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Active Property

Applies to

TBalloonHint object

Declaration

property Active: Boolean;

Description

The Active property determines if balloon hints will be displayed. If Active is False, then standard Delphi hints will be displayed.



TBalloonHint Component

<u>Properties</u> <u>Method</u>

Unit

Balloon

Description

TBalloonHint is a descendent of TComponent. TBalloonHint is a component to display hint strings in a cartoon style balloon. Several properties are provided to customize the appearance of the balloon.

To add balloon hints to your application, simply place a TBalloonHint control on your main form and set the Active property to True.

Color

The color of the balloons is determined by the Application. HintColor property. The outline of the balloon is drawn as clWindowFrame.

Font

Balloons use the standard THintWindow font (if you have not modified the VCL source code, this will be MS Sans Serif 8 point regular).

Properties

▶ Run-time only

Key Properties

<u>Active</u>

MaxWidth

PositionShadowDepth

Shape

MaxWidth Property

Applies to

TBalloonHint object

Declaration

property MaxWidth: Integer;

Description

The MaxWidth property determines the maximum width in pixels the balloon will occupy on the screen. If this value is less than zero, TBalloonHint will use the absolute value of the number as a divisor to the width of the screen. For example: If MaxWidth = -4, the maximum width in pixels would be Screen. Width div 4. To get the actual maximum width in pixels no matter what MaxWidth is set to, use the <u>GetMaxWidthPixels</u> method.

Position Property

Applies to

TBalloonHint, TRotaryKnob objects

Declaration

TBalloonHint:

property Position: TBalloonPosition;

TRotaryKnob:

property Position: Integer;

Description

TBalloonHint:

The Position property determines the preferred location to display the balloon hint.

TRotaryKnob:

The Position property determines position of the indicator on the knob.

ShadowDepth Property

Applies to

TBalloonHint object

Declaration

property ShadowDepth: TShadowDepth;

Description

The ShadowDepth property determines the number of pixels to offset the balloon shadow.

Shape Property

Applies to

TAnalogClock, TBalloonHint, TPieMeter objects

Declaration

TAnalogClock:

property Shape: TAnalogClockShape;

TBalloonHint:

property Shape: TBalloonShape;

TPieMeter

property Shape: TPieShape;

Description

The Shape property determines the basic shape or outline of the object.

TBalloonShape Type

Unit

<u>Balloon</u>

Declaration

TBalloonShape = (bsRoundRect, bsRectangle);

Description

The TBalloonShape type is used by the $\underline{\text{Shape}}$ property to determine the shape of a $\underline{\text{TBalloonHint}}$ component.

TBalloonPosition Type

Unit

<u>Balloon</u>

Declaration

TBalloonPosition = (bpAboveLeft, bpAboveRight, bpBelowLeft, bpBelowRight);

Description

The TBalloonPosition type is used by the <u>Position</u> property of the <u>TBalloonHint</u> component to determine the default positioning of the balloon.

TShadowDepth Type

Unit

<u>Balloon</u>

Declaration

TShadowDepth = 0..16;

Description

The TShadowDepth type is used by the $\underline{ShadowDepth}$ property to determine the pixel offset of the balloon shadow of a $\underline{TBalloonHint}$ object.

Balloon Unit

The Balloon unit contains the classes and types used to implement balloon hints. The following items are declared in the Balloon unit:

Objects

TBalloonHint

Types

TBalloonShape

TBalloonPosition

TShadowDepth



TNeatoMeter Component

<u>Properties</u>

Unit

<u>Feedback</u>

Description

TNeatoMeter is a descendent of TGraphicControl. TNeatoMeter is a component to give user feedback for lengthy operations.

Feedback Unit

The Feedback unit contains the classes and types used to implement progress meters. The following items are declared in the Feedback unit:

Objects

TNeatoMeter

TPieMeter

Types

TBevelDepth

TBevelType

 $\underline{\sf TBitmapDrawStyle}$

TMeterDirection

TMeterStyle

TPieDirection

TPieShape

Properties

▶ Run-time only

Key Properties

BackColor ■ BevelDepth

BevelType

Bitmap

BitmapDrawS

tyle

BorderStyle

Caption

<u>Completed</u>

Direction

<u>Font</u>

<u>ForeColor</u>

<u>ParenFont</u>

<u>ParentShowHi</u>

<u>nt</u>

Percent

ShowHint

ShowPercent

<u>Style</u>

<u> Total</u>

<u>UseFontColor</u>

<u>Visible</u>

TBevelType Type

Unit

Feedback

Declaration

TBevelType = (btNone, btInset, btRaised);

Description

The TBevelType type is used by the $\underline{\text{BevelType}}$ property to give a $\underline{\text{TNeatoMeter}}$ component 3-D appearance.

