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EPSettingException exception

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Description

EPSettingException is raised by TPSetting objects. The most common cause of an EPSettingException is a data conversion failure. See [AsBoolean](#), [AsDateTime](#), [AsFloat](#), [AsInteger](#), [AsString](#), [AsVariant](#) for more details about data conversion.

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EPSettingsException is raised by TPSettings objects.

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EPFormSettingsException is raised by TPFormSettings objects. This exception may be caused by errors in storing and retrieving settings.

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EAppSettingsException is raised by TAppSettings objects. This exception may be caused by errors in storing and retrieving settings.

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Description

The TPSetting component is the base component used by both TPFormSettings and TAppSettings. The TPSetting components are maintained automatically. To interact directly with a TPSetting component, you must specify a name for the setting. This is done in the component editor. Generic settings are named automatically. Form-related or property-related settings are only named if you have entered a name in the External Name field on the component editor.

TPSetting components are similar to TField components and provide similar access properties. By setting the value of a TPSetting which is a property-related setting, you also update the property.

There is no design-time interaction with TPSetting components except through the TPFormSettings and TAppSettings component editor.

Properties

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AsBoolean property

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Applies to

[TPSetting](#) component

Declaration

property AsBoolean: Boolean;

Description

Run-time only

Sets or returns the value of the TPSetting as a Boolean.

If the current value of the TPSetting cannot be converted to a boolean, an exception will be raised.

See also

[AsDateTime](#)

[AsFloat](#)

[AsInteger](#)

[AsString](#)

[AsVariant](#)

[GetAsStrings](#)

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AsBoolean property example

```
var
  tempBool : Boolean;
begin
  PFormSettings['Some Setting'].AsBoolean := True;

  tempBool := PFormSettings['Some Setting'].AsBoolean;
end;
```

AsDateTime property

[See also](#)

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPSetting](#) component

Declaration

property AsDateTime: TDateTime;

Description

Run-time only

Sets or returns the value of the TPSetting as a TDateTime.

If the current value of the TPSetting cannot be converted to a TDateTime, an exception will be raised.

See also

[AsBoolean](#)

[AsFloat](#)

[AsInteger](#)

[AsString](#)

[AsVariant](#)

[GetAsStrings](#)

[SetAsStrings](#)

AsDateTime property example

```
var
  tempVal : TDateTime;
begin
  PFormSettings['Some Setting'].AsDateTime:= Now;

  tempVal := PFormSettings['Some Setting'].AsDateTime;
end;
```

AsFloat property

[See also](#)

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPSetting](#) component

Declaration

property AsFloat: Extended;

Description

Run-time only

Sets or returns the value of the TPSetting as an Extended.

If the current value of the TPSetting cannot be converted to an extended floating-point value, an exception will be raised.

See also

[AsBoolean](#)

[AsDateTime](#)

[AsInteger](#)

[AsString](#)

[AsVariant](#)

[GetAsStrings](#)

[SetAsStrings](#)

AsFloat property example

```
var
  tempVal : Extended;
begin
  PFormSettings['Some Setting'].AsFloat:= 1.2;

  tempVal := PFormSettings['Some Setting'].AsFloat;
end;
```

AsInteger property

[See also](#)

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPSetting](#) component

Declaration

property AsInteger: LongInt;

Description

Run-time only

Sets or returns the value of the TPSetting as a LongInt.

If the current value of the TPSetting cannot be converted to a LongInt, an exception will be raised.

See also

[AsBoolean](#)

[AsDateTime](#)

[AsFloat](#)

[AsString](#)

[AsVariant](#)

[GetAsStrings](#)

[SetAsStrings](#)

AsInteger property example

```
var
  tempVal : LongInt;
begin
  PFormSettings['Some Setting'].AsInteger:= 102;

  tempVal := PFormSettings['Some Setting'].AsInteger;
end;
```

AsString property

[See also](#)

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPSetting](#) component

Declaration

```
property AsString: String;
```

Description

Run-time only

Sets or returns the value of the TPSetting as a String.

See also

[AsBoolean](#)

[AsDateTime](#)

[AsFloat](#)

[AsInteger](#)

[AsVariant](#)

[GetAsStrings](#)

[SetAsStrings](#)

AsString property example

```
var
  tempVal : String;
begin
  PFormSettings['Some Setting'].AsString:= 'Some String Value';

  tempVal := PFormSettings['Some Setting'].AsString;
end;
```

AsVariant property

[See also](#)

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPSetting](#) component

Declaration

```
property AsVariant: Variant;
```

Description

Run-time only

Sets or returns the value of the TPSetting as a Variant.

