



## Help for FLabel

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### **Description**

FLabel is a label control that lets you format the text within it. You can have different fonts, different colors, multiple paragraphs, paragraph formatting, etc. Using properties, you can print your text. All this and it's bound, too.

### **File Name**

FLABEL1.VBX, FLABEL16.OCX, FLABEL32.OCX

### **ActiveX / OCX Object Name**

Mabry.FLabelCtrl

### **ActiveX Compatibility**

VB 4.0 (32-bit) and 5.0

### **ActiveX Built With**

Microsoft Visual C++ v4

### **ActiveX - Required DLLs**

MFC40.DLL (October 6th, 1995 or later)

OLEPRO32.DLL (October 6th, 1995 or later)

MSVCRT40.DLL (September 29th, 1995 or later)

### **VBX Object Type**

FLabel

### **VBX Compatibility**

VB 2.0, 3.0 and 4.0 (16-bit)

### **VBX Built With**

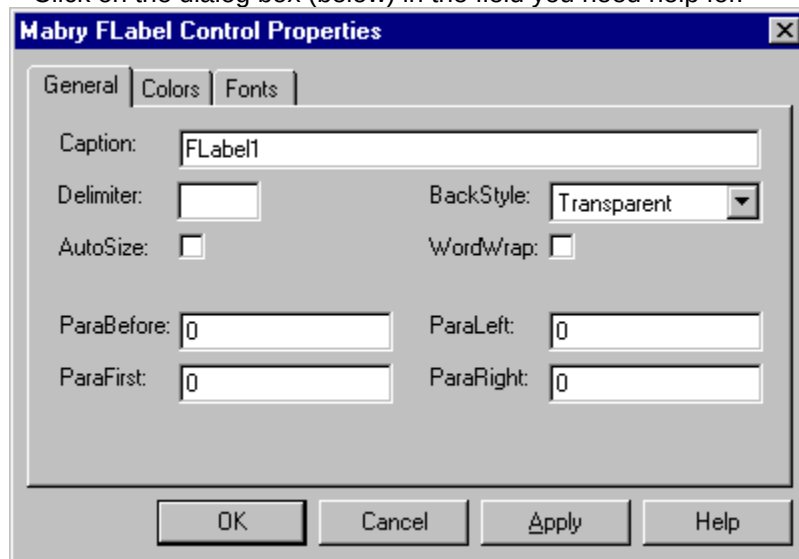
Microsoft Visual C++ v1.5

**Distribution Note** When you develop and distribute an application that uses this control, you should install the control file into the user's Windows SYSTEM directory. The control file has version information built into it. So, during installation, you should ensure that you are not overwriting a newer version.

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## FLabel Property Page

Click on the dialog box (below) in the field you need help for.



The image shows a Windows-style dialog box titled "Mabry FLabel Control Properties". It has three tabs: "General", "Colors", and "Fonts", with "General" currently selected. The dialog contains several input fields and checkboxes. The "Caption" field is set to "FLabel1". The "Delimiter" field is empty. The "BackStyle" dropdown menu is set to "Transparent". The "AutoSize" and "WordWrap" checkboxes are unchecked. The "ParaBefore", "ParaLeft", "ParaFirst", and "ParaRight" fields are all set to "0". At the bottom, there are four buttons: "OK", "Cancel", "Apply", and "Help".

Property	Value
Caption	FLabel1
Delimiter	
BackStyle	Transparent
AutoSize	<input type="checkbox"/>
WordWrap	<input type="checkbox"/>
ParaBefore	0
ParaLeft	0
ParaFirst	0
ParaRight	0

Close

## FLabel Properties

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

- \*AutoSize Property
- BackColor** Property
- \*BackStyle Property
- \*Caption Property
- DataChanged** Property
- DataField** Property
- DataSource** Property
- \*Delimiter Property
- DragIcon** Property
- DragMode** Property
- Enabled** Property
- FontBold** Property
- FontItalic** Property
- FontName** Property
- FontSize** Property
- FontStrikethru** Property
- FontUnderline** Property
- ForeColor** Property
- Height** Property
- Index** Property
- Left** Property
- LinkItem** Property
- LinkMode** Property
- LinkTimeout** Property
- LinkTopic** Property
- MousePointer** Property
- Name** Property
- \*ParaBefore Property
- \*ParaFirst Property
- \*ParaLeft Property
- \*ParaRight Property
- Parent** Property
- \*PrinterHDC Property
- \*PrinterHeight Property
- \*PrinterLeft Property
- \*PrinterScaleMode Property
- \*PrinterTop Property
- \*PrinterWidth Property
- TabIndex** Property
- Tag** Property

