

RtDbCopy Component Ver. 1.00
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TBatchMove is a very powerful component, but it has several shortcomings. What it cannot handle:

- 1) if you don't define a problem table and an error occurs, the whole operation will be canceled
- 2) it cannot change field data types in most cases
- 3) it cannot influence field data, it's copied as it is

RtDbCopy is a replacement component, which offers:

- 1) before and after copy event, to do housekeeping actions
- 2) on every record event, to gauge the whole process or implement function filter
- 3) on every field event, where you get the data being read and set data being written, so that you can feed three destination fields from one source field or do whatever is appropriate
- 4) on every error event, where you can ask the user to decide if he wants to continue or break
- 5) through Mappings definition it lets you change field data types and/or sizes

To achieve the best possible performance low-level BDE calls have been used whenever I could. At the end it comes very close to TBatchMove speed-wise.

Files Included:

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| README.WRI | this file |
| RTREGDC.PAS | unit to register RtDbCopy with Delphi |
| RTDBCOPY.PAS | RtDbCopy itself (DCU in the demo version and PAS in the registered one) |
| RTDCEDIT.PAS/DFM | Property Editor for Mappings property. |
| RTCONTS.PAS | Constants for this and/or my other components |
| RT.PAS | unit with general functions I need |
| TES1*.* | test projects |
| TES2*.* | |
| LOGIN.* | Login dialog for the above projects |
| RTDBCOPY.HLP | RtDbCopy help file |
| RTDBCOPY.KWF | RtDbCopy keyword file |
| 16*.* | Files specific to Delphi 1.0 |
| 32*.* | Files specific to Delphi 2.0 |

Installation:

Copy the RT*.DCR, RT*.DCU and RT*.RES files to the same directory, including files from appropriate subdirectory(16\ or 32\). Then follow the Delphi instructions for installing components. Both HLP and KWF files should probably be copied into DELPHI\BIN, the KWF is the keyword file, which can be installed with HELPINST.EXE.

Test projects:

With TES1 project you can batCopy every table you will. After choosing source table its structure will be shown in a StringGrid, so that you can edit destination field names, types and sizes. Then the batCopy progress will be shown with TGauge using OnRecord event, and every string field in will be uppercased in OnField event.

TES2 project lets you chose both source and destination table, copy mode, and then compare performance of both TBatchMove and TRtDbCopy.

Known problems:

There is one problem I'm aware of, but I don't have any solution to it. This component cannot create new tables with Foxpro/dBase through ODBC, with both Microsoft and Intersolv drivers. The error lies not in the component itself, but in the TTable's CreateTable method, because Borland's TBatchMove has the same problem.

Registration

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