

MBHINT-Component V1.1

Delphi V1.0 Multiline-Hint-Component by Martin Brütsch

History:

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Introduction:

The MBHINT-Component allows you to create multi-line-hints at **design-time**. I wrote this component, because a few people here over in Switzerland and Germany missed the possibility of entering multiline-hints at design-time.

Component-Installation:

The ZIP-File should content the following component-files:

- README_U.WRI
- README_G.WRI
- MBHINT.DCU
- MBHINT.DCR

Use the "Install-Component"-command from the Options-Menu and add the DCU-file MBHINT.DCU to your VCL.

Component-Usage:

All you have to do is to add the MBHINT-component to your **main form**. After this you can enter multiline-hints like this "**Line1@Line2@Line3**" and so on in the object-inspector. The '@'-char is used as line-separator (default). If you want to use another separator, just change the *separator*-property in the object-inspector!

If you want to switch multiline-hints on or off at runtime, just use the *active*-property.

New features V1.1:

The first new feature are *individually* colored hint-windows. If the hint-text of a control contains the *ColorCmd-Char* (you can change this from the default '#' to any in the object-inspector), the hint-window becomes the color, that is specified in the **tag-property** of the control. Colored hint text example with 2 lines: '#Hint on a red banner with@two lines'.

The second new feature are hint-windows with a fixed width. First you set the desired width in the object-inspector at the property *FixedWidth*, the minimal width is 100 pixel. Everytime when you put the *FixedCmd-Char* (you can change this from the default '&' to any in the object-inspector) into a hint-text, the hint-window will have a fixed width (specified at the *FixedWidth*-property) and the text will be wrapped to fit in the window.

Important note!:

Don't place the component onto more than the one form. Just put it on the **main form** and

you'll have multi-line-hints on all of the applications forms.

Comment:

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Have fun!

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