BackColor Property

Applies to

<u>TAnalogClock</u>, <u>TLEDClock</u>, <u>TLEDLabel</u>, <u>TNeatoMeter</u>, <u>TPieMeter</u> objects

Declaration

property BackColor: TColor

Description

TAnalogClock:

The BackColor property determines the color of the area around the clock.

TLEDClock and TLEDLabel

The BackColor property determines the color of the area around the segments.

TNeatoMeter and TPieMeter:

The BackColor property determines the color of the incomplete area of the meter.

BevelDepth Property

Applies to

<u>TNeatoMeter</u> object

Declaration

property BevelDepth: TBevelDepth;

Description

The BevelDepth property is used to set the 3-D depth of the meter.

BevelType Property

Applies to

<u>TNeatoMeter</u> object

Declaration

property BevelType: TBevelType;

Description

The BevelType property is used to give a meter a 3-D appearance.

Bitmap Property

Applies to

<u>TNeatoMeter</u> object

Declaration

property Bitmap: TBitmap;

Description

The Bitmap property is used to show progress with a graphic instead of simple filled rectangles. The <u>BitmapDrawStyle</u> property determines the appearance of the bitmap.

BitmapDrawStyle Property

Applies to

<u>TNeatoMeter</u> object

Declaration

property BitmapDrawStyle: TBitmapDrawStyle;

Description

The BitmapDrawStyle property is used to determine how the $\underline{\text{bitmap}}$ will be displayed in a meter.

Percent Property

Applies to

<u>TNeatoMeter</u>, <u>TPieMeter</u> objects

Declaration

property Percent: Integer;

Description

The Percent property indicates the amount completed.

Caption Property

Applies to

TNeatoMeter, TPieMeter objects

Declaration

property Caption: string;

Description

The Caption property contains the text that will be displayed on the meter. If Caption is an empty string and <u>ShowPercent</u> is True, the percent complete will be displayed.

Completed Property

Applies to

<u>TNeatoMeter</u>, <u>TPieMeter</u> objects

Declaration

property Completed: Longint;

Description

The Completed property determines how many items out of a possible $\underline{\text{Total}}$ have been completed.

Direction Property

Applies to

<u>TNeatoMeter</u>, <u>TPieMeter</u> objects

Declaration

<u>TNeatoMeter</u>

property Direction: <u>TMeterDirection;</u>

TPieMeter

property Direction: TPieDirection;

Description

The Direction property determines the way a meter will indicate progress.

ForeColor Property

Applies to

<u>TNeatoMeter</u>, <u>TPieMeter</u> objects

Declaration

property ForeColor: TColor;

Description

The ForeColor property determines the color of the complete area of the meter.



TPieMeter Component

Properties

Unit

<u>Feedback</u>

Description

TPieMeter component is a descendent of TGraphicControl. TPieMeter is a component to give user feedback for lengthy operations.

ShowPercent Property

Applies to

TNeatoMeter, TPieMeter objects

Declaration

property ShowPercent: Boolean;

Description

The ShowPercent property determines whether or not the percent complete will be displayed when <u>Caption</u> is an empty string.

Style Property

Applies to

<u>TNeatoMeter</u> object

Declaration

property Style: <u>TMeterStyle;</u>

Description

The Style property determines the look of the meter.

Total Property

Applies to

<u>TNeatoMeter</u>, <u>TPieMeter</u> objects

Declaration

property Total: Longint;

Description

The Total property determines the number of $\underline{\text{Completed}}$ items required to reach 100 percent.

UseFontColor Property

Applies to

<u>TNeatoMeter</u> object

Declaration

property UseFontColor: Boolean;

Description

The UseFontColor property determines whether text displayed on the meter will be displayed using the color of the font or using the inverse color of the meter sections.

Note: When a bitmap has been assigned, the meter will always use the font color.

