



## Help for Tips

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#### Description

Tips provides Microsoft(r) style tool tips. Small windows pop-up with bits of info when the user pauses the mouse over your controls. No code required, just set the Tag properties.

#### File Name

TIPS1.VBX

#### Object Type

MabryTips

#### Compatibility

VB 2.0 and up

#### Remarks

When the Enabled property is set to True (default), Tips automatically showing tool tips.

Tips should be placed on all forms where its functionality is required (including MDI forms and children). Tips can be placed directly on an MDI form.

At design time, Tips shows you what a tip will look like. Set colors (BackColor and ForeColor) and font to get the look you desire. Then, set the Tag properties of the controls you want tips for. Tips will automatically display those Tags at run-time, when the mouse cursor pauses over the controls.

**Distribution Note** When you develop and distribute an application that uses Tips, you should install the file TIPS1.VBX into the users Windows SYSTEM directory. Tips has version information built into it. So, during installation, you should ensure that you are not overwriting a newer version of Tips.

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**Usage Note** Tips does not show a help window/tool tip for Label and Image controls. It does, however, show a tip for Picture Boxes.

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**Close**

## Tips Properties

Properties that have special meaning for this control or that only apply to this control are marked with an asterisk (\*).

**Align** Property

**BackColor** Property

**Caption** Property

**Enabled** Property (default)

**FontBold** Property

**FontItalic** Property

**FontName** Property

**FontSize** Property

**FontStrikethru** Property

**FontUnderline** Property

**ForeColor** Property

**Height** Property

**Index** Property

**\*Interval** Property

**\*Interval2** Property

**Left** Property

**Name** Property

**Parent** Property

**Tag** Property

**\*TipAlignment** Property

**Top** Property

**\*UseTag** Property

**Width** Property

**\*XOffset** Property

**\*YOffset** Property



## Tips Events

Events that have special meaning for this control or that only apply to this control are marked with an asterisk (\*).

**\*MouseOver** Event

**\*TipDisplay** Event

**\*TipHide** Event

## Interval and Interval2 Properties

### Description

Determines how long the mouse must not move.

### Usage

*[form.][control.]Interval[ = long ]*

*[form.][control.]Interval2[ = long ]*

### Remarks

Interval determines how long (in milliseconds) the mouse cursor must pause over a control before Tips displays a tip.

Interval2 determines how long (in milliseconds) the mouse must pause over a second control after the tip is displayed. Typically this is set short to allow the user to move from one control to the next after the first tip is shown.

### Data Type

Integer (long)

## TipAlignment Property

[See Also](#)

### Description

Determines where the tip is displayed.

### Usage

[*form.*][*control.*]**TipAlignment**[ = *integer* ]

### Remarks

This property determines where the tip is placed relative to the cursor or the control. It can be one of the following values:

Value	Description
0	Cursor
1	Cursor (follow) - the tip follows the cursor
2	Upper left corner of control
3	Upper center of control
4	Upper right corner of control
5	Left side of control
6	Center of control
7	Right side of control
8	Lower left corner of control
9	Lower center of control
10	Lower right corner of control

The [XOffset](#) and [YOffset](#) properties are used to modify the placement of the tip.

### Data Type

Integer (enumerated)

**See Also**

Events:

[TipDisplay](#)

## UseTag Property

[See Also](#)

### Description

Determines whether or not to use the Tag property as the default.

### Usage

*[form.][control.]UseTag[ = boolean ]*

### Remarks

If this property is True, Tips VBX uses the Tag property of the control the mouse is over as the default value to display. If this value is false, Tips uses no default. You may want to set this property to False if you are using other controls that require values in the Tag property.

This property defaults to True.

### Data Type

Integer (Boolean)

**See Also**

Events:

[TipDisplay](#)

[TipHide](#)

## **XOffset and YOffset Properties**

### **Description**

Determines where to place the tip at run-time.

### **Usage**

*[form.][control.]XOffset[ = integer ]*  
*[form.][control.]YOffset[ = integer ]*

### **Remarks**

These properties determine where to place the tip when it's displayed at run-time. These values are in pixels. The tip is placed relative to the hot-spot of the mouse cursor.

### **Data Type**

Integer

## MouseOver Event

### Description

Occurs when the mouse passes over a control.

### Syntax

**Sub** *ctlname\_MouseOver* (*ControlName* **As String**, *HelpContextID* **As Long**, *Tag* **As String**)

### Remarks

This event occurs when the mouse passes into a control. This can be used to feed a status bar.

The argument *ControlName* holds the name of the control the mouse is in.

The argument *HelpContextID* holds the HelpContextID property of the control selected. This property can be set in the properties window at design-time.

If the UseTag property is True, the argument *Tag* holds the Tag property of the control selected. Otherwise, the *Tag* argument is empty.

## TipDisplay Event

[See Also](#)

[Example](#)

### Description

Occurs when Tips is about to display a tip.

### Syntax

**Sub** *ctlname\_TipDisplay* (*ControlName As String*, *HelpContextID As Long*, *Tag As String*)

### Remarks

This event only occurs if the `Enabled` property is set to `True` (default). Also, this event only fires for the form that the control is on. If there are multiple forms that need tool tips, you must place `Tips` on each one.

The argument *ControlName* holds the name of the control the mouse has paused over.

The argument *HelpContextID* holds the `HelpContextID` property of the control selected. This property can be set in the properties window at design-time.

If the `UseTag` property is `True`, the argument *Tag* holds the `Tag` property of the control selected. Otherwise, the *Tag* argument is empty. This is the text that `Tips VBX` is about to display. You can change it to something else, if needed. If you set it to an empty string, the tip window is not displayed.

**See Also**

Properties:

[TipAlignemtn](#)

[UseTag](#)

Events:

[TipHide](#)

## TipHide Event

[See Also](#)

### Description

Occurs when Tips removes the tip window from the screen.

### Syntax

**Sub** *ctlname*\_TipHide ()

### Remarks

This event occurs when Tips VBX removes (hides) the tip window from the screen.

**See Also**

Properties:

[UseTag](#)

Events:

[TipDisplay](#)



## TipDisplay Event Example

In this example, the tip displayed is the each controls name (except controls that begin with "Form"). To try this example, paste the code into the Declarations section of a form that contains a number of various controls and a Tips control. Press F5.

```
Sub Tips1_TipDisplay (ControlName As String, HelpContextID As Long, Tag As
String)
    If Left(ControlName,4) = "Form" Then
        Tag = ""
    Else
        Tag = ControlName
    End If
End Sub
```

## Registration Information

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