

Re: FORMDROPDOWN Problems

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Thank you so much. I now know where to concentrate my attacks.

It looks like I already had all the pieces (both links were among the mountain I printed off), but was unable to see how they tie together. I literally couldn't see the mountain for the trees.

"Doug Robbins" wrote:

- > You cannot sensibly do this without use vba code. And if the network
- > nannies won't accept the following method of doing it, I would be telling
- > them to stick their job. If the templates are stored in the user template
- > directory, the macro security level can be left at high.
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- > Your templates should use userforms with a combobox rather than formfields.
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- > See the article "How to create a Userform" at:
- >
- > <http://word.mvps.org/FAQs/Userforms/CreateAUserForm.htm>
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- >
- > This routine loads a listbox (it could also be a combobox) with client
- > details stored in a table in a separate
- > document (which makes it easy to maintain with additions, deletions etc. and
- > that same table would be used for all templates), that document being saved
- > as Clients.Doc for the following code.
- >
- > Private Sub UserForm_Initialize()
- > Dim sourcedoc As Document, i As Integer, j As Integer, myitem As Range,
- > m As Long, n As Long
- > ' Modify the path in the following line so that it matches where you
- > saved Clients.doc
- > Application.ScreenUpdating = False
- > ' Open the file containing the client details
- > Set sourcedoc = Documents.Open(FileName:="e:\worddocs\Clients.doc")
- > ' Get the number or clients = number of rows in the table of client

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> details less one
> i = sourcedoc.Tables(1).Rows.Count - 1
> ' Get the number of columns in the table of client details
> j = sourcedoc.Tables(1).Columns.Count
> ' Set the number of columns in the Listbox to match
> ' the number of columns in the table of client details
> ListBox1.ColumnCount = j
> ' Define an array to be loaded with the client data
> Dim MyArray() As Variant
> 'Load client data into MyArray
> ReDim MyArray(i, j)
> For n = 0 To j - 1
> For m = 0 To i - 1
> Set myitem = sourcedoc.Tables(1).Cell(m + 2, n + 1).Range
> myitem.End = myitem.End - 1
> MyArray(m, n) = myitem.Text
> Next m
> Next n
> ' Load data into ListBox1
> ListBox1.List() = MyArray
> ' Close the file containing the client details
> sourcedoc.Close SaveChanges:=wdDoNotSaveChanges
> End Sub
>
> To handle the distribution of the templates, see the article "Distributing
> macros to other users" at:
>
> http://word.mvps.org/FAQs/MacrosVBA/DistributeMacros.htm
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> Don't be put off by the title.
> --
> Hope this helps.
>
> Please reply to the newsgroup unless you wish to avail yourself of my
> services on a paid consulting basis.
>
> Doug Robbins - Word MVP
> "Stumped_In_Hbg" <Stumped_In_Hbg@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
> news:550829B4-57C0-468F-A80D-3B1E3D56ABFA@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
> >I think I've been looking so long and so hard, that I feel like I'm missing
> > something really obvious here.
> >
> > I've been researching this problem for 3 (plus) days now. I've been to
> > something in the area of 40 web sites, printed 3 reams of paper, been *all
> > over* the Word help file, even searched this discussion group area every
> > possible way I can think of—but right now, I truly believe I'd make more
> > progress studying the principals of warp drives.
> >
> > And it's really driving me nuts because damn near *every* other problem
> > I've
> > come up against, I've been able to solve in a lot less time, and with a
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>> lot
>> less wasted effort. So basically, I'm not used to failure when it comes
>> to
>> finding my own answers. If this were Excel, I can think of about 5 or 6
>> different ways to do this but alas, it's not Excel and I have to admit
>> defeat
>> (for now).
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>> Here's what's got me stumped...
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>> At work, we have something on the order of 40 to 50 templates stored on a
>> network share which our users have to access many times each day. In most
>> of
>> those forms, are drop down fields to select supervisors names and numbers.
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>> Currently, I have to update each of those drop downs *every* time staff
>> changes. And generally, that's about once a month or so. If I miss any,
>> something as seemingly minor as an invalid POC, could result in a decision
>> being reversed where it should not be.
>>
>> What I'm trying to do, is to be able to auto-populate those drop downs
>> from
>> data maintained in a (one, not 30 or 40) single data source using either
>> Excel, or Access, so that our POC information is always correct and up to
>> date (assuming of course the central database is updated in a timely
>> fashion).
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>> Network policy forbids the use of macros in the general user base so VBA
>> is
>> out. Most of our users are about as knowledgeable in Word, as... Well,
>> let's
>> just say I've seen middle school students who are more adept.
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>> Method 1–
>> I've tried AUTOTEXTLIST, DATABASE, and DDE field codes so far, and so far,
>> the only one which seems to work somewhat, is the DDE field code.
>> However,
>> it requires the Excel sheet to be opened to get the requested data. With
>> our
>> user skill level, this really is not a viable option.
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>> Method 2–
>> The only solution I've been able to conceive of, is to have a copies of
>> the
>> templates *with* macros, do the updates, then copy themselves over the
>> existing active templates. Using a combination of tools, I believe I can
>> get
>> Word to kick off when needed, running the auto-updating macros on the
>> master
>> templates. Then I should be able to write just the template portions to
>> working copies thus achieving the same results.

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>> But someone please tell me method 1 will in fact work so I don't have to
>> do
>> it in the VBA procedure...
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>> Thanks in advance.
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• **References:**

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