TBevelDepth Type

Unit

Feedback

Declaration

TBevelDepth = 0..10;

Description

The TBevelDepth type is used by the $\underline{\text{BevelDepth}}$ property to set the 3-D depth of a $\underline{\text{TNeatoMeter}}$ component.

TBitmapDrawStyle Type

Unit

Feedback

Declaration

TBitmapDrawStyle = (dsStretch, dsTile, dsTileInvert);

Description

The TBitmapDrawStyle type is used by the $\underline{\text{BitmapDrawStyle}}$ property to determine how the $\underline{\text{bitmap}}$ will be displayed in a $\underline{\text{TNeatoMeter}}$ object. The following table descibes the meaning of each value:

Value	Meaning
dsStretch	The bitmap will be stretched in the completed section of the meter. The remainder of the meter will be filled with the background color.
dsTile	The bitmap will be tiled in the completed section of the meter. The remainder of the meter will be filled with the background color.
dsTileInvert	The bitmap will be tiled in the completed section of the meter. The remainder of the meter will be tiled with the inverted image of the bitmap.

TMeterDirection Type

Unit

Feedback

Declaration

TMeterDirection = (mdLeftToRight, mdRightToLeft, mdTopToBottom,
 mdBottomToTop);

Description

The TMeterDirection type is used by the <u>Direction</u> property to determine which way a <u>TNeatoMeter</u> object will indicate progress.

TMeterStyle Type

Unit

Feedback

Declaration

TMeterStyle = (msStandard);

Description

The TMeterStyle type is used by the $\underline{\text{Style}}$ property to determine the look of a $\underline{\text{TNeatoMeter}}$ object.

Note: Future versions will hopefully support more styles (segments, etc.).

Properties

▶ Run-time only

Key Properties

BackColorFontShapeBorderStyleForeColorShowHintCaptionParenFontShowPercent

<u>Completed</u> <u>ParentShowHi</u> <u> Total</u>

<u>nt</u>

Properties

Key Properties

<u> HelpFile</u>

HintPause <u>HintColor</u> 🚾 <u>lcon</u>



TVisualApp Component

<u>Properties</u> <u>Events</u>

Unit

<u>VisApp</u>

Description

TVisualApp is a descendent of TComponent. TVisualApp is a component to allow you to easily manipulate the global Application objects properties and attach event handlers.

AnaClock Unit

The AnaClock unit contains the classes and types used to implement an analog clock component.

The following items are declared in the AnaClock unit:

Objects

<u>TAnalogClock</u>

Types

<u>TAnalogClockShape</u>

TPieShape Type

Unit

Feedback

Declaration

TPieShape = (psCircle, psEllipse);

Description

The TPieShape $\,$ type is used by the $\,$ Shape $\,$ property to determine the shape of a $\,$ TPieMeter $\,$ object.

TPieDirection Type

Unit

Feedback

Declaration

TPieDirection = (pdClockwise, pdCounterClockwise);

Description

The TPieDirection type is used by the $\underline{\text{Direction}}$ property to determine the direction a $\underline{\text{TPieMeter}}$ will indicate progress.

Events

Key Events

OnRestore

OnShowHint

OnDeactivate
Onldle

☑nException☑nMessage☑nHelp☑nMinimize

OnTimer Event

Applies to

TAnalogClock, TLEDClock objects

Declaration

property OnTimer: TNotifyEvent;

Description

The OnTimer event is used to execute code at regular intervals. The Interval property of a TAnalogClock object determines how often this event occurs.

Note: The **sender** parameter of the event will be a TAnalogClock or TLEDClock object not a TTimer.

VisApp Unit

The VisApp unit contains the classes and types used to implement the visual application component.

The following items are declared in the VisApp unit:

Objects

<u>TVisualApp</u>



TAnalogClock Component

<u>Properties</u> <u>Events</u>

Unit

AnaClock

Description

TAnalogClock is a descendent of TCustomControl. TAnalogClock is a component to display a standard analog clock. TAnalogClock can also be used as a timer by setting the Interval property and writing a handler for the OnTimer event.

