## [利 ExMaskEdit

When you have several people entering data in your database, you can define how users must enter data in specific fields to help maintain consistency and to make your database easier to manage. For example, you can set an input mask for a form so that users can only enter telephone numbers in the Swedish format or addresses in the French format. You can set a specific format for the input mask, and select another format so that the same data is displayed differently.

Features of eXMaskEdit include:

- Ability to define and use one or more masks at runtime
- Insert or Overtype mode support
- Restrict Input Data until the user enters the appropriate value
- HTML ToolTip, Warning, Beep support, so a tooltip is shown once the user enters any invalid data
- Ability to highlight entities with a different color, while the entire mask is not completed
- Ability to define valid characters using the [] directive, or specify the margins of the number to be entered using the $\}$ directives
- Left/Right alignment support

Here's a list of types you can mask:

- floating/decimal point numbers support, including grouping of digits
- license keys
- IP addresses
- urls
- e-mails
- phone numbers
- extension, zip code
- social security numbers
- decimal numbers
- hexa numbers
- binary numbers
- alpha and digit characters
- RGB, A-RGB colors
- date, time
- passwords
- and more

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## How to get support?

To keep your business applications running, you need support you can count on.
Here are few hints what to do when you're stuck on your programming:

- Check out the samples - they are here to provide some quick info on how things should be done
- Check out the how-to questions using the eXHelper tool
- Check out the help - includes documentation for each method, property or event
- Check out if you have the latest version, and if you don't have it send an update request here.
- Submit your problem(question) here.

Don't forget that you can contact our development team if you have ideas or requests for new components, by sending us an e-mail at support@exontrol.com ( please include the name of the product in the subject, ex: exgrid ). We're sure our team of developers will try to find a way to make you happy - and us too, since we helped.

Regards,
Exontrol Development Team
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## constants AllowEmptyValueEnum

The AllowEmptyValueEnum type supports the values that the AllowEmptyValue property supports. The AllowEmptyValueEnum type supports the following values.

| Name | Value Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| exNoEmptyValue | No empty value is accepted, so the control displays <br> the control's mask when its content is empty. |
| exAllowEmptyValueShowNothing | While the control's content is empty, the control's <br> mask is showing as soon as the user starts typing <br> character inside. |
| exAllowEmptyValueShowMask1 | While the control's content is empty, the control's <br> mask is showing as soon as the control gains the <br> focus. |

## constants AppearanceEnum

The AppearanceEnum enumeration is used to specify the appearance of the control's border/frame. The Appearance property of the control specifies the control's border. The AppearanceEnum type supports the following values:

| Name | Value Description |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| None2 | 0 | No border |
| Flat | 1 | Flat border |
| Sunken | 2 | Sunken border |
| Raised | 3 | Raised border |
| Etched | 4 | Etched border |
| Bump | 5 | Bump border |

## constants BackgroundPartEnum

The BackgroundPartEnum type specifies parts of the control to be visually changed. The Background property specifies the control's part background/foreground color or visual appearance. The BackgroundPartEnum type supports the following values:
Name Value Description

Specifies the visual appearance of the borders of the tooltips.
exToolTipBackColor 65 Specifies the tooltip's background color.
exToolTipForeColor
66 Specifies the tooltip's foreground color.

## constants ClipModeLiteralsEnum

The ClipModeLiteralsEnum type indicates the way the control's text/value is gathered. The TextIncludeLiterals, TextIncludeLiteralsLoseFocus or Value property may use the ClipModeLiteralsEnum type. The ClipModeLiteralsEnum type supports the following values:

| Name | Value Description |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| exClipModeLiteralsNone | 0 | Gets the full text. |
| exClipModeLiteralsInclude | 1 | Gets the value with no placeholders. |
| exClipModeLiteralsExclude | 2 | Gets the value with no placeholders and literals. |
| exClipModeLiteralsEscape | 3 | Gets the value of the optional, required and <br> escaped entities. The quoted literals are not <br> included. |

## constants InsertModeEnum

The InsertModeEnum type specifies the insertion mode the control supports. The InsertMode property specifies the current control's insertion mode. The InsertModeEnum type supports the following values:

| Name | Value | Description |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| exEditInsertMode | 0 | Indicates the control's insert-type mode. |
| exEditOvertypeMode | 1 | Indicates the control's over-type mode. |

## constants PictureDisplayEnum

Only for internal use.

| Name | Value Description |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| UpperLeft | 0 | UpperLeft |
| UpperCenter | 1 | UpperCenter |
| UpperRight | 2 | UpperRight |
| MiddleLeft | 16 | MiddleLeft |
| MiddleCenter | 17 | MiddleCenter |
| MiddleRight | 18 | MiddleRight |
| LowerLeft | 32 | LowerLeft |
| LowerCenter | 33 | LowerCenter |
| LowerRight | 34 | LowerRight |
| Tile | 48 | Tile |
| Stretch | 49 | Stretch |

## constants SelectGotFocusEnum

The SelectGotFocusEnum type indicates how the control specifies the selection once the control gains the focus. The SelectGotFocus property indicates how the control specifies the selection once the control gets the focus. The SelectGotFocusEnum type supports the following values.

## Name

exSelectNoGotFocus 0
exSelectAllGotFocus 1
exSelectEditableGotFocus
exMoveEditableGotFocus
exSelectRequiredEditableGotFbocus
exMoveRequiredEditableGotFбcus

## Value Description

0 No effect.
1 Selects all once the field receives the focus.
Selects the first empty and editable entity of the field.

Moves the cursor to the first empty and editable entity of the field.
Selects the first empty, required and editable entity of the field.

Moves the cursor to the first empty, required and editable entity of the field.

## constants TypeEnum

Specifies whether the control subclasses a standard edit control or the Rich editor.

| Name | Value Description |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| exTypeEdit | Indicates the standard edit control. |  |
| exTypeRichEdit | 1 | Indicates the rich control. The control subclass the <br> system's richedit class. You can use the |
| ForeColorRich property to specify the foreground <br> color for editable entities while the field is not <br> validated/completed. |  |  |

## constants UIVisualThemeEnum

Only for internal use.

| Name | Value Description |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| exNoVisualTheme | 0 | exNoVisualTheme |
| exDefaultVisualTheme | 16777 2xDefaultVisualTheme |  |
| exHeaderVisualTheme | 1 | exHeaderVisualTheme |
| exFilterBarVisualTheme | 2 | exFilterBarVisualTheme |
| exButtonsVisualTheme | 4 | exButtonsVisualTheme |
| exCalendarVisualTheme | 8 | exCalendarVisualTheme |
| exSliderVisualTheme | 16 | exSliderVisualTheme |
| exSpinVisualTheme | 32 | exSpinVisualTheme |
| exCheckBoxVisualTheme | 64 | exCheckBoxVisualTheme |
| exProgressVisualTheme | 128 | exProgressVisualTheme |
| exCalculatorVisualTheme | 256 | exCalculatorVisualTheme |