See also

[AsBoolean](#)

[AsDateTime](#)

[AsFloat](#)

[AsInteger](#)

[AsString](#)

[GetAsStrings](#)

[SetAsStrings](#)

AsVariant property example

```
var
  tempVal : Variant;
begin
  PFormSettings['Some Setting'].AsString:= 'Some Variant Value';

  tempVal := PFormSettings['Some Setting'].AsVariant;
end;
```

BoundProperty property

[See also](#)

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPSetting](#) component

Declaration

```
property BoundProperty: String;
```

Description

Read-only

Returns the name of the property to which this TPSetting is bound. Some TPSettings will have no BoundProperty.

This can be useful when writing custom save and restore methods for your application.

See also

[BoundProperty](#)

[Encrypted](#)

[Name](#)

[RelAppSetting](#)

[UniqueName](#)

BoundProperty property example

```
var
    tempSetting;
begin
    tempSetting := TFormSettings['Some Setting'];

    MessageDlg( Format( 'The name of the property for this setting is "%s"', [tempSetting.BoundProperty] ),
                mtInformation, [mbOK], 0 );
end;
```

Encrypted property

[See also](#)

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPSetting](#) component

Declaration

property Encrypted: Boolean;

Description

Read-only

Returns True if this TPSetting will be stored encrypted.

NOTE: If you are writing a custom save and restore method for your application, you will need to implement the encryption scheme yourself. You can use this property to check if the data should be stored encrypted.

See also

[BoundProperty](#)

[Encrypted](#)

[Name](#)

[RelAppSetting](#)

[UniqueName](#)

Encrypted property example

```
var
    tempSetting;
begin
    tempSetting := TFormSettings['Some Setting'];

    if ( tempSetting.Encrypted = True ) then
    begin
        MessageDlg( Format( 'The setting, "%s", should be stored encrypted', [tempSetting.Name] ),
            mtInformation, [mbOK], 0 );
    end;
end;
```


Name property

[See also](#)

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Applies to

[TPSetting](#) component

Declaration

property Name: **String**;

Description

Read-only

Returns the name of the TPSetting. Some TPSettings will have no Name.

This information will be useful if you are writing a custom save and restore method for your application.

See also

[BoundProperty](#)

[Encrypted](#)

[Name](#)

[RelAppSetting](#)

[UniqueName](#)

Name property example

```
var
    tempSetting;
begin
    tempSetting := TFormSettings['Some Setting'];

    { In this case, the Name will be 'Some Setting' }
    MessageDlg( Format( 'The name of this setting is "%s".', [tempSetting.Name] ),
                mtInformation, [mbOK], 0 );
end;
```

RelAppSetting property

[See also](#)

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPSetting](#) component

Declaration

```
property RelAppSetting: String;
```

Description

Read-only

Returns the related application setting for this setting. This information applies only to property-related settings and is set using the TPFormSettings component editor.

If you are writing a custom save and restore method for your application, you can check this value to determine if the setting should be stored by the form or the application.

See also

[BoundProperty](#)

[Encrypted](#)

[Name](#)

[RelAppSetting](#)

[UniqueName](#)

RelAppSetting property example

```
var
    tempSetting;
begin
    tempSetting := TFormSettings['Some Setting'];

    if ( tempSetting.RelAppSetting <> '' ) then
    begin
        MessageDlg( Format( 'This setting is related to the application setting, "%s".', [tempSetting.RelAppSetting] ),
            mtInformation, [mbOK], 0 );
    end;
end;
```

UniqueName property

[See also](#)

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Applies to

[TPSetting](#) component

Declaration

```
property UniqueName: String;
```

Description

Read-only

Returns a unique name of the TPSetting. It is simply the concatenation of the BoundProperty and Name properties. It is not necessarily guaranteed to be unique under all circumstances, but normally will be.

This method is especially useful when writing a custom save and restore method for your application.

See also

[BoundProperty](#)

[Encrypted](#)

[Name](#)

[RelAppSetting](#)

[UniqueName](#)

UniqueName property example

```
var
    tempSetting;
begin
    tempSetting := TFormSettings['Some Setting'];

    MessageDlg( Format( 'The unique name for this setting is "%s".', [tempSetting.UniqueName] ),
                mtInformation, [mbOK], 0 );
end;
```

GetAsStrings method

[See also](#)

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPSetting](#) component

Declaration

```
procedure GetAsStrings(aStrings: TStrings);
```

Description

Populates the parameter aStrings with the value of the TPSetting. If the value is not a TStrings object, the aStrings object will receive a single string representing the value.

