

Re: Using mouse to scroll down a combo list

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Hi Crystal,

LOL... :)

after our exchanges on my 'How can I Automate a complex update process involving 3-4 tables?.' thread; I feel I know you quite well. Nice to know you are back in the groove after your recent holiday/trip. I will come back to you on the outstanding question above if I may, just as soon as I have recharged my batteries and tightened things up with the database.

Meanwhile...

is there a definitive answer as to whether I can have my mousewheel scroll the highlight bar up and down, rather than have the list itself move up and down (which incidently, it doesn't due to the max 16 items which I can easily accomodate on my form) can it be done with some kind of control code? or does a non-reply to this question imply that the answer is a resounding, No?...

best regards

Eric

"strive4peace" wrote:

Hi Eric,

"advice on the structure"

you know me too well ;)

actually, this wasn't about structure -- just used the structure example to show you how to automatically create the answer records and eliminate the need for the users to do it ;)

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Warm Regards,
Crystal

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(: have an awesome day :)
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efandango wrote:

Crystal,

I appreciate your advice on the structure of a question and answer setup; but I already have all that working just fine. I just wanted to improve the interface/ergonomics aspect of the user experience. In saying that I already have a complete setup working well; there is always something one can learn. In time I will look at your structure setup more closely and see if I can use it to improve my working solution. In the meantime; is there a definitive answer as to whether I can have my mousewheel scroll the highlight bar up and down, rather than have the list itself move up and down (which incidently, it doesn't due to the max 16 items which I can easily accomodate on my form)

regards

Eric

"strive4peace" wrote:

Hi Eric,

rather than making the user choose each question, add the questions for them.

I will assume you have a table where the questions are defined

Questions
– QID, autonumber
– Question, text
etc

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and tables with test info and where you record answers

Tests

- TestID, autonumber
- PersonID, long -- FK to identify who is taking the test
- TestDate, date

Answers

- AID, autonumber
- TestID, long -- FK to tests
- QID, long -- FK to Answers

in the Answers table, make a multi-filed unique index on the combination of

TestID

QID

(instructions on how to do this are in Access Basics) -- this is so, if

you accidentally append questions twice, you do not end up with duplicates

then, when you make a new record for Tests, on the form

AfterUpdate

event, append all the questions to the answers table and requery the subform

```
'~~~~~  
dim strSQL as string  
strSQL = "INSERT INTO Answers (TestID, QID) " _  
& " SELECT QID, " & me.testid _  
& " FROM Questions;"  
currentdb.execute strSQL  
currentdb.tabledefs.refresh  
DoEvents
```

```
me.subform_controlname.requery  
'~~~~~
```

hopefully, you can see the logic of this. If not, post back with questions <smile>

Warm Regards,
Crystal

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efandango wrote:

Thanks Crsytal,

I was aware of these features of the combo box. It is mainly this messing around with arrow keys to go up and down the list of entries that has led me to want to do the same with the mouse wheel. The 16 records per combo are finite; so no need to increase ListRows. I just want the user to be able to not have to leave the mouse/wheel. The combo box appears on every 'page#' of the main records. It's a quiz answer list, and all 16 have to be answered, hence the desire to just have the mouse wheel scroll the 'highlight' bar up and down. (and it would look as neat as it would be to actually use.)

regards

Eric

"strive4peace" wrote:

Hi Eric,

alt-`{down arrow}` will drop the list
press `{down arrow}` to move to the next choice
(once you press `{down arrow}`, you can press `{page up}` and `{page down}`)
then `{tab}` to exit the control and move to the next...

"16 records per combo box"

if you have room on the screen, you can make

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ListRows a higher number

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Crystal

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(: have an awesome day :)

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efandango wrote:

Arvin,

Thanks for
the reply.

Yes.
everything
you said, I
understand
(already
knew).

But what I
want is
some way
of having
the
'highlight
bar' move
up and
down by
just using
the mouse
wheel and
not having
to move the
mouse.

There is a
very
good reason
for this. I
have
numerous
list of 16

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records per
combo box,
and
they all
eventually
have to be
picked (it's
a qiz thing).
and after a
while
it gets
'tiring' on
the eyes
moving the
mouse
around,
wheras it
would be
better if the
hightlight
bar just
moved up
or down.

I know this
is not the
'standard'
way combo
boxes are
supposed to
work, but
it suits this
application
better if I
can get the
mouse
wheel to do
the work.

"Arvin
Meyer
[MVP]"
wrote:

Generally,
if
you

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drop
the
combo
down
and
put
the
mouse
pointer
over
the
values,
it
will
show
a
selection
of
the
one
under
the
pointer,
after
a
short
delay.
Using
the
scroll
wheel
will
move
the
combo's
rows,
and
after
less
than
a
half
second
delay
will
show
that
row
selected.
Once
clicked

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that
remains
the
selection.
With
your
combos
showing
the
entire
range
of
value,
you
should
be
able
to
simply
move
your
mouse
without
scrolling.
You
should
not
have
a
delay
in
that
case.
You
still
need
to
click
on
the
value
you
want.
That's
the
way
combo
boxes
work.
--
Arvin

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Meyer,
MCP,
MVP
<http://www.datastrat.com>
<http://www.mvps.org/access>
<http://www.accessmvp.com>

"efandango"
<efandango@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote
in
message
<news:7C55AD86-7847-4E73-89C8-A046105B5BE4@xxx>

Is
there
any
way
I
can
have
my
mouse
wheel
scoll
up
and
down
the
actual
contents
of
a
list
on
of
a
combo
box.

I
don't
mean
the
standard
'scroll
the
list'
where
the
list

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just
moves
up
and
down
but
stays
fixed
on
the
initial
selection.
Instead
I
want
the
mouse
to
scroll
through
the
different
field
contents
highlighting
as
it
goes
until
I
find
the
field
record
that
I
want
to
use.
Then
just
leave
the
box,
making
the
last
selected
(highlighted)
field
content

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my
chosen
record.
I
have
a
finite
list
of
16
records
in
each
combo
box,
and
at
the
moment,
have
the
'List
Rows'
property
set
to
16.