

Introduction

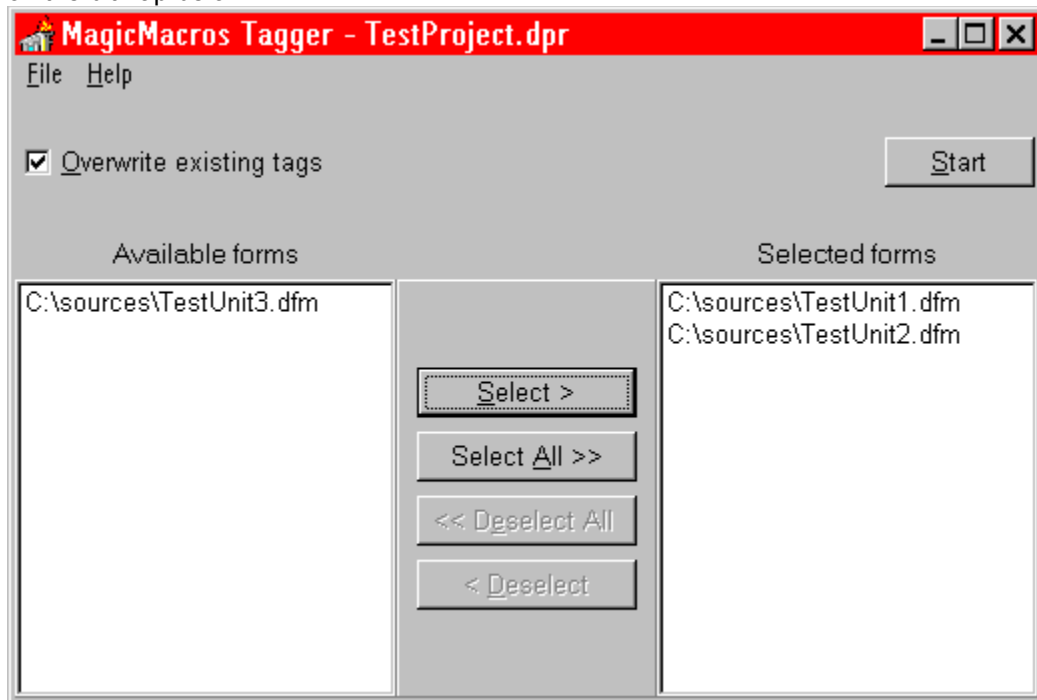
The **MagicMacros Tagger Utility** comes free with the TMagicMacros Component. It was created to help you make your applications TMagicMacros-compliant with a minimum amount of work.

As you probably know from reading the help files that come with the component, TMagicMacros uses several techniques to identify controls. None of these techniques are 100% full proof ... except one: using the tag-property.

By giving each control a unique tag, TMagicMacros can identify every control with certainty and extremely fast. This is by far the preferred technique of making your application work with TMagicMacros. There is (of course) a downside to this: tagging each and every control in your project is a drag and mistakes are made easily...

But this is where the Tagger Utility comes into the picture! Now, you can tag all controls in your entire project in *seconds*! Simply open your project file, select the forms you want to tag from the listbox, hit the Start-button and blink your eyes (no time for coffee). Done! That easy, that fast! It wasn't a false promise when I said: "Macro-support in a snap".

The MagicMacros Tagger Utility is very simple, but still, if you want some more information, you can click on the bitmap below:



Available Forms Listbox

When you open a project file (in the menu, click File - Open), the listbox on the left is filled with all the forms that are used in your project.

Select the ones you want to tag and move them to the [Selected Forms Listbox](#) by using the [selection buttons](#) and hit the [Start button](#) and let the MagicMacros Tagger Utility do the work...

Selected Forms Listbox

The forms that are listed in this listbox will be tagged automatically by the MagicMacros Tagger Utility when you hit the [Start button](#).

Use the [selection buttons](#) to move forms back and forth between the Selected Forms Listbox and the [Available Forms Listbox](#).

Selection Buttons

Select a form in either the [Available Forms Listbox](#) or the [Selected Forms Listbox](#) and use the selection buttons to move forms back and forth between the listboxes.

Overwriting Existing Tags

Maybe you already use the Tag-property of some controls for another purpose besides TMagicMacros. In that case, you don't want the MagicMacros Tagger Utility to overwrite those tags.

You can control whether the Tagger Utility overwrites tags that you have already introduced by checking or unchecking the box at the top of the form.

Note: if you have added some features to your application and you want macros recorded with the previous version to be compatible with the new version of your app, make sure that this checkbox is NOT checked.

Note: controls that have the same parent should always have different tags! Keep this in mind when you are using the tag-property for some other purpose. (It's OK to use the same tags for controls with different parents).

Starting the tagger

When you hit the Start button, the MagicMacros Tagger Utility will tag all the controls on all the forms that are listed in the [Selected Forms Listbox](#).

Don't be surprised if the tagging process is lightning-fast: didn't I promise you macro-support in a snap ?