See also

[AsBoolean](#)

[AsDateTime](#)

[AsFloat](#)

[AsInteger](#)

[AsString](#)

[AsVariant](#)

[SetAsStrings](#)

GetAsStrings method example

```
begin
    { copies the items in the ListBox to the TPSetting named "List" and the copies the strings to the Memo }
    PFormSettings['List'].SetAsStrings( ListBox.Items );
    PFormSettings['List'].GetAsStrings( Memo.Lines );
end;
```

SetAsStrings method

[See also](#)

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPSetting](#) component

Declaration

```
procedure SetAsStrings(aStrings: TStrings);
```

Description

Sets the value of the TPSetting to the strings, aStrings.

See also

[AsBoolean](#)

[AsDateTime](#)

[AsFloat](#)

[AsInteger](#)

[AsString](#)

[AsVariant](#)

[GetAsStrings](#)

SetAsStrings method example

```
begin
    { copies the items in the ListBox to the TPSetting named "List" and the copies the strings to the Memo }
    PFormSettings['List'].SetAsStrings( ListBox.Items );
    PFormSettings['List'].GetAsStrings( Memo.Lines );
end;
```

TPSettings component

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Description

TPSettings is the abstract base class for the TPFormSettings and TAppSettings components. TPSettings maintains the list of TPSetting components and provides a mechanism for accessing them. TPSettings also maintains several of the properties and methods shared between the TPFormSettings and TAppSettings components.

Properties

▶ Run-time only

🔑 Key properties

🔑 CompanyName

🔑 OnUserRestore

🔑 OnUserSave

🔑 RegistryRootKey


▶

🔑 Settings

🔑 SoftwareName

🔑 SoftwareVersion

Methods

 Key methods



AddSetting

CompanyName property

Applies to

[TPSettings](#) component

Declaration

```
property CompanyName: String;
```

Description

This is used to create the base key for the Registry. If the settings are not going to be saved in the Registry, this value has no meaning.

When this value is set to a TAppSettings component, any TFormSettings components which are attached to the TAppSettings component will automatically be updated.

OnUserRestore property

[See also](#)

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPSettings](#) component

Declaration

property OnUserRestore: [TEvUserRestore](#);

Description

This event is triggered when you have selected User-Defined for the storage location in either the TPFormSettings or TPApSettings component and the component settings are being restored. The event is triggered once for each setting. You can use this to create your own save and restore method such as storing settings in a database or in an initialization file.

See also

[OnUserSave](#)

OnUserRestore property example

```
procedure TForm1.MyUserRestore( Sender : TObject; Setting : TPSetting );
begin
    { The RestoreSetting method is a user-defined method }
    Setting.AsString := RestoreSetting( Setting.UniqueName );
end;
```

OnUserSave property

[See also](#)

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPSettings](#) component

Declaration

property OnUserSave: [TPEvUserSave](#);

Description

This event is triggered when you have selected User-Defined for the storage location in either the TPFormSettings or TPApplSettings component and the component settings are being saved. The event is triggered once for each setting. You can use this to create your own save and restore method such as storing settings in a database or in an initialization file.

See also

[OnUserRestore](#)

OnUserSave property example

```
procedure TForm1.MyUserRestore( Sender : TObject; Setting : TPSetting );
begin
    { The SaveSetting method is a user-defined method }
    SaveSetting( Setting.UniqueName, Setting.AsString );
end;
```

RegistryRootKey property

Applies to

[TPSettings](#) component

Declaration

property RegistryRootKey: [TPRootKeyType](#);

Description

This specifies the root key when the save location is the Registry.

Settings property

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPSettings](#) component

Declaration

property Settings: [TPSetting](#);

Description

Run-time only

Read-only

Returns a TPSetting by name.

There is no direct access to TPSetting components which do not have a name.

Settings property example

```
var
  tempSetting : TPSetting;
begin
  tempSetting := PFormSettings['Some Setting'];

  { Use setting here }
end;
```

SoftwareName property

Applies to

[TPSettings](#) component

Declaration

```
property SoftwareName: String;
```

Description

This is used to create the base key for the Registry. If the settings are not going to be saved in the Registry, this value has no meaning.