## constants ValidateAsEnum

The ValidateAsEnum type specifies the additional validation the control can make when user leaves the field. The ValidateAs property specifies the additional validation the control can make when user leaves the field. The ValidateAsEnum type supports the following values:

| Name | Value | Description |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| exValidateAsNone | 0 | No effect. |
| exValidateAsDate | 1 | The field is validated as date. |

## Appearance object

The component lets the user changes its visual appearance using skins, each one providing an additional visual experience that enhances viewing pleasure. Skins are relatively easy to build and put on any part of the control. The Appearance object holds a collection of skins. The Appearance object supports the following properties and methods:

| Name | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| Add | Adds or replaces a skin object to the control. |
| Clear | Removes all skins in the control. |
| Remove | Removes a specific skin from the control. |
| RenderType | Specifies the way colored EBN objects are displayed on <br> the component. |

## method Appearance.Add (ID as Long, Skin as Variant)

Adds or replaces a skin object to the control.

Type

## Description

A Long expression that indicates the index of the skin being added or replaced. The value must be between 1 and 126, so Appearance collection should holds no more than 126 elements.

## A string expression that indicates:

- an Windows XP Theme part, it should start with "XP:". For instance the "XP:Header 1 2" indicates the part 1 of the Header class in the state 2, in the current Windows XP theme. In this case the format of the Skin parameter should be: "XP:
Control/ClassName Part State" where the ClassName defines the window/control class name in the Windows XP Theme, the Part indicates a long expression that defines the part, and the State indicates the state like listed at the end of the document. This option is available only on Windows XP that supports Themes API.
- copy of another skin with different coordinates, if it begins with "CP:" . For instance, you may need to display a specified skin on a smaller rectangle. In this case, the string starts with "CP:", and contains the following "CP:n It rb", where the n is the identifier being copied, the $\mathrm{I}, \mathrm{t}, \mathrm{r}$, and b indicate the left, top, right and bottom coordinates being used to adjust the rectangle where the skin is displayed. For instance, the "CP:140-40", indicates that the skin is displayed on a smaller rectangle like follows. Let's say that the control requests painting the $\{10,10,30$, $20\}$ area, a rectangle with the width of 20 pixels, and the height of 10 pixels, the skin will be displayed on the $\{14,10,26,20\}$ as each coordinates in the "CP" syntax is added to the displayed rectangle, so the skin looks smaller. This way you can apply different effects to your objects in your control.
- the path to the skin file ( *.ebn ). The Exontrol's exButton component installs a skin builder that should be used to create new skins
- the BASE64 encoded string that holds a skin file ( *.ebn ). Use the Exontrol's exlmages tool to build BASE 64 encoded strings on the skin file (*.ebn) you have created. Loading the skin from a file ( eventually uncompressed file ) is always faster then loading from a BASE64 encoded string

> A byte[] or safe arrays of VT_I1 or VT_Ul1 expression that indicates the content of the EBN file. You can use this option when using the EBN file directly in the resources of the project. For instance, the VB6 provides the LoadResData to get the safe array o bytes for specified resource, while in VB/NET or C\# the internal class Resources provides definitions for all files being inserted. ( ResourceManager.GetObject("ebn", resourceCulture) ).

## Boolean

## Description

A Boolean expression that indicates whether the new skin was added or replaced.

Use the Add method to add or replace skins to the control. The skin method, in it's simplest form, uses a single graphic file (*.ebn) assigned to a part of the control. By using a collection of objects laid over the graphic, it is possible to define which sections of the graphic will be used as borders, corners and other possible elements, fixing them to their proper position regardless of the size of the part. Use the Remove method to remove a specific skin from the control. Use the Clear method to remove all skins in the control. Use the Refresh method to refresh the control. Use the Background property to apply a skin to a part of the control. Use the Appearance property to change the visual appearance of the control's frame.

The following screen shot shows the control's with visual appearance changed:


The value you entered isn't appropriate for the input mask '!(999) 000-0000' specified for this field.

The following screen shot shows the control's with no visual appearance changed:

The identifier you choose for the skin is very important to be used in the background properties like explained bellow. Shortly, the color properties uses 4 bytes (DWORD, double WORD, and so on ) to hold a RGB value. More than that, the first byte ( most significant byte in the color ) is used only to specify system color. if the first bit in the byte is 1 , the rest of bits indicates the index of the system color being used. So, we use the last 7 bits in the high significant byte of the color to indicates the identifier of the skin being used. So, since the 7 bits can cover 127 values, excluding 0 , we have 126 possibilities to store an identifier in that byte. This way, a DWORD expression indicates the background color stored in RRGGBB format and the index of the skin (ID parameter) in the last 7 bits in the high significant byte of the color. For instance, the BackColor = BackColor Or \&H2000000 indicates that we apply the skin with the index 2 using the old color, to the object that BackColor is applied.

On Windows XP, the following table shows how the common controls are broken into parts and states:

CBS_UNCHECKED
= 4 CBS_CHECKE[
BUTTON BP_CHECKBOX = 3


BP_PUSHBUTTON = 1

5 CBS_CHECKED CBS_CHECKEDPR CBS_CHECKEDDIs CBS_MIXEDNORM CBS_MIXEDHOT = CBS_MIXEDPRES! CBS_MIXEDDISAB GBS_NORMAL = 1 GBS_DISABLED = PBS_NORMAL = 1 = 2 PBS_PRESSE PBS_DISABLED = PBS_DEFAULTED : RBS_UNCHECKED 1 RBS_UNCHECKE RBS_UNCHECKED
= 3
RBS_UNCHECKED
= 4 RBS_CHECKEI

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| :--- | :--- |
|  |  |
| CLOCK | CLP_USERBUTTME $=1$ |
| COMBOBOX | CP_DROPDOWNBUTTON $=1$ |

$$
\text { EDIT } \quad \text { EP_CARET = } 2
$$

EP_EDITTEXT = 1

5 RBS_CHECKEDF RBS_CHECKEDPR RBS_CHECKEDDIs

CLS_NORMAL = 1 CBXS_NORMAL = CBXS_HOT = 2 CBXS_PRESSED = CBXS_DISABLED :

ETS_NORMAL = 1 2 ETS_SELECTED ETS_DISABLED = ETS_FOCUSED = ! ETS_READONLY = ETS_ASSIST = 7

EBHC_NORMAL = EBHC_HOT = 2
EBHC_PRESSED =
EBHP_NORMAL =
EBHP_-HOT = 2
EBHP-PRESSED = EBHP_SELECTED 4 EBHP_SELECTE EBHP_SELECTEDF 6
EBM_NORMAL = 1 = 2 EBM_PRESSEI