Properties

▶ Run-time only

Key Properties

<u>Align</u>

BackColor

Enabled

<u>FaceColor</u>

<u>HandsColor</u>

<u>Hint</u>

<u>Interval</u>

<u>OutlineColor</u>

<u>ParentShowHi</u>

<u>nt</u>

<u>PopupMenu</u>

<u>SecHandColo</u>

<u>r</u>

Shape

ShowHint

ShowSeconds

<u>TickColor</u>

<u>Visible</u>

Events

Key Events

<u>OnClick</u> <u>OnDragOver</u> <u>OnMouseMov</u>

OnDblClick OnEndDrag <u>OnMouseUp</u> <u>OnDragDrop</u> <u>OnMouseDow</u> OnTimer

<u>n</u>

TAnalogClockShape Type

Unit

AnaClock

Declaration

TAnalogClockShape = (csCircle, csSquare);

Description

The TAnalogClockShape type is used by the Shape property to determine the displayed shape of a $\underline{\mathsf{TAnalogClock}}$ component.

FaceColor Property

Applies to

TAnalogClock object

Declaration

property FaceColor: TColor;

Description

The FaceColor property determines the color of the face of the clock.

HandsColor Property

Applies to

TAnalogClock object

Declaration

property HandsColor: TColor;

Description

The HandsColor property determines the color of the minute and hour hands of the clock.

Interval Property

Applies to

TAnalogClock, TLEDClock objects

Declaration

property Interval: Word;

Description

The Interval property determines how often the clock will update the time display and generate <u>OnTimer</u> events.

OutlineColor Property

Applies to

<u>TAnalogClock</u> object

Declaration

property OutlineColor: TColor;

Description

The OutlineColor property determines the color of the clock border.

SecHandColor Property

Applies to

TAnalogClock object

Declaration

property SecHandColor: TColor;

Description

The SecHandColor property determines the color of the second hand of the clock.

ShowSeconds Property

Applies to

TAnalogClock, TLEDClock objects

Declaration

property ShowSeconds: Boolean;

Description

The ShowSeconds property determines the whether or not seconds will be displayed.

TickColor Property

Applies to

<u>TAnalogClock</u> object

Declaration

property TickColor: TColor;

Description

The TickColor property determines the color of the markers around the clock.



TLEDLabel Component

<u>Properties</u> <u>Events</u>

Unit

<u>LEDGadgt</u>

Description

TLEDClock is a descendent of TGraphicControl. TLEDLabel is a component to display a standard segmented LED readout.

GetMaxWidthPixels Method

Applies to

TBalloonHint object

Declaration

function GetMaxWidthPixels: Integer;

Description

The GetMaxWidthPixels method returns the actual maximum width in pixels of the balloon no matter what $\underline{\text{MaxWidth}}$ is set to.

IndicatorColor Property

Applies to

TRotaryKnob object

Declaration

property IndicatorColor: TColor;

Description

The IndicatorColor property determines the color used to paint the position indicator.

Note: The area around the knob is painted using the value of the Color property. The rest of the knob colors are determined by the current system colors.

MMGadget Unit

The MMGadget unit contains the classes and types used to implement stereo-style rotary knobs.

The following items are declared in the MMGadget unit:

Objects

 $\underline{\mathsf{TRotaryKnob}}$

Method

<u>GetMaxWidth</u> <u>Pixels</u>



TRotaryKnob Component

<u>Properties</u> <u>Events</u>

Unit

MMGadget

Description

TRotaryKnob is a descendent of TCustomControl. TRotaryKnob is a component to allow users to select a value within a range using a familiar stereo-style rotary knob. TRotaryKnob can update the Caption or Text property of another control automatically using the Control property.

Events

Key Events

OnChange

Properties

▶ Run-time only

Key Properties

<u>Align</u> <u>IndicatorColo</u> <u>PopupMenu</u>

ColorMaxShowHintControlMinPosition

Enabled ParentShowHi Visible

<u>nt</u>

Min Property

Applies to

TRotaryKnob object

Declaration

property Min: Integer;

Description

The Min property along with the $\underline{\text{Max}}$ property determines the number of possible positions a knob can have.

Max Property

Applies to

TRotaryKnob object

Declaration

property Max: Integer;

Description

The Max property along with the $\underline{\text{Min}}$ property determines the number of possible positions a knob can have.

Control Property

Applies to

TRotaryKnob object

Declaration

property Control: TControl;

Description

When the <u>Position</u> changes, the knob control will automatically update the value of the Caption or Text property of the assigned control.

OnChange Event

Applies to

TRotaryKnob object

Declaration

property OnChange: <u>TNotifyEvent;</u>

Description

The OnChange is triggered whenever the Position of the knob changes.

