
Update: Diagramming In Delphi, Part 2

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Thanks to Roberto De Marini for pointing out a flaw in my code from the above article in Issue 41. He correctly states that, as it stands, the event handler's pointers are lost when retrieving diagrams from files. I made a blue, to use an Australian term. In the code for Issue 41 (the use case diagram), if you make the event handlers published, they get stored by the streaming code. So the declaration for TMainForm should be:

```
TMainDlg = class(TForm)
  ... // All the controls etc
private
  FNextAction : TjimNextAction;
  FStartShape : TjimCustomShape;
  FEndShape   : TjimCustomShape;
  procedure SetNextAction(
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  Value : TjimNextAction);
  procedure ChooseButton(
    TheButton : TToolButton);
  procedure ConnectShapes(StartShape,EndShape :
    TjimCustomShape; ArrowType : TjimArrowType);
public
  property NextAction : TjimNextAction read
    FNextAction write SetNextAction;
published
  // The OnClick event handler for
  // all shapes on the diagram
  procedure ShapeClick(Sender : TObject);
  // The OnDb1Click event handler for
  // all captions on the diagram
  procedure CaptionDb1Click(Sender : TObject);
end;
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A replacement mainform.pas file is included on this month's disk in the DIAGRAM folder.