EBNGC_NORMAL EBNGC_HOT = 2
EBNGC_PRESSED
EBNGE_NORMAL:
EBNGE-HOT = 2
EBNGE-PRESSED

EBSGC_NORMAL: EBSGC_HOT = 2

EBP＿SPECIALGROUPEXPAND＝ 11

EBP＿SPECIALGROUPHEAD＝ 12

LISTVIEW LVP＿EMPTYTEXT＝ 5

$$
\text { HP_HEADERITEM = } 1
$$

HP＿HEADERITEMLEFT＝ 2
HP＿HEADERITEMRIGHT＝ 3
HP＿HEADERSORTARROW＝ 4

LVP＿LISTDETAIL＝ 3
LVP＿LISTGROUP＝ 2

LVP＿LISTITEM＝ 1

LVP＿LISTSORTEDDETAIL＝ 4
MENU
MP＿MENUBARDROPDOWN＝ 4

MP＿MENUBARITEM $=3$

MP＿CHEVRON＝ 5

MP＿MENUDROPDOWN＝ 2

MP＿MENUITEM＝ 1

MP＿SEPARATOR＝ 6

EBSGE＿HOT＝ 2 EBSGE＿PRESSED

HIS＿NORMAL＝ 1 l 2 HIS＿PRESSED＝ HILS＿NORMAL＝ 1 $=2$ HILS＿PRESSEI HIRS＿NORMAL＝ 1 $=2$ HIRS＿PRESSE HSAS＿SORTEDUP HSAS＿SORTEDDC

LIS＿NORMAL＝ 1 L 2 LIS＿SELECTED ： LIS＿DISABLED＝ 4 LIS＿SELECTEDNO 5

MS＿NORMAL＝ 1 MS＿SELECTED＝ MS＿DEMOTED＝こ MS＿NORMAL＝ 1 MS＿SELECTED＝ MS＿DEMOTED＝こ
MS＿NORMAL＝ 1 MS＿SELECTED＝： MS＿DEMOTED＝こ
MS＿NORMAL＝ 1
MS＿SELECTED＝
MS＿DEMOTED＝こ
MS＿NORMAL＝ 1
MS＿SELECTED＝
MS＿DEMOTED＝こ
MS＿NORMAL＝ 1
MS＿SELECTED＝


ABS_LEFTDISABLI ABS_LEFTHOT, ABS_LEFTNORMA ABS_LEFTPRESSE ABS_RIGHTDISAB ABS_RIGHTHOT, ABS_RIGHTNORM ABS_RIGHTPRES؟

SBP_LOWERTRACKHORZ = 4

SBP_LOWERTRACKVERT = 6

SBP_THUMBBTNHORZ = 2

SBP_THUMBBTNVERT = 3

SBP_UPPERTRACKHORZ = 5

SBP_UPPERTRACKVERT = 7

SBP_SIZEBOX = 10

SPIN SPNP_DOWN = 2

SCRBS_NORMAL : SCRBS_HOT = 2
SCRBS_PRESSED SCRBS_DISABLE[ SCRBS_NORMAL : SCRBS_HOT = 2
SCRBS_PRESSED SCRBS_DISABLE[ SCRBS_NORMAL : SCRBS_HOT = 2
SCRBS_PRESSED SCRBS_DISABLE[ SCRBS_NORMAL : SCRBS_HOT = 2
SCRBS_PRESSED SCRBS_DISABLE[ SCRBS_NORMAL : SCRBS_HOT = 2
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SPNP_DOWNHORZ = 4

SPNP_UP = 1

SPNP_UPHORZ = 3

STARTPANEL SPP_LOGOFF = 8

SPP_LOGOFFBUTTONS = 9
SPP_MOREPROGRAMS = 2
SPP_MOREPROGRAMSARROW = 3
SPP_PLACESLIST = 6
SPP_PLACESLISTSEPARATOR = 7
SPP_PREVIEW = 11
SPP_PROGLIST = 4
SPP_PROGLISTSEPARATOR = 5
SPP_USERPANE = 1
SPP_USERPICTURE = 10
STATUS SP_GRIPPER = 3
SP_PANE = 1
SP_GRIPPERPANE $=2$
TAB
TABP_BODY = 10
TABP_PANE $=9$

TABP_TABITEM = 1

TABP_TABITEMBOTHEDGE = 4

DNHZS_PRESSED DNHZS_DISABLED

UPS_NORMAL = 1
$=2$ UPS_PRESSE[
UPS_DISABLED =
UPHZS_NORMAL =
UPHZS_HOT = 2
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UPHZS_DISABLED
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SPLS_PRESSED =

SPS_NORMAL = 1
$=2$ SPS_PRESSE[

TIS NORMAL = ${ }^{-}$ 2 TIS_SELECTED : TIS_DISABLED $=4$ TIS_FOCUSED = 5 TIBES_NORMAL = TIBES_HOT = 2
TIBES_SELECTED TIBES_DISABLED TIBES_FOCUSED: TILES_NORMAL =

TABP_TABITEMLEFTEDGE = 2

TABP_TABITEMRIGHTEDGE $=3$

TABP_TOPTABITEM = 5

TABP_TOPTABITEMBOTHEDGE $=8$

TABP_TOPTABITEMLEFTEDGE $=6$

TABP_TOPTABITEMRIGHTEDGE = 7

TASKBAND

TASKBAR
TDP_GROUPCOUNT = 1
TDP_FLASHBUTTON = 2
TDP_FLASHBUTTONGROUPMENU = 3
TBP_BACKGROUNDBOTTOM = 1
TBP_BACKGROUNDLEFT = 4
TBP_BACKGROUNDRIGHT = 2
TBP_BACKGROUNDTOP = 3
TBP_SIZINGBARBOTTOM = 5
TBP_SIZINGBARBOTTOMLEFT = 8
TBP_SIZINGBARRIGHT = 6
TBP_SIZINGBARTOP = 7

TILES_HOT = 2
TILES_SELECTED
TILES_DISABLED
TILES_FOCUSED :
TIRES_NORMAL =
TIRES_HOT = 2
TIRES_SELECTED
TIRES_DISABLED
TIRES_FOCUSED
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TTIBES_HOT = 2
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TTILES_DISABLE[
TTILES_FOCUSED
TTIRES_NORMAL
TTIRES_HOT = 2
TTIRES_SELECTE
TTIRES_DISABLE[
TTIRES_FOCUSE[