**Top** Property

**\*Version** Property

**Visible** Property

**Width** Property

**\*WordWrap** Property



## **FLabel Events**

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

**Click** Event

**DbClick** Event

**DragDrop** Event

**DragOver** Event

**LinkChange** Event

**LinkClose** Event

**LinkError** Event

**LinkOpen** Event

**MouseDown** Event

**MouseMove** Event

**MouseUp** Event

Close

## Frequently Asked Questions

### General Questions

Will FLabel justify text?

I would like to allow my users to format text using your FLabel control. How can I do this?

## **Will FLabel justify text?**

### Frequently Asked Questions

No. FLabel only supports "left justification", which is sometimes known as "ragged right". FLabel will allow you to set margins, inter-line spacing, inter-paragraph spacing. But, justification (right, center, or flush right) is not supported.

## **I would like to allow my users to format text using your FLabel control. How can I do this?**

### Frequently Asked Questions

The formatting of FLabel is very powerful and there are many ways in which to control the formatting. It would be difficult to provide specific answers considering that each application is unique.

However, here are some general suggestions:

The Textbox control has SelStart and SelLength properties. Using these two properties, you can detect what text your users have highlighted. Then, use some other controls to automatically insert the formatting at the SelStart position and the SelStart+SelLength positions.

You could get very elaborate and create a Word-like toolbar for setting things like Bold, Italics, Underline, etc. Use combo boxes for setting Font names and sizes, etc.

If the text box contained "This is cool." and the user highlighted the word "cool". You could have a checkbox called Bold, that would automatically bold the word "cool" with the below code:

```
Dim iStart, iLen As Integer

If Text1.SelStart > 0 Then
    iStart = Text1.SelStart
    iLen = Text1.SelLength
    FLabel1.Caption = Left$(Text1.Text, iStart) & "|B:1|" & Mid$(Text1.Text, iStart + 1, iLen) & "|B:0|" & Right$(Text1.Text, Len(Text1.Text) - (iStart + iLen))
End If
```

Obviously, you'd have to be able to un-Bold, etc., but this illustrates how one could create a very powerful toolbar that allows users to simply highlight text and then format it without needing to know all of the formatting codes.



## Registration Information

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Account Number: 16311706

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Caption Example

In this example, the program allows you to play with formatting. When you change the text in the edit box, it shows it in the FLabel. To try this example, paste the code into the Declarations section of a form that contains an edit box and an FLabel control. Press F5 and play with the edit box.

```
Sub Form_Load ()
    FLabel1.ParaBefore = 240
    FLabel1.ParaFirst = 480
    FLabel1.WordWrap = True

    Text1.Text = "This is a test of |color:blue|FLabel VBX|color:black|.
Play with this text to change the formatting.|cr|It's fun ..."
End Sub

Sub Text1_Change ()
    FLabel1.Caption = Text1.Text
End Sub
```

## See Also

**Caption** Property

**WordWrap** Property

**See Also**

**Caption** Property

## See Also

[\*\*Delimiter\*\* Property](#)

[\*\*ParaBefore\*\* Property](#)

[\*\*ParaFirst\*\* Property](#)

[\*\*ParaLeft\*\* Property](#)

[\*\*ParaRight\*\* Property](#)

**See Also**

**Caption** Property



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## See Also

[\*\*Caption\*\* Property](#)

[\*\*PrinterHeight\*\* Property](#)

[\*\*PrinterLeft\*\* Property](#)

[\*\*PrinterTop\*\* Property](#)

[\*\*PrinterWidth\*\* Property](#)

## See Also

[\*\*Caption\*\* Property](#)

[\*\*PrinterHDC\*\* Property](#)

[\*\*PrinterScaleMode\*\* Property](#)

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[\*\*Caption\*\* Property](#)

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[\*\*PrinterHeight\*\* Property](#)

[\*\*PrinterLeft\*\* Property](#)

[\*\*PrinterTop\*\* Property](#)

[\*\*PrinterWidth\*\* Property](#)

## See Also

[AutoSize Property](#)

[Caption Property](#)

## AutoSize Property

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### Description

Determines whether FLabel will automatically resize to display its text.