When this value is set to a TPApplSettings component, any TPFormSettings components which are attached to the TPApplSettings component will automatically be updated.

SoftwareVersion property

Applies to

[TPSettings](#) component

Declaration

```
property SoftwareVersion: String;
```

Description

This is used to create the base key for the Registry. If the settings are not going to be saved in the Registry, this value has no meaning.

When this value is set to a TAppSettings component, any TPFormSettings components which are attached to the TAppSettings component will automatically be updated.

AddSetting method

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPSettings](#) component

Declaration

```
procedure AddSetting(aName: String; storeEncrypted: Boolean);
```

Description

This method allows you to add settings at run time. Be careful, however, not to use this mechanism when the Save Location is either the Registry or User-Defined since the values for all the settings will be restored before you can create a new setting using this method. Therefore, the only time that this method should be used is when the Save Location is a Stream or a Storage file. Then you can add new settings before calling RestoreFromStream or RestoreFromStorage.

AddSetting method example

```
begin
  { create a new setting }
  PFormSettings.AddSetting( 'Password', True );
  PFormSettings.RestoreFromStream( fGlobalStream );

  if ( PFormSettings['Password'] = 'FooBar' ) then
    begin
      DoSomething;
    end;
  end;
end;
```




TPFormSettings component

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Description

The TPFormSettings component is a descendent of the TPSettings component. The TPFormSettings component is intended to be used for saving a restoring form-related settings.

The TPFormSettings component may only be dropped on TForm descendents. It is designed to automatically save basic form information such as Left, Top, Width, Height, and WindowState based on the type of its parent form. If the parent form is a dialog box, for example, only the Left and Top will be stored. You can easily change the information that is stored by setting the appropriate properties.

TPFormSettings also makes it very easy to maintain a Most-Recently-Used files list (MRU list) in your application. You can specify the length of the list (in items), the view properties of the items, and the TMenuItem from which the MRU list descends.

TPFormSettings also makes it easy to save and property of the parent form or any property of any component on the parent form. Simply double-click the component at design time to select the properties visually.

TPFormSettings components can be related to TAppSettings components with the AppSettingsCtrl property. If you have multiple forms in your application, each form will have its own TPFormSettings related to a single application-wide TAppSettings component. With very few lines of code, similar properties on different forms can be synchronized automatically through the TAppSettings component.

See also

[TAppSettings](#) component

Properties

▶ Run-time only


🔑 Key properties







- 🔑 AppSettingsCtrl
 - 🔑 FormSaveOpt
 - 🔑 MRUDisplay
 - 🔑 MRULength
 - 🔑 MRUMaxItemWidth
 - 🔑 MRUMenuItem
 - 🔑 OnMRUClick
 - 🔑 SaveLocation

From TPSettings (ancestor component)

- 🔑 CompanyName
- 🔑 OnUserRestore
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- 🔑 RegistryRootKey
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About the TPFormSettings component

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Purpose

The TPFormSettings component is designed to simplify the requirements for maintaining end-user-defined application settings and other form and application information. This information can be maintained in the Registry, in a file (Stream or OLE Structured Storage), or in any programmer-defined location such as a database or initialization file.

The TPFormSettings can be used simply to store form size and location, or it can be used to save Most-Recently-Used file lists, property values, internal settings, along with form size, location, and state information.

Along with TAppSettings, the TPFormSettings component makes possible the persistent storage requirements of today's complicated applications without a large investment in time or learning. All the details of using the Registry, and maintaining the information (RTTI) are encapsulated in the components.

See also

[TAppSettings](#) component

AppSettingsCtrl property

Applies to

[TPFormSettings](#) component

Declaration

property AppSettingsCtrl: [TPAppSettings](#);

Description

Specifies the TPAppSettings to which this TPFormSettings component is related.

FormSaveOpt property

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPFormSettings](#) component

Declaration

property FormSaveOpt: [TPFormSaveOpt](#);

Description

Specifies which of the basic form properites (Left, Top, Width, Height, WindowState) to maintain.

FormSaveOpt property example

```
PFormSettings.FormSaveOpt := [pfsLeft, pfsTop];
```

MRUDisplay property

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPFormSettings](#) component

Declaration

property MRUDisplay: [TPMRUDisplayType](#);

Description

Specifies how each MRU item will appear in the menu.

MRUDisplay property example

```
PFormSettings.MRUDisplayType := pmdFileOnly;
```

MRULength property

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPFormSettings](#) component

Declaration

property MRULength: Integer;

Description

Specifies the length of the MRU list in number of items. The valid range is 0 - 9.

