

## Re: dual use of combo box

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Your method IS more elegant -- in the old-time programming sense: the fewest lines of code to produce the desired effect. I use it myself quite often. But giving answers in the newsgroups, I always err on the side of understandability (if that's a word). The IF statement is more readily understood than flipping boolean expressions. Especially for new programmers. For the similar reasons, I usually use 'IF varBoolean = True' rather than 'IF varBoolean'.

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--Roger Carlson

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"Graham R Seach" <gseach@NOSPAMPacificdb.com.au> wrote in message  
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> Randall,

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> There's certainly nothing wrong with Roger's suggestion. If by "elegant" you

> mean "complex", then I think you're on the wrong path. Roger's solution is  
> elegant in my opinion, because it provides the required functionality in a  
> very simple and manageable way. The only thing I would change, and this is  
> simply a matter of personal preference, is to do the assignment like this:

>     cboChooseCombo.Visible = Not (Me.NewRecord)

>     cboEnterCombo.Visible = (Me.NewRecord)

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> Regards,

> Graham R Seach

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> "Randall Arnold" <rgarnold@cathartis.com\_> wrote in message

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> > That's certainly a workable method. I was just hoping for something  
more

> > "elegant" (sorry...lol). I figured I could change properties on the fly  
> if

> > nothing else-- if I only knew what to change that would work.

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> > For now I'll implement your idea, though. Thanks!

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> > Randall Arnold

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> > "Roger Carlson" <NO-carlsoro-SPAM@hotmail.com> wrote in message

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> > > I would create two combo boxes, one to find an existing record

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> > > (cboChooseCombo) and another to add new values (cboEnterCombo). Then
> make
> > > them alternately visible and invisible depending on whether you are in
> the
> > > NewRecord of the form. If you placed them one on top of the other and
> > > sized
> > > them exactly the same, it would look like the same combo had dual
roles.
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> > > It would require something like the following code in the On Current
> event
> > > of the form.
> > >
> > > Private Sub Form_Current()
> > > If Me.NewRecord Then
> > >     cboChooseCombo.Visible = False
> > >     cboEnterCombo.Visible = True
> > > Else
> > >     cboChooseCombo.Visible = True
> > >     cboEnterCombo.Visible = False
> > > End If
> > > End Sub
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> > > "Randall Arnold" <rgarnold@cathartis.com_> wrote in message
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> > >> I'm going nuts on this one.
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> > >> My client wants to use a combo box to filter certain records on a
form
> > > while
> > >> in record Edit mode, and use the same combo to select a value to add
to
> a
> > >> new record while in record Add mode. My assumption was that I could
> test
> > > to
> > >> see if an Add operation was in progress and allow the field value to
> > > change
> > >> if so; otherwise, I would Cancel the change in the form's
BeforeUpdate
> > > event
> > >> (since in Edit mode I want to use the combo *solely* for filtering of
> > >> records-- the field value should never be changed on this form).
> > > Naturally,
> > >> the combo is bound so that adding records is automatic and browsing
the
> > >> records in Edit mode shows the proper field value.
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> > >> Problem is, this idea doesn't work. The program crashes on the
filter
> > >> (in
> > >> the combo's change event sub) and says I'm trying to access a
property
> > >> "|"
> > >> (!!!????!!!) that doesn't exist.
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> > >> Surely someone has done this before, but I can't find any examples.
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> > > Anyone  
> > >> know a resource to steer me toward? Many thanks!  
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> > >> Randall Arnold  
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