### Syntax

*object*.**AutoSize** [= *boolean* ]

The syntax of the **AutoSize** property has these parts:

<b><u>Part</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
<i>object</i>	An FLabel control.
<i>boolean</i>	A boolean flag that determines whether FLabel will resize automatically.

### Remarks

When this property is set to False, FLabel's size remains the same. Text that would appear to the right or below the control is clipped at the edge of the control.

If this property is set to True, its behavior depends on the value of the [WordWrap property](#). When [WordWrap](#) and [AutoSize](#) are both True, FLabel adjusts its size vertically (only). Paragraphs wrap at the right edge of the control. FLabel's height increases to show all text in the [Caption property](#).

When [WordWrap](#) is False and [AutoSize](#) is True, FLabel adjusts its size horizontally (only). The control's width is set to the maximum width of a paragraph in the [Caption property](#).

### Data Type

Integer (boolean)

## BackStyle Property

[See Also](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

### Description

Determines whether the background is opaque or transparent.

### Syntax

*object*.**BackStyle** [= *integer* ]

The syntax of the **BackStyle** property has these parts:

<b><u>Part</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
<i>object</i>	An FLabel control.
<i>integer</i>	An integer that specifies either a transparent or opaque background.

### Remarks

This property allows you to make the control transparent or opaque. When transparent, background settings (such as BackColor) have no effect.

This control may take the following values:

<b><u>Constant</u></b>	<b><u>Value</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
mFLabelTransparent	0	Transparent background
mFLabelOpaque	1	Opaque background

### Data Type

Integer (enumerated)

## Caption Property

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### Description

Determines the text that is displayed.

### Syntax

*object*.**Caption** [= *string* ]

The syntax of the **Caption** property has these parts:

<b>Part</b>	<b>Description</b>
<i>object</i>	An FLabel control.
<i>string</i>	A string expression that determines the displayed text and its formatting.

### Remarks

This property determines what the control displays. This can be comprised of both text and formatting commands.

Formatting codes are specified by enclosing them within delimiter characters (see the [Delimiter property](#)). For example, to show the sentence "This is cool." with the word "cool" printed in blue, you would set the Caption property to:

```
This is |Color:Blue|cool|Color:Black|.
```

If you wanted to display "Mabry Software" on one line followed by "800-99-MABRY (toll free)" on the next, you would set the Caption property to:

```
Mabry Software|cr|800-99-MABRY (toll free)
```

You can print the delimiter character by putting it twice in the string. For example, if the delimiter character is a dollar sign (\$), and your Caption string is:

```
The price is $$35.00.
```

the output would be:

```
The price is $35.00
```

Here are all of the formatting codes for FLabel control:

<b>Code</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>B:</b> <i>boolean</i>	Bold face (on or off, depending on the value of boolean)
<b>BACK:</b> <i>color</i>	Set the current background color.
<b>BEFORE:</b> <i>twips</i>	Set the vertical gap that precedes a paragraph (in twips).
<b>BOLD:</b> <i>boolean</i>	Bold face (on or off, depending on the value of boolean)
<b>COLOR:</b> <i>color</i>	Set the current foreground (text) color.
<b>CR</b>	Start new paragraph
<b>FIRST:</b> <i>twips</i>	Set first indent for a paragraph (in twips)
<b>FONT:</b> <i>name</i>	Change to new font, specified by <i>name</i>
<b>FORE:</b> <i>color</i>	Set the current foreground (text) color.
<b>I:</b> <i>boolean</i>	Italics (on or off, depending on the value of boolean)
<b>ITAL:</b> <i>boolean</i>	Italics (on or off, depending on the value of boolean)
<b>LEFT:</b> <i>twips</i>	Set left margin for a paragraph (in twips)
<b>RIGHT:</b> <i>twips</i>	Set the right margin for a paragraph (in twips).
<b>S:</b> <i>boolean</i>	Strikethru (on or off, depending on the value of boolean)
<b>SIZE:</b> <i>points</i>	Change font size, specified in points.
<b>STRIKE:</b> <i>boolean</i>	Strikethru (on or off, depending on the value of boolean)
<b>U:</b> <i>boolean</i>	Underline (on or off, depending on the value of boolean)



