Text Formatting Contracts

Text formatting contracts allow you to dynamically format text on a page.

Drumbeat offers substantial control over the look of text on the HTML page. All this formatting is static in nature. That is, once you specify a Drumbeat style to apply to text the text style does not change on the page.

Contracts in this category allow you to change text attributes and styles dynamically. The most obvious use for these contracts is the utilization of the contracts that modify a text attribute when the mouse moves over the text. This text highlighting on mouse over is a fairly common technique on the web. In particular, changing the text's color when the mouse is over is very common.

Most of these contracts only work with IE 4.0 and above. The "Text Rollover" SmartElement provides some limited text rollover capability in Communicator 4.0 as well as IE 4.0.