TP_DROPDOWNBUTTON = 2

TP_SPLITBUTTON = 3

TP_SPLITBUTTONDROPDOWN = 4

TP_SEPARATOR = 5

TP_SEPARATORVERT = 6

TTP_BALLOON = 3
TTP_BALLOONTITLE = 4

TTP_CLOSE = 5

TTP_STANDARD = 1
TTP_STANDARDTITLE = 2

TS_PRESSED = 3
TS_DISABLED $=4$
TS_CHECKED = 5
TS_HOTCHECKED
TS_NORMAL = 1 T
TS_PRESSED = 3
TS_DISABLED $=4$
TS_CHECKED = 5
TS_HOTCHECKED
TS_NORMAL = 1 T
TS_PRESSED = 3
TS_DISABLED = 4
TS_CHECKED = 5
TS_HOTCHECKED
TS_NORMAL = 1 T
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TS_DISABLED = 4
TS_CHECKED = 5
TS_HOTCHECKED
TS_NORMAL = 1 T
TS_PRESSED = 3
TS_DISABLED = 4
TS_CHECKED = 5
TS_HOTCHECKED
TS_NORMAL = 1 T
TS_PRESSED = 3
TS_DISABLED = 4
TS_CHECKED = 5
TS_HOTCHECKED
TTBS_NORMAL = •
TTBS_LINK = 2
TTBS_NORMAL = •
TTBS_LINK = 2
TTCS_NORMAL =
TTCS_HOT = 2
TTCS_PRESSED =
TTSS_NORMAL =
TTSS_LINK = 2
TTSS_NORMAL =
TTSS_LINK = 2
TUS_NORMAL = 1

TKP_THUMBBOTTOM = 4

TKP_THUMBLEFT = 7

TKP_THUMBRIGHT = 8

TKP_THUMBTOP = 5

TKP_THUMBVERT = 6

TKP_TICS $=9$
TKP_TICSVERT = 10
TKP_TRACK = 1
TKP_TRACKVERT = 2
TRAYNOTIFY TNP_ANIMBACKGROUND $=2$
TNP_BACKGROUND = 1
TREEVIEW TVP_BRANCH = 3
TVP_GLYPH = 2

2 TUS_PRESSED = TUS_FOCUSED = ، TUS_DISABLED = TUBS_NORMAL = TUBS_HOT = 2
TUBS_PRESSED = TUBS_FOCUSED = TUBS_DISABLED =

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TUVS_PRESSED = TUVS_FOCUSED = TUVS_DISABLED = TSS_NORMAL = 1 TSVS_NORMAL = TRS_NORMAL = 1 TRVS_NORMAL =

GLPS_CLOSED = GLPS_OPENED = TREIS_NORMAL = TREIS_HOT = 2
TREIS_SELECTED
WP_CAPTION = 1
WP_CAPTIONSIZINGTEMPLATE $=30$
WP_CLOSEBUTTON = 18
WP_DIALOG = 29
WP_FRAMEBOTTOM = 9
WP_FRAMEBOTTOMSIZINGTEMPLATE $=36$
WP_FRAMELEFT = 7
WP_FRAMELEFTSIZINGTEMPLATE = 32
WP_FRAMERIGHT = 8
WP_FRAMERIGHTSIZINGTEMPLATE = 34
WP_HELPBUTTON = 23
WP_HORZSCROLL = 25
WP_HORZTHUMB = 26
WP_MAX_BUTTON
WP_MAXCAPTION = 5

TREIS_DISABLED
TREIS_SELECTED
= 5
CS_ACTIVE = 1 C C
$=2$ CS_DISABLED
CBS_NORMAL = 1
= 2 CBS_PUSHED CBS_DISABLED =

FS_ACTIVE $=1$ FS $=2$

FS_ACTIVE = 1 FS $=2$

FS_ACTIVE = 1 FS
$=2$

HBS_NORMAL = 1
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## method Appearance.Clear ()

Removes all skins in the control.

## Type <br> Description

Use the Clear method to clear all skins from the control. Use the Remove method to remove a specific skin. If you need to remove the skin appearance from a part of the control you need to reset the last 7 bits in the high significant byte of the color being applied to the background's part. Use the Background property to apply a skin to a part of the control. Use the Appearance property to change the visual appearance of the control's frame.

## method Appearance.Remove (ID as Long)

Removes a specific skin from the control.

## Type <br> Description <br> ID as Long <br> A Long expression that indicates the index of the skin being removed.

Use the Remove method to remove a specific skin. The identifier of the skin being removed should be the same as when the skin was added using the Add method. Use the Clear method to clear all skins from the control. If you need to remove the skin appearance from a part of the control you need to reset the last 7 bits in the high significant byte of the color being applied to the background's part. Use the Background property to apply a skin to a part of the control. Use the Appearance property to change the visual appearance of the control's frame.

## property Appearance.RenderType as Long

Specifies the way colored EBN objects are displayed on the component.

Type

## Long

## Description

A long expression that indicates how the EBN objects are shown in the control, like explained bellow.

By default, the RenderType property is 0 , which indicates an A-color scheme. The RenderType property can be used to change the colors for the entire control, for parts of the controls that uses EBN objects. The RenderType property is not applied to the currently XP-theme if using.

The RenderType property is applied to all parts that displays an EBN object. The properties of color type may support the EBN object if the property's description includes "A color expression that indicates the cell's background color. The last 7 bits in the high significant byte of the color to indicates the identifier of the skin being used. Use the Add method to add new skins to the control. If you need to remove the skin appearance from a part of the control you need to reset the last 7 bits in the high significant byte of the color being applied to the background's part." In other words, a property that supports EBN objects should be of format 0xIDRRGGBB, where the ID is the identifier of the EBN to be applied, while the BBGGRR is the (Red,Green,Blue, RGB-Color) color to be applied on the selected EBN. For instance, the $0 \times 1000000$ indicates displaying the EBN as it is, with no color applied, while the 0x1FF0000, applies the Blue color ( RGB(0x0,0x0,0xFF), RGB(0,0,255) on the EBN with the identifier 1. You can use the EBNColor tool to visualize applying EBN colors.

Click here to watch a movie on how you can change the colors to be applied on EBN objects.

For instance, the following sample changes the control's appearance, by using an EBN object:

> With Control
> .VisualAppearance.Add 1,"c:\exontrol\images\normal.ebn"
> .Appearance $=\& \mathrm{H} 1000000$
> End With

In the following screen shot the following objects displays the current EBN with a different color:

- "A" in Red ( RGB(255,0,0 ), for instance the bar's property exBarColor is 0x10000FF
- "B" in Green ( RGB(0,255,0 ), for instance the bar's property exBarColor is 0x100FF00
- "C" in Blue ( $\operatorname{RGB}(0,0,255)$, for instance the bar's property exBarColor is $0 x 1$ FF0000
- "Default", no color is specified, for instance the bar's property exBarColor is $0 \times 1000000$

The RenderType property could be one of the following:

- -3, no color is applied. For instance, the BackColorHeader $=\& \mathrm{H} 1$ FF0000 is displayed as would be .BackColorHeader $=\& \mathrm{H} 1000000$, so the 0xFF0000 color ( Blue color ) is ignored. You can use this option to allow the control displays the EBN colors or not.