UNDER:*boolean*      Underline (on or off, depending on the value of boolean)

Twips values are just that: twips. These are the units typically used in VB.

Boolean values are flexible. "On", "True", "1", and "Yes" all count as "True". "Off", "False", "0", and "No" all work as "False".

Color values can take one of two formats: direct RGB numbers, or a color name. The format of RGB numbers is: 128,128,128 (i.e., in decimal, separated by commas). Here are the color names and their associated RGB values that FLabel supports:

<b><u>Code</u></b>	<b><u>Red</u></b>	<b><u>Green</u></b>	<b><u>Blue</u></b>
Aqua	128	255	255
Black	0	0	0
Blue	0	0	255
Brown	128	64	0
Cyan	0	255	255
DkBlue	0	0	128
DkCyan	0	128	128
DkGray	128	128	128
DkGreen	0	128	0
DkRed	128	0	0
Gray	128	128	128
Green	0	255	0
LtBlue	128	128	255
LtGray	192	192	192
LtGreen	128	255	128
LtPurple	255	128	255
LtRed	255	128	128
Magenta	255	0	255
Purple	128	0	128
Red	255	0	0
Tan	128	128	0
White	255	255	255
Yellow	255	255	0

Any of these properties will take the special keyword "Default" or "D". This will set that element back to its default value. For example, if you had "Fore:D" at one point in the string, this would reset the text color to the color found in ForeColor.

The Size, Left, Right, First, and Before properties also take relative adjustments. Just put a "+" or "-" in front of the number. This will add or subtract the amount specified from the current setting. So, if the current size of the font is 14 and you specify

|Size:+6|

then the font size will be 20.

## **Data Type**

String

## Delimiter Property

[See Also](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

### Description

Determines the separator/specifier character for the formatting strings in the [Caption property](#).

### Syntax

*object*.**Delimiter** [= *string* ]

The syntax of the **Delimiter** property has these parts:

<b><u>Part</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
<i>object</i>	An FLabel control.
<i>string</i>	A character that determines the delimiter for the Caption property.

### Remarks

This property determines the character that is used for the formatting string/code delimiter. This property defaults to a vertical bar/pipe character: |

If multiple characters are specified, only the first is used.

### Data Type

String

## ParaBefore, ParaFirst, ParaLeft and ParaRight Properties

[See Also](#)

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### Description

Determines the margins/gaps for the paragraph.

### Syntax

*object*.**ParaBefore** [= *twips* ]

*object*.**ParaFirst** [= *twips* ]

*object*.**ParaLeft** [= *twips* ]

*object*.**ParaRight** [= *twips* ]

The syntax of the **ParaBefore**, **ParaFirst**, **ParaLeft** and **ParaRight** properties has these parts:

<b><u>Part</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
<i>object</i>	An FLabel control.
<i>twips</i>	A long integer that specifies a distance, in twips.

### Remarks

These properties determine the margins and gaps for paragraph formatting. ParaBefore is the amount of vertical space before each paragraph (except the first). ParaFirst is the amount of horizontal space between the left edge of the control and the first line of a paragraph. ParaLeft is the amount of space between the left edge of the control and any lines in a paragraph after the first. And, ParaRight is the amount of space between the right edge of the control and the right edge of a paragraph.

These are the default settings for the control. They can be overridden using various keywords in the [Caption property](#).

### Data Type

Integer (long)

## PrinterHDC Property

[See Also](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

### Description

Causes the control to be painted in the device handle specified (usually the printer object).

