documentation changes
`DEMO.MAK`   Visual Basic project file for the demo program
`DEMO.FRM`   Visual Basic form file for the demo program

Just copy the files together to any directory.   You may also want to copy XLABEL.VBX to your WINDOWS\SYSTEM directory.

XLabel will look for this help file in the directory where the .VBX resides.

To see a demo of XLabel, run Visual Basic and load the project "DEMO.MAK".

Legal Stuff

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To register XLabel, you may print out and complete the <u>order form</u>. If you cannot print the order form, just write the equivalent information out by hand.   Send the order information, along with a check or money order for $12 in US funds to:

> Mark Hanson
> PO Box 10154
> Rochester, NY 14610-0154
> USA

Please make the check or money order payable to Mark Hanson.

Upon registering the product, you will receive the latest version on diskette.   You will also receive a special license file that will automatically register any future versions of XLabel.

Compuserve members may register on-line by typing "GO SWREG" and selecting ID 1720.   If you register on-line, you will receive XLabel by Compuserve E-Mail.

Support

There are many methods of obtaining support for XLabel:

E-Mail me on Compuserve at 72773,71

Send FidoNet netmail to Mark Hanson at 1:2613/119

Leave a message to Mark Hanson on the support BBS:
1 X. I. S.
Rochester, NY USA
(716) 671-7745
12-14.4K v32

Contact me at the address indicated in <u>Registration</u>

Your comments and questions about XLabel are strongly encouraged!

Properties

Properties specific to XLabel are marked with an asterisk.
Other standard properties are documented in the Visual Basic help files.

*AlignmentH	DragMode	Left
*AlignmentV	Enabled	MousePointer
*Angle	FontBold	Name
BackColor	FontItalic	Parent
BackStyle	FontName	*ShadowColor
BorderStyle	FontSize	*Shadowed
Caption	FontStrikethru	Tag
DataField	FontUnderline	Top
DataSource	ForeColor	Visible
DataChanged	Height	Width
DragIcon	Index	WordWrap

Events

XLabel supports the following standard events.
These events are documented in the Visual Basic help files.

Change	DragOver
Click	MouseDown
DblClick	MouseMove
DragDrop	MouseUp

AlignmentH Property

Description

Determines the horizontal text alignment of the label contents.

Usage

[*form*.]*control*.**AlignmentH**[= *numericexpression*]

Setting	Description
0	(Default) Text aligns to the left.
1	Text aligns to the center.
2	Text aligns to the right.

Remarks

This value is ignored when <u>Angle</u> is greater than zero and a TrueType font is in use.

Data Type

Integer (Enumerated)

AlignmentV Property

Description

Determines the vertical text alignment of the label contents.

Usage

[*form*.]*control*.**AlignmentV**[= *numericexpression*]

Setting	Description
0	(Default) Text aligns to the top.
1	Text aligns to the center.
2	Text aligns to the bottom.

Remarks

This value is ignored when <u>Angle</u> is greater than zero and a TrueType font is in use.

Data Type

Integer (Enumerated)

Angle Property

Description

Determines the rotation of the label contents.

Usage

[*form*.]*control*.**Angle**[= *numericexpression*]

Remarks

The angle is measured in degrees, and should fall between 0 and 359. This value is ignored when a TrueType font is not in use.

Data Type

Integer

ShadowColor Property

Description

Determines the color to shadow text with.

Usage

[*form*.]*control*.**ShadowColor**[= *color*]

Remarks

This property is set just like any other Visual Basic color property.   It takes effect when <u>Shadowed</u> is set to True.   In general, darker foreground colors look best with a lighter ShadowColor and lighter foreground colors look best with a darker ShadowColor.

Data Type

Integer (Boolean)

Shadowed Property

Description

Determines whether text is drawn with a shadowed effect.

Usage

[*form*.]*control*.**Shadowed**[= *True/False*]

Remarks

When this property is set to True, text is drawn with a shadowed effect in the color specified by ShadowColor. The effect looks best with larger font sizes.   Rotated text will not be shadowed.

Data Type

Integer (Boolean)

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