- -2, OR-color scheme. The color to be applied on the part of the control is a OR bit combination between the original EBN color and the specified color. For instance, the BackColorHeader $=$ \&H1FF0000, applies the OR bit for the entire Blue channel, or in other words, it applies a less Blue to the part of the control. This option should be used with solid colors (RGB(255,0,0), RGB( $0,255,0$ ), RGB( $0,0,255$ ), RGB(255,255,0), RGB( $255,0,255$ ), RGB( $0,255,255), \operatorname{RGB}(127,0,0), \operatorname{RGB}(0,127,0), \ldots)$

- -1, AND-color scheme, The color to be applied on the part of the control is an AND bit combination between the original EBN color and the specified color. For instance, the BackColorHeader $=\& H 1$ FF0000, applies the AND bit for the entire Blue channel, or in other words, it applies a more Blue to the part of the control. This option should be used with solid colors (RGB(255,0,0), RGB( $0,255,0$ ), RGB( $0,0,255$ ), RGB(255,255,0), $\operatorname{RGB}(255,0,255), \operatorname{RGB}(0,255,255), \operatorname{RGB}(127,0,0), \operatorname{RGB}(0,127,0), \ldots)$

- $\mathbf{0}$, default, the specified color is applied to the EBN. For instance, the BackColorHeader $=\& H 1$ FF0000, applies a Blue color to the object. This option could be used to specify any color for the part of the components, that support EBN objects, not only solid colors.

- 0xAABBGGRR, where the AA a value between 0 to 255 , which indicates the transparency, and RR, GG, BB the red, green and blue values. This option applies the same color to all parts that displays EBN objects, whit ignoring any specified color in the color property. For instance, the RenderType on 0x4000FFFF, indicates a $25 \%$ Yellow on EBN objects. The 0x40, or 64 in decimal, is a $25 \%$ from in a 256 interal, and the 0x00FFFF, indicates the Yellow ( $\operatorname{RGB}(255,255,0)$ ). The same could be if the RenderType is $0 \times 40000000+$ vbYellow, or $\& H 40000000+\operatorname{RGB}(255,255,0)$, and so, the RenderType could be the 0xAA000000 + Color, where the Color is the RGB format of the color.

The following picture shows the control with the RenderType property on 0x4000FFFF ( $25 \%$ Yellow, $0 \times 40$ or 64 in decimal is $25 \%$ from 256 ):


The following picture shows the control with the RenderType property on 0x8000FFFF (50\% Yellow, 0x80 or 128 in decimal is $50 \%$ from 256 ):


The following picture shows the control with the RenderType property on 0xCOOOFFFF (75\% Yellow, OxC0 or 192 in decimal is $75 \%$ from 256 ):


The following picture shows the control with the RenderType property on 0xFFOOFFFF (100\% Yellow, 0xFF or 255 in decimal is 100\% from 255 ):

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## MaskEdit object

Tip The /COM object can be placed on a HTML page (with usage of the HTML object tag: <object classid="clsid:...">) using the class identifier: \{43F80262-F652-11D3-AD39-00C0DFC59237\}. The object's program identifier is: "Exontrol.MaskEdit". The /COM object module is: "MaskEdit.dll"

The ExMaskEdit ActiveX control handles the format of text entered by the user. What does ExMaskEdit provide, and other mask edit control doesn't? The ExMaskEdit control provides a nice and useful feature, that we called multi-mask ( haven't seen it before ), that means that the control is able to handle more than a mask at runtime. Sometime, your mask doesn't fit all the requirements, or the masking rules are limited, so you are unable to use a standard mask edit control. That's the reason why we decided to get released the ExMaskEdit ActiveX control. The ExMaskEdit control can subclass a standard edit control or a rich control edit. When the control subclasses a rich edit control, the mask is painted using an user color. Here's a list of types of data that you might want to mask: license keys, IP addresses, urls, e-mails, phone numbers, decimal numbers, hexa numbers, binary numbers, alpha and digit characters, date, time, and so on.


## Name

ActiveMask
AllowBeep
AllowContextMenu
AllowEmptyValue
AllowToggleInsertMode
Appearance
AttachTemplate
BackColor

## BackColorReadOnly

## Background

## Description

Specifies the index of active mask.
Specifies whether the control plays a beep once the user enters any invalid character.
Specifies whether the control displays the content menu when user right clicks the control.
Specifies whether the field supports empty values.
Specifies whether the control is toggling the InsertMode when the user presses the Insert key.
Retrieves or sets the control's appearance.
Attaches a script to the current object, including the events, from a string, file, a safe array of bytes.
Specifies the control's background color.
Indicates the control's background when the control is read only.
Returns or sets a value that indicates the background color for parts in the control.

CursorPos

## Enabled

## EventParam

ExecuteTemplate Font

ForeColor
ForeColorReadOnly

## ForeColorRich

HTMLPicture
hWnd
Images
ImageSize
InsertMode

Invalid

Mask

MaskChar

## MaskFloat

## Masks

## Multiline

Password

## PasswordChar

## ReadOnly

Retrieves or sets a value that indicates the cursor position.
Enables or disables the control.
Retrieves or sets a value that indicates the current's event parameter.
Executes a template and returns the result.
Retrieves or sets the control's font.
Specifies the control's foreground color.
Indicates the control's foreground when the control is read only.
Retrieves or sets the color to show the editable entitity, while the Type is RichEdit and the value is not completed.
Adds or replaces a picture in HTML captions.
Retrieves the control's window handle.
Sets at runtime the control's image list. The Handle should be a handle to an Images List Control.
Retrieves or sets the size of icons the control displays..
Specifies the control's inserting mode that could be inserttype or over-type.
Indicates the html-tooltip message to be shown when the user enters an invalid value.
Retrieves or sets a string expression that indicates the control's mask.

Retrieves or sets a value that determines masking character.
Specifies whether the Mask property masks a floating point number.
Retrieves or sets a value that determines all possible masks that user can use at runtime.

Retrieves or sets a value that determines whether the control can accept multiple lines of text.
Displays all characters as an asterisk (*)
Retrieves or sets a value that determines password character.

Retrieves or sets a value that determines whether the control is read only.
Replacelcon
Right
Select
SelectGotFocus
SelEnd
SelStart
ShowImageList
ShowToolTip
Template
TemplateDef
TemplatePut
Text
TextIncludeLiterals
TextIncludeLiteralsLoseFocus
Type
Valid
ValidateAs
Value
Version
VisibleMasks
VisualAppearance
Warning

Refreshes the control's field.
Adds a new icon, replaces an icon or clears the control's image list.
Right aligns text in a single-line or multiline edit control.
Selects the text between Start and End
Indicates whether the entire text is selected once the field receives the focus.
Returns or sets the ending point of text selected.
Returns or sets the starting point of text selected.
Specifies whether the control's image list window is visible or hidden.

Shows the specified tooltip at given position.
Specifies the control's template.
Defines inside variables for the next Template/ExecuteTemplate call.

