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Description

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File Name

OXBUTTON.VBX

Object Type

OXButton

Remarks

OXButton gives the Visual Basic developer the ability to easily change the look and characteristics of the control. (Text formatting, 3D look, Fonts, Alignment, Default Property Settings and Other Properties) using the the right-mouse button or with the ControlWiz.

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OToggle is a 3D picture and text toggle button for Microsoft Visual Basic.

Description

This control adds new features the standard Visual Basic toggle or checkbox button did not. OXToggle can give the text and and a picture a 3D look. It also allows for different alignment of the text and picture. A moving drop-shadow is automatically created when the button is pressed. OXToggle includes PropertyMenus and ControlWiz.

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OXBUTTON.VBX

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Property Menu

Description

Right Clicking on the 3D-VB Input during development brings up a Property Menu which allows for changing the controls properties.

Remarks

Why MicroSoft didn't include this in standard VB instead of the VB Property window is beyond me. No more mousing back and forth searching for the Property window. Selecting one of the menu items brings up a dialog box to change the properties.

Control Wiz

Description

Automates the visual design of the control.

Remarks

No more wading through property list after property list. Allows you to change many properties at once.

(About)

DescriptionDisplays AboutBox and version information.

Design time only.

Data Type None.

(DesignNames)

Description

Displays CtlName property during DesignTime for all OXButton and OXToggle controls.

Design time only.

Data Type Boolean

(Help)

DescriptionStarts this help file.

Remarks

Design time only

Data Type None.

(SetDefault)

Description

Makes properties of the current control the default.

Remarks

DesignTime Only. Just select the control and set the default property. The following properties and their values will become the default for all the subsequent controls until the default is changed.

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \underline{BackColor} & \underline{PictureX} & \underline{TextX} \\ \underline{Font3D} & \underline{PictureY} & \underline{TextY} \\ \\ ForeColor & \underline{ShadowColor} & Visible. \end{array}$

Data Type

None.

(Control Wiz)

Description

Starts the <u>ControlWiz</u> for the current control.

Remarks

Design time only. The ControlWiz can be started by selecting the ControlWiz property form the property window and pressing the (...) or by clicking the right mouse button over the Control.

Data Type

None.

BackColor

Description

determines the background color of the button.

Usage

[form.]OXButton.BackColor[= color]

Remarks

BackColor should be set the same as the background color of the picture. This will enable the pictures drop-shadow effect.

Data Type

Long

Font3D

Description

Sets or returns the three-dimensional style of the Control text.

Usage

[form.]OXButton.Font3D[= setting%]

Remarks

The Font3D property settings are:

Setting	Description	
0	Invisible.	
1	Normal.	
2	Raised	
3	Inset	

Data Type

Integer (Enumerated)

Group

Description

Sets or returns the Group of the Toggle button.

Usage

[form.]OXToggle.Group[= setting%]

Remarks

Toggle buttons set to the same group and on the same window (i.e., Form, GroupBox, PictureBox) will interact with each other, selecting one will deselect the others. Only one button in each group can be selected.

Data Type

Integer

GroupAllowNoSel

Description

Sets or returns the value of GroupAllowNoSel.

Usage

[form.]OXToggle. GroupAllowNoSel[= setting%]

Remarks

When true allows no button in the <u>Group</u> to be selected. Normally when GroupAllowNoSel is FALSE, one toggle button will be selected. This property applies to the entire group. GroupAllowNoSel should be TRUE when only one toggle button is used.

Data Type

Integer (Boolean)

MultiLine

Description

Specifies whether the control will display the text or caption using more than one line of text.

Usage

[form.]OxButton.MultiLine[= x]

Remarks

The following table lists the MultiLine property settings for the control.

Setting	Description
True	Allows more than one line of text.
False	Allows only one line of text

TextAngle must be = 0 for MultiLine text to be displayed.

Data Type

Integer(Boolean)

Picture Down

Description

Specifies a bitmap or an icon to display on the command button when the button has been pressed and is down. If this property is (none) then the <u>PictureUp</u> property is used to draw the pressed control. This property is write-only at design time.

Usage

[form.]OXButton.PictureDown[= picture]

Remarks

The following table lists the PictureDown property settings for the button control.

