

Re: Combobox Sorting

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LondonLad wrote:

Hi

I am using this code provided by MikeD and I want to sort the Combobox entries so I added the line as shown **

This give an error "Can't assign to Read-Only property" How can I sort the Combobox? can you help please

```
Private Sub Form_Load()  
Dim IFileNum As Long  
Dim sFileName As String  
Dim saItems() As String  
Dim sTemp As String  
Dim Index As Long
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On Error GoTo EH
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```
cboTest.Text = "Select Item"  
cboTest.ListIndex = -1  
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cboTest.Sorted = True  
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txtItemToAdd.Text = ""  
cmdAdd.Enabled = False
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If Right$(App.Path, 1) <> "\" Then  
sFileName = App.Path & "\" & CBO_LIST_FILENAME  
Else  
sFileName = App.Path & CBO_LIST_FILENAME  
End If
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IFileNum = FreeFile
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'Be prepared for a file not found error  
Open sFileName For Input As IFileNum  
sTemp = Input(LOF(IFileNum), IFileNum)  
Close IFileNum
```

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```
saItems = Split(sTemp, vbCrLf)
For Index = LBound(saItems) To UBound(saItems)
If Len(saItems(Index)) > 0 Then
cboTest.AddItem saItems(Index)
End If
Next
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Exit Sub
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EH:
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```
Close IFileNum
If Err.Number <> 53 Then
MsgBox Err.Description
End If
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End Sub
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open your program in the IDE and select the errant combobox on whatever form it's on.
Change the "Sorted" property in the combobox properties box to true.

As the message says "Can't assign to Read-Only property"

Any message that comes back with that, means you have to preset whatever control that generated it, via the property in the properties box when you're developing your program.

That's the simple fix.

There are other means to do what you want, but you need to be a VERY experienced programmer, in classing and exposing properties, to understand it.

I'm not, so if you're after that sort of programming, you need one of the MVPs in the forum to explain it. One of 'em will surface if you are prepared to wait.

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