Defines inside variables for the next Template/ExecuteTemplate call.
Retrieves or sets the text displayed in the control.
Determines the way the Text property returns or set the value of the field

Determines how the field shows its content once it loses the focus.
Retrieves or sets the base class for the mask field.
Retrieves a value indicating whether the contrl contains a valid value.

Indicates the additional validation is performed, once the user leaves the field.

Retrieves the control's value with or without literals.
Retrieves the control's version.
Retrieves or sets a value that indicates the number of visible items in the control masks list.
Retrieves the control's appearance.
Indicates the html-tooltip message to be shown when the user enters an invalid character.

## property MaskEdit.ActiveMask as Long

Specifies the index of active mask.
Iype

## Description

Long
A long expression that indicates the index of active mask.

The number of masks used is determined by the Masks property. If the Masks property is not empty, the control loads multiple masks. Else, if the Mask property is used, the control uses only a single mask.

The following sample changes the active mask after loading the masks list to the control:
Private Sub Form_Load()
With MaskEdit1
.Masks = "USA resident;(090)-\#\#\#-\#\#\#-\#\#\#;Canada resident;(091)-\#\#\#-\#\#\#-\#\#\#" .ActiveMask = 1
End With
End Sub

## property MaskEdit.AllowBeep as Boolean

Specifies whether the control plays a beep once the user enters any invalid character.

## Type <br> Description

Boolean
A Boolean expression that specifies whether the control beeps once the user enters any invalid character.

By default, the AllowBeep property is False. Use the AllowBeep property to let control beeps once the user enters any invalid character. Use the Warning property to specify a HTML tooltip to be shown at the cursor position when user enters an invalid character. Use the Invalid property to specify a HTML tooltip to keep the control focused while the user enters an inappropriate value for the field.

## property MaskEdit.AllowContextMenu as Boolean

Specifies whether the control displays the content menu when user right clicks the control.

## Type

## Description

Boolean A Boolean expression
By default, the AllowContextMenu property is True. Use the AllowContextMenu property on False, to prevent showing the control's context menu when the user right clicks the control. The AllowContextMenu property indicates that the field provides no context menu when user right clicks the field. For instance, Mask on ";;;password, nocontext" displays a password field, where the user can not invoke the default context menu, usually when a right click occurs.

## property MaskEdit.AllowEmptyValue as AllowEmptyValueEnum

Specifies whether the field supports empty values.

Type

## AllowEmptyValueEnum

## Description

A AllowEmptyValueEnum expression that specifies whether the field supports empty values.

By default, AllowEmptyValue property is exNoEmptyValue. The AllowEmptyValue property indicates whether the field supports empty values. This option can be used with invalid flag, which indicates that the user can leave the field if it is empty. If empty flag is present, the field displays nothing if no entity is completed ( empty ). Once the user starts typing characters the current mask is displayed. For instance, having the mask "!(999) 000 0000;;;empty,select=4,overtype,invalid=invalid phone number,beep", it specifies an empty or valid phone to be entered.

## property MaskEdit.AllowToggleInsertMode as Boolean

Specifies whether the control is toggling the InsertMode when the user presses the Insert key.

Type Description
Boolean
A Boolean expression that specifies whether the control toggles the insertion mode when the user presses the Insert key.

By default, the AllowToggleInsertMode property is True. The AllowToggleInsertMode property specifies whether the control toggles the insertion mode when the user presses the Insert key. The InsertMode property specifies the control's insertion mode. Use the InsertMode property on exEditOvertypeMode to allow user to edit the control's field in overtype mode.

## property MaskEdit.Appearance as AppearanceEnum

Retrieves or sets the control's appearance.

Type

AppearanceEnum

## Description

An AppearanceEnum expression that indicates the control's appearance, or a color expression whose last 7 bits in the high significant byte of the value indicates the index of the skin in the Appearance collection, being displayed as control's borders. For instance, if the Appearance $=0 \times 1000000$, indicates that the first skin object in the Appearance collection defines the control's border. The Client object in the skin, defines the client area of the control. The list/hierarchy/chart, scrollbars are always shown in the control's client area. The skin may contain transparent objects, and so you can define round corners. The normal.ebn file contains such of objects. Use the eXButton's Skin builder to view or change this file

By default, the Appearance property is Flat. Use the Appearance property to specify the control's border. Use the Add method to add new skins to the control. Use the BackColor property to specify the control's background color. Use the Background(exToolTipAppearance) property indicates the visual appearance of the control's tooltip.

The following screen shot shows the control's with visual appearance changed:

```
(_) \23-4567
```

The value you entered isn't appropriate for the input mask '!(999) 000-0000' specified for this field.

The following screen shot shows the control's with no visual appearance changed:

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## method MaskEdit.AttachTemplate (Template as Variant)

Attaches a script to the current object, including the events, from a string, file, a safe array of bytes.

## Type

## Description

Template as Variant
A string expression that specifies the Template to execute.
The AttachTemplate/x-script code is a simple way of calling control/object's properties, methods/events using strings. The AttachTemplate features allows you to attach a x-script code to the component. The AttachTemplate method executes $x$-script code (including events ), from a string, file or a safe array of bytes. This feature allows you to run any xscript code for any configuration of the component/COM, /NET or /WPF. Exontrol owns the x-script implementation in its easiest form and it does not require any VB engine or whatever to get executed. The x-script code can be converted to several programming languages using the eXHelper tool.

The following sample opens the Windows Internet Explorer once the user clicks the control ( /COM version ):

AttachTemplate("handle Click()\{ CreateObject('internetexplorer.application')\{ Visible = True; Navigate('https://www.exontrol.com') \} \} ")

This script is equivalent with the following VB code:

```
Private Sub MaskEdit1_Click()
    With CreateObject("internetexplorer.application")
    .Visible = True
    .Navigate ("https://www.exontrol.com")
    End With
End Sub
```

The AttachTemplate/x-script syntax in BNF notation is defined like follows:

```
<x-script> := <lines>
<lines> := <line>[<eol> <lines>] | <block>
<block> := <call> [<eol>] { [<eol>] <lines> [<eol>] } [<eol>]
<eol> := ";" | "\r\n"
<line> := <dim> | <createobject> | <call> | <set> | <comment> | <handle>[<eol>]{[<eol>]
<lines>[<eol>]}[<eol>]
<dim> := "DIM" <variables>
<variables> := <variable> [, <variables>]
```