MRULength property example

```
PFormSettings.MRULength := 5;
```

MRUMaxItemWidth property

[See also](#)

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPFormSettings](#) component

Declaration

property MRUMaxItemWidth: Integer;

Description

Specifies the maximum width (in pixels) of a MRU item appearing in the menu. This value is only meaningful if the [MRUDisplay](#) property is set to [pmdAbbPath](#). The valid range is 100-300.

See also

[MRUDisplay](#) property

MRUMaxItemWidth property example

```
PFormSettings.MRUMaxItemWidth := 250;
```


MRUMenuItem property

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPFormSettings](#) component

Declaration

property MRUMenuItem: TMenuItem;

Description

Specifies the menu item to which the MRU list will be appended. If the menu item is not empty, a separator will be placed before the items.

MRUMenuItem property example

```
PFormSettings.MRUMenuItem := File1; { attaches the MRU list to the menu item named "File1" }
```

OnMRUClick property

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPFormSettings](#) component

Declaration

property OnMRUClick: [TPEvMRUClick](#);

Description

This event is triggered whenever one of the MRU menu items is clicked.

OnMRUClick property example

```
procedure TForm1.MyMRUClick(Sender: TObject; MenuItem: TMenuItem; FileName: String; MRUIndex: Integer);  
begin  
    OpenFile( FileName );  
end;
```

SaveLocation property

Applies to

[TPFormSettings](#) component

Declaration

property SaveLocation: [TPSaveLocationType](#);

Description

Specifies where to store the settings information. Selecting psiRegistry will cause all the form settings to be stored in the Registry. Selecting psiStream requires you to call the [SaveToStream](#) and [RestoreFromStream](#) methods at shutdown and startup, respectively. Selecting psiStorage is similar to psiStream. Selecting psiUser will cause the TPFormSettings component to trigger [OnUserRestore](#) and [OnUserSave](#) events for each setting.

This property may not be changed at run time.

MRUAdd method

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPFormSettings](#) component

Declaration

```
procedure MRUAdd(aPathName: String);
```

Description

This method adds a new MRU filename to the MRU list.

Note: The [SaveToStorage](#) and [SaveToStream](#) methods can also update the MRU list.

MRUAdd method example

```
PFormSettings.MRUAdd( 'c:\windows\win.ini' );
```

RestoreFromStorage method

[See also](#)

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPFormSettings](#) component

Declaration

```
procedure RestoreFromStorage(aStorage: IStorage);
```

Description

This method is called to restore all the settings information from an OLE Structured Storage file. The caller must provide a valid, open IStorage pointer. This method should be used to retrieve previously saved settings information from a Storage file.

See also

[SaveToStorage](#) method

RestoreFromStorage method example

```
PFormSettings.RestoreFromStorage( myStorage );
```

RestoreFromStream method

[See also](#)

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPFormSettings](#) component

Declaration

```
procedure RestoreFromStream(aStream: TStream);
```

Description

This method is used to restore all settings information from a TStream. The caller must provide a valid TStream object as the parameter to the method. The TPFormSettings component will begin reading from the current stream position and will not seek for the information in the TStream. Therefore, you must use caution when saving to and restoring from TStreams.

See also

[SaveToStream](#) method

RestoreFromStream method example

```
var
  aStream : TFileStream;
begin
  aStream := TFileStream.Create( 'c:\filename.dat', fmOpenRead );
  RestoreOtherInformation( aStream );
  PFormSettings.RestoreFromStream( aStream );
  aStream.Free;
end;
```

SaveToStorage method

[See also](#)

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPFormSettings](#) component

Declaration

```
procedure SaveToStorage(aStorage: IStorage; aPathName: String);
```

Description

This method is used to store all settings information to an OLE Structured Storage file. The caller must provide a valid IStorage pointer.

If aPathName is not empty, it is added to the MainForm's MRU list. This is a shortcut method for adding files to the MRU list.

See also

[RestoreFromStorage](#) method

SaveToStorage method example

```
PFormSettings.SaveToStorage( myStorage );
```


SaveToStream method

[See also](#)

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPFormSettings](#) component

Declaration

```
procedure SaveToStream(aStream: TStream; aPathname: String);
```

Description

This method is used to save all settings information to a TStream. The caller must provide a valid TStream object. Use caution when saving and restoring information in TStreams. TPFormSettings will begin writing to the TStream at the current location. It will not seek to the beginning or end of the TStream.