### Syntax

*object*.**PrinterHDC** [= *hdc* ]

The syntax of the **PrinterHDC** property has these parts:

<b><u>Part</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
<i>object</i>	An FLLabel control.
<i>hdc</i>	An integer that holds the device context handle (hDC) to paint into.

### Remarks

When this property is set, the control paints itself into the Windows device context specified. Normally, this is used to print the control. To do this, use the hDC property of VB's Printer Object.

To print, make sure the [Caption property](#) is set correctly. Then, set the [PrinterHeight](#), [PrinterLeft](#), [PrinterTop](#), and [PrinterWidth](#) properties. Finally, set PrinterHDC to Printer.hDC.

### Data Type

Integer

## PrinterHeight, PrinterLeft, PrinterTop and PrinterWidth Properties

[See Also](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

### Description

Describes the area in which to paint the control when printing.

### Syntax

*object*.PrinterHeight [= integer ]

*object*.PrinterLeft [= integer ]

*object*.PrinterTop [= integer ]

*object*.PrinterWidth [= integer ]

The syntax of the **PrinterHeight**, **PrinterLeft**, **PrinterTop** and **PrinterWidth** properties has these parts:

<b><u>Part</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
<i>object</i>	An FLabel control.
<i>integer</i>	An integer specifying distance.

### Remarks

These properties describe where to place the control when printing. The coordinates used should be in the units specified by the [PrinterScaleMode](#) property.

To print, make sure the [Caption property](#) is set correctly. Then, set the PrinterHeight , PrinterLeft , PrinterTop , and PrinterWidth properties. Finally, set [PrinterHDC](#) to Printer.hDC.

### Data Type

Integer (long)

## PrinterScaleMode Property

[See Also](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

### Description

Determines the units of measurement used by the [PrinterLeft](#), [PrinterTop](#), [PrinterWidth](#), and [PrinterHeight](#) properties.

### Syntax

*object*.**PrinterScaleMode** [= *integer* ]

The syntax of the **PrinterScaleMode** property has these parts:

<b><u>Part</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
<i>object</i>	An FLabel control.
<i>integer</i>	An integer specifying the new scale mode.

### Remarks

This property determines what units to use for the properties describing the area in which to print. This property can be one of:

<b><u>Constant</u></b>	<b><u>Value</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
msSMPixel	0	Pixel (default, smallest unit of printer resolution)
msSMTwip	1	Twips (recommended, 1440 twips per inch)
msSMPoint	2	Point (72 points per inch)
msSMPixel	3	Pixel (smallest unit of printer resolution)
msSMCharacter	4	Character (12 per inch horizontally, 6 per inch vertically)
msSMInch	5	Inch
msSMMillimeter	6	Millimeter
msSMCentimeter	7	Centimeter

To print, make sure the [Caption property](#) is set correctly. Then, set the [PrinterHeight](#), [PrinterLeft](#), [PrinterTop](#), and [PrinterWidth](#) properties. Finally, set [PrinterHDC](#) to Printer.hDC.

### Data Type

Integer (enumerated)

## Version Property

Frequently Asked Questions

### Description

Shows the version of the control.

### Syntax

*object*.**Version**

The syntax of the **Version** property has these parts:

<b><u>Part</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
<i>object</i>	An FLabel control.

### Remarks

This property holds the current version of the control. It is read-only and available at both design-time and run-time.

### Data Type

String

## WordWrap Property

[See Also](#)

[Caption Example](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

### Description

Determines whether FLabel will wrap paragraphs to fit the width of the control.

### Syntax

*object*.**WordWrap** [= *boolean* ]

The syntax of the **WordWrap** property has these parts:

<b><u>Part</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
<i>object</i>	An FLabel control.
<i>boolean</i>	A boolean flag that determines if paragraphs are wrapped to fit the width of the control.

### Remarks

When this property is set to False, paragraphs of text that are displayed all on one line. When [AutoSize](#) is False, this means that lines of text that are too wide for the control are clipped at the right edge of the control. When [AutoSize](#) is True (and WordWrap is False), the control is widened to fit the widest paragraph.

See the [AutoSize property](#) for more information on the behavior of FLabel based on the values of the [AutoSize](#) and WordWrap properties.

### Data Type

Integer (boolean)



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