<variable> := "ME" | <identifier>
<createobject> := "CREATEOBJECT("<type>"')"
<call> := <variable> | <property> | <variable>"."<property> | <createobject>"."<property> <property> := [<property>"."]<identifier>["("<parameters>")"]
<set> := <call> "=" <value>
<property> := <identifier> | <identifier>"("[<parameters>]")"
<parameters> := <value> [","<parameters>]
<value> := <boolean> | <number> | <color> | <date> | <string> | <createobject> | <call>
<boolean> := "TRUE" | "FALSE"
<number> := "OX"<hexa> | ["-"]<integer>["."<integer>]
<digit10> :=0|1|2|3|4|5|6|7|8|9
<digit16> := <digit10> $|\mathrm{A}| \mathrm{B}|\mathrm{C}| \mathrm{D}|\mathrm{E}| \mathrm{F}$
<integer> := <digit10> [<integer>]
<hexa> := <digit16>[<hexa>]
<color> := "RGB("<integer>","<integer>","<integer>")"
<date> := "\#"<integer>"/"<integer>"/"<integer>" "[<integer>":"<integer>":"<integer>"]"\#"
<string> := ""<text>""| | ""<text>"""
<comment> := "" <text>
<handle> := "handle " <event>
<event> := <identifier>"("[<eeparameters>]")"
<eparameters> := <eparameter> [","<eparameters>]
<parameters> := <identifier>
where:
<identifier> indicates an identifier of the variable, property, method or event, and should start with a letter.
<type> indicates the type the CreateObject function creates, as a progID for /COM version or the assembly-qualified name of the type to create for /NET or /WPF version <text> any string of characters

The Template or $x$-script is composed by lines of instructions. Instructions are separated by "Inlr" ( newline characters ) or ";" character.

The advantage of the AttachTemplate relative to Template / ExecuteTemplate is that the AttachTemplate can add handlers to the control events.

## property MaskEdit.BackColor as Color

Retrieves or sets the control's background color.
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Type

## Description

Color
A color expression that indicates the control's background color.

Use the BackColor property to change the control's background color. Use the ForeColor property to change the control's foreground color. The BackColorReadOnly property specifies the control's background color when the field is locked ( ReadOnly property is True ). The ForeColorReadOnly property specifies the control's foreground color when the field is locked ( ReadOnly property is True ).

## property MaskEdit.BackColorReadOnly as Color

Indicates the control's background when the control is read only.

Type

## Description

Color
A Color expression that indicates the control's color.
The BackColorReadOnly property specifies the control's background color when the field is locked ( ReadOnly property is True ). The ForeColorReadOnly property specifies the control's foreground color when the field is locked ( ReadOnly property is True ). Use the ForeColor property to change the control's foreground color. Use the BackColor property to change the control's background color. Use the ForeColorRich property to change the color used to paint the mask, while the control's Type is RichEdit, and the Value is not yet validated. Use the Valid property to check whenever the control's mask value is valid or invalid.

Returns or sets a value that indicates the background color for parts in the control.

Type

Part as<br>BackgroundPartEnum

## Description

A BackgroundPartEnum expression that indicates a part in the control.


#### Abstract

A Color expression that indicates the background color for a specified part. The last 7 bits in the high significant byte of the color to indicates the identifier of the skin being used. Use the Add method to add new skins to the control. If you need to remove the skin appearance from a part of the control you need to reset the last 7 bits in the high significant byte of the color being applied to the background's part.


The Background property specifies a background color or a visual appearance for specific parts in the control. If the Background property is 0 , the control draws the part as default. Use the Add method to add new skins to the control. Use the Remove method to remove a specific skin from the control. Use the Clear method to remove all skins in the control. Use the Refresh method to refresh the control. Use the Invalid/Warning/ShowToolTip to display a tooltip.

The following screen shot shows the control's tooltip with a new visual apperance:


The value you entered isn't appropriate for the input mask '!000-0000' specified for this field.

The following sample shows how you can change the tooltip's visual appearance:

VBA (MS Access, Excell...)

With MaskEdit1
.VisualAppearance.Add 1,"c:\exontrol\images\normal.ebn"
.Backgroun d(64) $=$ \&H1000000
.Warning = "Invalid character"
.Mask = "'Time: ` 00:00:00"
End With

With MaskEdit1
.VisualAppearance.Add 1,"c:\exontrol\images\normal.ebn"
.Background(exToolTipAppearance) $=\& H 1000000$
.Warning = "Invalid character"
.Mask = "'Time: `00:00:00"
End With

## VB.NET

## With Exmaskedit1

.VisualAppearance.Add(1,"c:\exontrol\images\normal.ebn")
.set_Background32(exontrol.EXMASKEDITLib.BackgroundPartEnum.exToolTipAppearan
.Warning = "Invalid character"
.Mask = "'Time: ` 00:00:00"
End With

## VB.NET for /COM

With AxMaskEdit1
.VisualAppearance.Add(1,"c:\exontrol\images\normal.ebn")
.set_Background(EXMASKEDITLib.BackgroundPartEnum.exToolTipAppearance,167772
.Warning = "Invalid character"
.Mask = "'Time: ` 00:00:00"
End With
C++ /*

Copy and paste the following directives to your header file as
it defines the namespace 'EXMASKEDITLib' for the library: 'ExMaskEdit 7.1 Control Library'
\#import < MaskEdit.dll>
using namespace EXMASKEDITLib;

EXMASKEDITLib:IIMaskEditPtr spMaskEdit1 = GetDIgItem(IDC_MASKEDIT1)-
>GetControlUnknown();
spMaskEdit1-> GetVisualAppearance()-
>Add(1,"c:<br>exontrol<br>images<br>normal.ebn");
spMaskEdit1->PutBackground(EXMASKEDITLib::exToolTipAppearance,0x1000000);
spMaskEdit1->PutWarning(L"Invalid character");
spMaskEdit1-> PutMask(L"Time: ` 00:00:00");

## C++ Builder

MaskEdit1-> VisualAppearance-
> Add(1,TVariant("c:<br>exontrol<br>images<br>normal.ebn"));
MaskEdit1-
> Background[Exmaskeditlib_tlb::BackgroundPartEnum::exToolTipAppearance] = 0x1000000;
MaskEdit1-> Warning = L"Invalid character";
MaskEdit1-> Mask = L"'Time: ` 00:00:00";

C\#
exmaskedit1.VisualAppearance.Add(1,"c:<br>exontrol<br>images <br>normal.ebn");
exmaskedit1.set_Background32(exontrol.EXMASKEDITLib.BackgroundPartEnum.exTool1
exmaskedit1.Warning = "Invalid character";
exmaskedit1.Mask = "'Time: ` 00:00:00";

## JavaScript

<OBJECT classid="clsid:43F80262-F652-11D3-AD39-00C0DFC59237" id="MaskEdit1"> </OBJECT>

<SCRIPT LANGUAGE="JScript">
MaskEdit1.VisualAppearance.Add(1,"c:\\exontrol\\images\\normal.ebn"); MaskEdit1.Background(64) = 16777216;

MaskEdit1.Warning = "Invalid character";
MaskEdit1.Mask = "'Time: ` 00:00:00";
</SCRIPT>

