Documentation for PD Software Flat Combo Control version 1

This document describes the conditions of use, together with the methods, properties and events associated with the Flat Combo ActiveX control.

Description of Flat Combo Control

The Flat Combo Control is an ActiveX control for Visual Basic. It allows you to display Visual Basic ComboBox controls with the appearance of the Flat Combo's on Micrisoft Office Toolbars.

At design time you place a FlatCombo control on a form. At run-time you assign a Visual Basic ComboBox control to the FlatCombo control's Combo property, and the FlatCombo control will replace the Visual Basic ComboBox control with a Flat Combo.

Control Reference

This section describes the use, custom properties, methods and events associated with the Flat Combo Control. The control also supports a number of standard properties, methods and events for which documentation may be found in Visual Basic Help.

Important Useage Notes

At run time you continue to access the methods and properties of the Visual Basic ComboBox control to modify lists, set/retrieve the ListIndex etc. **However, there are the following important exceptions:**

Do not use VB ComboBox SetFocus method
At run time the VB ComboBox control is invisible if the FlatCombo control is **Active.** If you need to set focus in code at run time, use the FlatCombo SetFocus method instead.

VB ComboBox Control's Hwnd property is invalid at run time
At run time the VB ComboBox control is invisible if the FlatCombo control is **Active.** If you need to access the Hwnd of the *visible* control, access the FlatCombo Hwnd property instead.

Limitations of the FlatCombo Control

The following limitations apply to the Flat combo Control version 1.

Only Drop Down Lists are supported
Only VB ComboBoxes with a style of Drop Down List are supported by this version of the Flat Combo Control.

Do not set the Cancel Property of a control to True
The FlatCombo control cannot co-exist with a control on the same form that has the **Cancel** property set to True. In practice this should not be a problem as the

FlatCombo Control will normally be used on the Toolbar of a main form with no Command Buttons.

Tooltips are not supported
This version of the Flat Combo Control does not support Tooltips. Although this property can be set for both the Flat Combo Control, and the VB ComboBox control at design time and run time, it is ignored at run time.

Properties

Active
Boolean

Read/Write at Design Time and Run Time

Sets/Returns whether the FlatCombo control is active, and should take the place of the Visual Basic ComboBox.

Combo
ComboBox Control

Read/Write at Run Time, not available at Design Time

Sets/Returns the Visual Basic ComboBox control associated with the FlatCombo control.

Methods

There are no custom methods for this control.

Events

There are no custom events for this control.

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