Setting	Description
(none)	(Default) No picture.
(bitmap) or (icon) window at design t	Designates a graphic to display. You can load the graphic from the Properties ime.
Icon, Picture, or Im	This control can display bitmaps (.BMP) and icons (.ICO), but not Windows At run time, you can set the PictureDown property to any other object's DragIcon, age property, or you can assign it the graphic returned by the LoadPicture function. In the PictureDown property directly.

Data Type

Integer

Pictures

Description

Sets or returns a pre-defined bitmap included with the control.

Usage

[form.]OXButton.Pictures[= setting%]

Remarks

The following table lists the Pictures property settings for the button control.

Setting	Description
0	(Default) No picture.
1 - 16	PreDefined Bitmaps.

The PictureUp property over rides the Pictures property. The <u>PictureUp</u> property must be (none) to display the pre-defined bitmap.

Data Type

Integer (Enumerated)

PictureUp

Description

Specifies a bitmap or an icon to display on the command button when the button is not pressed and is up. If this property is (none) then the <u>Pictures</u> property is used to draw the control. This property is write-only at design time.

Usage

[form.]OXButton.PictureUp[= picture]

Remarks

The following table lists the PictureUp property settings for the button control.

Setting	Description
(none)	(Default) No picture.
(bitmap) or (icon) window at design to	Designates a graphic to display. You can load the graphic from the Properties me.
Icon, Picture, or Im	This control can display bitmaps (.BMP) and icons (.ICO), but not Windows At run time, you can set the PictureUp property to any other object's DragIcon, age property, or you can assign it the graphic returned by the LoadPicture function. In the PictureUp property directly.

Data Type

Integer

PictureX

Description

Sets or returns the pictures horizontal location in twips inside the control.

Usage

[form.]OXButton.**PictureX**[= x]

Remarks

The following table lists the PictureX property settings for the button control.

Setting	Description
>= 1	Twips from the left.
= 0	Centered.
<= -1	Twips from the right.

To align the picture on the left edge use a positive number, to align it from the right use a negative number or to center it use zero.

Data Type

Single

PictureY

Description

Sets or returns the pictures vertical location in twips inside the control.

Usage

[form.]OXButton.PictureY[= y]

Remarks

The following table lists the PictureY property settings for the button control.

Setting	Description
>= 1	Twips from the top.
= 0	Centered.
<= -1	Twips from the bottom.

To align the picture on the top edge use a positive number, to align it from the bottom use a negative number or to center it use zero.

Data Type

Single

ShadowColor

Description

Sets or returns the moving shadow color below the picture.

Usage

[form.]OXButton.ShadowColor[= color]

Remarks

For best effects dont use the <u>BackColor</u> for the shadow.

Data Type

Long

TextAngle

Description

Sets or returns the texts angle in degrees or rotation.

Usage

[form.]OxButton.**TextAngle**[= x]

Remarks

To rotate the text use a number between 1 and 360. 0 = no rotation.

Data Type

Integer

TextX

Description

Sets or returns the text or captions horizontal location in twips inside the control.

Usage

[form.]OXButton.**TextX**[= x]

Remarks

The following table lists the TextX property settings for the button control.

Setting	Description
>= 1	Twips from the left.
= 0	Centered.
<= -1	Twips from the right.

To align the text or caption on the left edge use a positive number, to align it from the right use a negative number or to center it use zero.

Data Type

Single

TextY

Description

Sets or returns the text or captions vertical location in twips inside the control.

Usage

[form.]OXButton.TextY[= y]

Remarks

The following table lists the TextY property settings for the button control.

Setting	Description
>= 1	Twips from the top.
= 0	Centered.
<= -1	Twips from the bottom.

To align the text or caption on the top edge use a positive number, to align it from the bottom use a negative number or to center it use zero.

Data Type

Single

Value

Description

Sets or returns the Value of the selection state of the toggle button.

Usage

[form.]OXToggle.Value[= setting%]

Remarks

The following table shows the Value property settings:

Setting	Description
FALSE	Not Selected (Toggle Button UP)
TRUE	Selected (Toggle Button DOWN)

Data Type

Integer (Boolean)

Registration

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