## C\# for /COM

axMaskEdit1.VisualAppearance.Add(1,"c:<br>exontrol<br>images<br>normal.ebn"); axMaskEdit1.set_Background(EXMASKEDITLib.BackgroundPartEnum.exToolTipAppear
axMaskEdit1.Warning = "Invalid character";
axMaskEdit1.Mask = "'Time: ` 00:00:00";

## X++ (Dynamics Ax 2009)

public void init()
\{
;
super();
exmaskedit1.VisualAppearance().Add(1,"c:<br>exontrol<br>images<br>normal.ebn");
exmaskedit1.Background(64/*exToolTipAppearance*/,0x1000000);
exmaskedit1.Warning("Invalid character");
exmaskedit1.Mask("Time: ` 00:00:00");
\}

## Delphi 8 (.NET only)

with AxMaskEdit1 do
begin
VisualAppearance.Add(1,'c:\exontro<br>images\normal.ebn');
set_Background(EXMASKEDITLib.BackgroundPartEnum.exToolTipAppearance,\$10000

Warning := 'Invalid character';
Mask := 'Time: `00:00:00'; end with MaskEdit1 do begin VisualAppearance.Add(1,'c:\exontrol\images\normal.ebn'); Background[EXMASKEDITLib_TLB.exToolTipAppearance] := \$1000000; Warning := 'Invalid character'; Mask := 'Time:` 00:00:00';
end

## VFP

with thisform.MaskEdit1
.VisualAppearance.Add(1,"c:\exontrol\images\normal.ebn")
.Object.Background(64) $=0 \times 1000000$
.Warning = "Invalid character"
.Mask = "'Time: ` 00:00:00"
endwith

## dBASE Plus

local oMaskEdit
oMaskEdit = form.Activex1.nativeObject
oMaskEdit.VisualAppearance.Add(1,"c:\exontrol\images\normal.ebn")
oMaskEdit.Template $=$ [Background(64) $=0 \times 1000000] / /$
oMaskEdit.Background(64) $=0 \times 1000000$
oMaskEdit.Warning = "Invalid character"
oMaskEdit.Mask = "'Time: ` 00:00:00"

## XBasic (Alpha Five)

Dim oMaskEdit as P
oMaskEdit = topparent:CONTROL_ACTIVEX1.activex
oMaskEdit.VisualAppearance.Add(1,"c:\exontrol\images\normal.ebn")
oMaskEdit.Template = "Background(64) = 16777216" ' oMaskEdit.Background(64)
$=16777216$
oMaskEdit.Warning = "Invalid character" oMaskEdit.Mask = "'Time: `00:00:00"

## Visual Objects

oDCOCX_Exontrol1:VisualAppearance:Add(1,"c:\exontrol\images\normal.ebn") oDCOCX_Exontrol1:[Background,exToolTipAppearance] := 0x1000000 oDCOCX_Exontrol1:Warning := "Invalid character" oDCOCX_Exontrol1:Mask := "'Time: `00:00:00"

## PowerBuilder

OleObject oMaskEdit
oMaskEdit = ole_1.Object
oMaskEdit.VisualAppearance.Add(1,"c:\exontrol\images\normal.ebn")
oMaskEdit.Background(64,16777216 /*0x1000000*/)
oMaskEdit.Warning = "Invalid character"
oMaskEdit.Mask = "'Time: `00:00:00"

## Visual DataFlex

Procedure OnCreate
Forward Send OnCreate
Variant voAppearance
Get ComVisualAppearance to voAppearance
Handle hoAppearance
Get Create (RefClass(cComAppearance)) to hoAppearance
Set pvComObject of hoAppearance to voAppearance
Get ComAdd of hoAppearance 1 "c:\exontrol\images\normal.ebn" to Nothing
Send Destroy to hoAppearance
Set ComBackground OLEexToolTipAppearance to |CI\$1000000
Set ComWarning to "Invalid character"
Set ComMask to "'Time: `00:00:00"

## property MaskEdit.CursorPos as Long

Retrieves or sets a value that indicates the cursor position.
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## Description

Long A long expression that indicates the cursor position.

The CursorPos property determines the cursor position. The CursorPos property starts from 0 .

The following sample displays the cursor position using a Timer:
Private Sub Timer1_Timer()
Label1 = MaskEdit1.CursorPos
End Sub

## property MaskEdit.Enabled as Boolean

Retrieves or sets a value indicating whether the control is enabled or disabled.

## Iype <br> Description <br> Boolean <br> A boolean expression indicating whether the control is enabled or disabled.

Use the Enable property to disable the control. Use the ReadOnly property to make your control read-only.

## property MaskEdit.EventParam(Parameter as Long) as Variant

Retrieves or sets a value that indicates the current's event parameter.

Type

Parameter as Long

Variant

## Description

A long expression that indicates the index of the parameter being requested ie 0 means the first parameter, 1 means the second, and so on. If -1 is used the EventParam property retrieves the number of parameters. Accessing an not-existing parameter produces an OLE error, such as invalid pointer ( E_POINTER )
A VARIANT expression that specifies the parameter's value.

The EventParam method is provided to allow changing the event's parameters passed by reference, even if your environment does not support changing it ( uniPaas 1.5 (formerly known as eDeveloper), DBase, and so on ). For instance, Unipaas event-handling logic cannot update ActiveX control variables by updating the received arguments. The EventParam(0) retrieves the value of the first parameter of the event, while the EventParam $(1)=0$, changes the value of the second parameter to 0 ( the operation is successfully, only if the parameter is passed by reference ). The EventParam(-1) retrieves the number of the parameters of the current event.

Let's take the event "event KeyDown (KeyCode as Integer, ByVal Shift as Integer)", where the KeyCode parameter is passed by reference. For instance, put the KeyCode parameter on 0 , and the arrow keys are disabled while the control has the focus.

In most languages you will type something like:

> Private Sub Control1_KeyDown(KeyCode As Integer, Shift As Integer)
> KeyCode $=0$
> End Sub

In case your environment does not support events with parameters by reference, you can use a code like follows:

Private Sub Control1_KeyDown(KeyCode As Integer, Shift As Integer)
Control1.EventParam(0) $=0$
End Sub
In other words, the EventParam property provides the parameters of the current event for reading or writing access, even if your environment does not allow changing parameters by

Calling the EventParam property outside of an event produces an OLE error, such as pointer invalid, as its scope was designed to be used only during events.

## method MaskEdit.ExecuteTemplate (Template as String)

Executes a template and returns the result.

## Type

Template as String
Return
Variant

## Description

A Template string being executed

## Description

A String expression that indicates the result after executing the Template.

Use the ExecuteTemplate property to returns the result of executing a template file. Use the Template property to execute a template without returning any result. Use the ExecuteTemplate property to execute code by passing instructions as a string ( template string ).

For instance, the following sample retrieves the beginning date ( as string ) for the default bar in the first visible item:

## