#52   Clearing a text field

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Assigning a null string to a text field will not clear it properly.
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Currently, when using system software Text Edit, assigning a null string to a text field will not clear it properly. Internally the field will be cleared but the screen will not update to show an empty field. If the user tabs into the field the variable will be reset to whatever is on the screen.

The old way to solve this was to assign a space and then a null string. This made the field look empty but it still had a space in it on the screen and if the user tabbed into it the space would be reassigned to the field. In order to clear a text field you must first assign it an ASCII null and then a null string.

Field:=**Char**(0)
Field:=""

This will clear the text field and set the length of the field to zero.

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