

RE: Display a record – several questions

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Hi Dave,

Thank you for posting.

Seems you're still struggling in some web applications, as for your questions, here are some of my general suggestion:

1) I want to call using `ViewDatasource.aspx?ID=5` and I have an `ObjectDataSource` set up to get the correct record on a select. But I don't think that is happening. What do I have to do to have the select called and the `ObjectDataSource` populated?

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If what you want is let the `ObjectDataSource` queried the certain record according to the page's `querystring` parameter, you can define a `Querystring` parameter in the `ObjectDataSource` and map it to parameter in the SQL select statement.

#Using Parameters with Data Source Controls

[http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/xt50s8kz\(VS.80\).aspx](http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/xt50s8kz(VS.80).aspx)

2) To display Text in a cell I put `<td><%# Eval("Title") %></td>` (the column name is Title). Is this correct.

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Yes, `Eval` is the correct expression to output data from the bound record (as long as the property name or column name is correctly specified).

3) To pick the multiview I put `<asp:MultiView ActiveViewIndex='<%# Eval("ProviderType") %>' ...` where `ProviderType` is an `enum:int` and returns 0 or 1. Is this correct?

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Yes, you can do through this and I suggest you first use some "Eval" code snippet to output it for testing. Also, for `FormView` or `DetailsView` such as "ItemCreated" or "DataBound" where we can manually get the reference of the sub controls in the certain template and modify them.

4) How do I display a RadioButtonList and CheckBox value where it is display

only? I would like to have the radio buttons and checkbox displayed – but they cannot be editable and disabling them looks wrong (to me). Can they be made read-only?

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Based on my understanding, Radio or CheckBox control can not be set as "readonly" , we can only make it disabled(gray), this is limited to the HTML element's behavior. One possible means is add the "onclick" client-side event handler for the checkbox or radio and cancel the event in the event handler(this can make the user's clicking take no effect).

5) How do I set the initial value of a RadioButtonList? I can't find a property for that.

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RadioButtonList derived from ListControl, so it also support the SelectedIndex , SelectedValue property which you can have a try upon.

6) What is the best way to provide a message if they put ID=5 in the url and there is no record 5?

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IMO, since those ASP.NET 2.0 databound controls like GridView, FormView support a "EmptyDataTemplate"(which is used to custom the view for non data queried scenario), you can use this template to provide the alert info.

#FormView.EmptyDataTemplate Property
[http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-US/library/system.web.ui.webcontrols.formview.emptydatatemplate\(VS.80\).aspx](http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-US/library/system.web.ui.webcontrols.formview.emptydatatemplate(VS.80).aspx)

If you do not want to use the databound's template, you may need to capture the non-data event, e.g the datasource control's "Selected" event, we can check whether there is row returned there(through the parameter in the event) and then customize some UI element on the page to display the alert info.

Hope this helps.

Regards,

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