TSegmentSize Type

Unit

LEDGadgt

Declaration

TSegmentSize = 1..16;

Description

The TSegmentSize type is used by the $\underline{\text{SegmentSize}}$ property to determine the thickness of LED segments.

Events

Key Events

<u>OnClick</u> <u>OnDragOver</u> <u>OnMouseMov</u>

<u>OnDblClick</u> <u>OnEndDrag</u> <u>OnMouseUp</u>

<u>OnDragDrop</u> <u>OnMouseDow</u>

<u>n</u>



TLEDClock Component

<u>Properties</u> <u>Events</u>

Unit

<u>LEDGadgt</u>

Description

TLEDClock is a descendent of <u>TLEDLabel</u>. TLEDClock is a component to display a standard LED clock. TLEDClock can also be used as a timer by setting the <u>Interval</u> property and writing a handler for the <u>OnTimer</u> event.

Events

Key Events

<u>OnClick</u> <u>OnDragOver</u> <u>OnMouseMov</u>

OnDblClick OnEndDrag

<u>OnMouseUp</u> <u>OnDragDrop</u> <u>OnMouseDow</u> OnTimer

<u>n</u>

Properties

Run-time only

Key Properties

<u>BackColor</u>

<u>Caption</u> <u>Columns</u>

DrawMode

DrawOnScree

<u>n</u>

<u>Enabled</u>

<u>Hint</u>

<u>Interval</u>

<u>LitColor</u>

<u>ParentShowHi</u>

<u>nt</u>

<u>PopupMenu</u>

Rows

SegmentSize

ShowHint

ShowSeconds

<u>UnlitColor</u>

<u>Visible</u>

Properties

Run-time only

Key Properties

BackColor Caption

<u>Columns</u> <u>ParentShowHi</u>

<u>nt</u>

<u>Hint</u>

<u>LitColor</u>

SegmentSize

ShowHint

<u>UnlitColor</u>

<u>DrawMode</u> <u>PopupMenu</u> <u>Visible</u>

<u>n</u>

DrawMode Property

Applies to

TLEDClock, TLEDLabel objects

Declaration

property DrawMode: <u>TLEDDrawMode</u>;

Description

The DrawMode property determines the method used to draw the LED segments. Note: When <u>SegmentSize</u> is 1, the drawing mode will be dmLine regardless of the DrawMode setting.

Columns Property

Applies to

TLEDClock, TLEDLabel objects

Declaration

property Columns: Integer;

Description

The Columns property combined with the $\underline{\text{Rows}}$ property determine the number of LED characters in a LED display.

TLEDDrawMode Type

Unit

LEDGadgt

Declaration

TLEDDrawMode = (dmPolygon,dmLine);

Description

The TLEDDrawMode type is used by the $\underline{\text{DrawMode}}$ property to determine what method will be used to draw LED segments.

LEDGadgt Unit

The LEDGadgt unit contains the classes and types used to implement an LED label and clock components.

The following items are declared in the LEDGadgt unit:

Objects

TLEDClock

TLEDLabel

Types

DrawOnScreen Property

Applies to

TLEDClock, TLEDLabel objects

Declaration

property DrawOnScreen: Boolean;

Description

The DrawOnScreen property determines whether or not the LED Paint method will use an off-screen bitmap. Off-screen bitmaps result in less flicker - direct to screen may result in a more realistic LED.

LitColor Property

Applies to

TLEDClock, TLEDLabel objects

Declaration

property LitColor: TColor;

Description

The LitColor property determines the color of LED segments which should be "lit".

Rows Property

Applies to

TLEDClock, TLEDLabel objects

Declaration

property Rows: Integer;

Description

The Rows property combined with the $\underline{\text{Columns}}$ property determine the number of LED characters in an LED display.

SegmentSize Property

Applies to

TLEDClock, TLEDLabel objects

Declaration

property SegmentSize: TSegmentSize;

Description

The SegmentSize type is used to determine the thickness of LED segments.

UnlitColor Property

Applies to

TLEDClock, TLEDLabel objects

Declaration

property UnlitColor: TColor;

Description

The UnlitColor property determines the color of LED segments which should not be "lit". Note: If UnlitColor and <u>BackColor</u> are the same, the unlit segments will not be drawn to improve performance.