If aPathName is not empty, it is added to the MainForm's MRU list. This is a shortcut method for adding files to the MRU list.

See also

[RestoreFromStream](#) method

SaveToStream method example

```
var
  aStream : TFileStream;
begin
  aStream := TFileStream.Create( 'c:\filename.dat', fmOpenWrite or fmCreate );
  SaveOtherInformation( aStream );
  PFormSettings.SaveToStream( aStream );
  aStream.Free;
end;
```

UpdateToAppSettings method

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPFormSettings](#) component

Declaration

procedure UpdateToAppSettings;

Description

This method updates all of the application-related settings for the TPFormSettings component. This method is most commonly used when implementing options dialog boxes. After the options dialog is closed, this method is called which forces all of the application-related settings to be updated and propagated through the application.

UpdateToAppSettings method example

```
begin
    frmOptions.ShowModal; { show the options dialog }
    if ( frmOptions.ModalResult = mrOK ) then
        begin
            frmOptions.PFormSettings.UpdateToAppSettings;
        end;
    end;
```



TPAppSettings component

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Description




The TPAppSettings component is similar to the TPFormSettings component except that it does not maintain any property-related settings or form-related settings. All of the settings maintained by the TPAppSettings component are named settings. TPFormSettings components may bind themselves to a TPAppSettings component in order to maintain similar properties throughout an application.

TPAppSettings components may be dropped onto forms or data modules as needed. Typically only a single TPAppSettings component exists in an application and resides in a data module.






See also

[TPFormSettings](#) component


Properties

-  Run-time only
-  Key properties
 -  SaveLocation

From TPSettings (ancestor component)

-  CompanyName
-  OnUserRestore
-  OnUserSave
-  RegistryRootKey
-  Settings
 -  SoftwareName
 -  SoftwareVersion

Methods

 Key methods

 [UpdateToFormSettings](#)

From TPSettings (ancestor component)

 [AddSetting](#)



About the TAppSettings component

[See also](#)

[TAppSettings reference](#)

Purpose

The TAppSettings component is designed to maintain all application-wide settings such as passwords and options. All settings are accessed by name. The TAppSettings component can also be used to synchronize similar settings throughout an application.

See also

[TPFormSettings](#) component

SaveLocation property

Applies to

[TPAppSettings](#) component

Declaration

```
property SaveLocation: TAppSaveLocType;
```

Description

Specifies where to store the settings information. Selecting `pslUser` will cause the `TPFormSettings` component to trigger [OnUserRestore](#) and [OnUserSave](#) events for each setting.

This property may not be changed at run time.

UpdateToFormSettings method

[Example](#)

Applies to

[TPAppSettings](#) component

Declaration

procedure UpdateToFormSettings;

Description

Informs all TPFormSettings components to update their appliation-bound settings based on the current values.

UpdateToFormSettings method example

```
PAppSettings.UpdateToFormSettings;
```

TPAppSaveLocType type

Unit

[PSetting](#)

Declaration

```
type TPAppSaveLocType = (palRegistry, palUser);
```

TPEvMRUClick type

Unit

PSetting

Declaration

```
type TPEvMRUClick = procedure (Sender: TObject; MenuItem: TMenuItem; FileName: String;  
MRUIndex: Integer) of Object;
```


TPEvUserRestore type

Unit

PSetting

Declaration

```
type TPEvUserRestore = procedure(Sender: TObject; Setting: TPSetting) of Object;
```

TPEvUserSave type

Unit

PSetting

Declaration

```
type TPEvUserSave = procedure(Sender: TObject; Setting: TPSetting) of Object;
```

TPFormSaveOpt type

Unit

PSetting

Declaration

```
type TPFormSaveOpt = set of TPFormSaveOpts;
```

TPFormSaveOpts type

Unit

[PSetting](#)

Declaration

```
type TPFormSaveOpts = (pfsLeft, pfsTop, pfsWidth, pfsHeight, pfsState);
```

TPMRUDisplayType type

Unit

[PSetting](#)

Declaration

```
type TPMRUDisplayType = (pmdFileOnly, pmdFullPath, pmdAbbPath);
```

TPRootKeyType type

Unit

PSetting

Declaration

```
type TPRootKeyType = (prkCurrentUser, prkLocalMachine);
```

TPSaveLocationType type

Unit

[PSetting](#)

Declaration

```
type TPSaveLocationType = (pslRegistry, pslStream, pslStorage, pslUser);
```

