Help for FMDrop

FMDrop is a Visual Basic custom control that sends menu selection events to your VB program.

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Properties

FMDrop only supports the following standard properties: Name, Tag, Left, Top, and Enabled. FMDrop will send <u>DropFiles</u> when the Enabled property is set to True.

FMDrop supports the following custom properties:

<u>FileCount</u>

<u>FileName</u>

<u>InClient</u>

<u>X</u>

<u>Y</u>

FileCount Property

Description
 Specifies the number of files dropped.
 This property is only valid after a <u>DropFiles</u> event has occurred.

Usage
 [*form*.][*label*.]FileCount

Remarks
 This property tells how many files were dropped.

Data Type
 Integer

FileName Property

Description

Specifies the name(s) of the file(s) dropped into the form.

Usage

[*form*.][*label*.]FileName(*index*)

Remarks

This property tells filenames of the file that were dropped.   It's an array of strings.   The first element in the array has an index of zero (0).   This means that the valid index values for the array run from 0 through (FileCount - 1).

The given by the File Manager have full paths.

This property is only valid after a DropFiles event has occurred.

Data Type

String array

InClient Property

Description

Specifies whether the files were dropped in the client or non-client area of the form. This property is only valid after a <u>DropFiles</u> event has occurred.

Usage

[*form*.][*label*.]InClient

Remarks

If this property is True, the file(s) were dropped in the client area (i.e. the main window) of the form.   If False, this means that the file(s) were dropped in the title bar, the system menu, or any other part of the window that's not the main portion.

Data Type

Integer (boolean)

X and Y Properties

Description

Specifies the point where the file(s) were dropped.

Usage

[*form*.][*label*.]X
[*form*.][*label*.]Y

Remarks

These properties specify where the files were dropped on the form.   They specify the location in pixels.

This property is only valid after a <u>DropFiles</u> event has occurred.

Data Type

Integer

Events

FMDrop only has one event: DropFiles.   This event tells your VB program when the user has dropped files into the form.

DropFiles

DropFiles Event

Description

Occurs when the user drops files into the form.

Syntax

Sub *ctlname*_DropFiles( )

Remarks

This event only occurs if the Enabled property is set to True.   Also, this event only fires for the form that the control is on.   If there are multiple forms that need drag and drop events, you must place FMDrop on each one.

Prior to sending this event FMDrop fills in all of the properties (<u>FileCount</u>, <u>FileName</u>, <u>InClient</u>, <u>X</u>, and <u>Y</u>) with the appropriate values.

About FMDrop

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Source code (which includes a registered copy) to this control is available for $25 ($30 for international orders).   With source code you get a registered version of the control.   If you are a CompuServe member, you may get the source code in the Software Registration forum (GO SWREG) for $20.   It's registration number is 1379.

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Getting Custom Controls Written

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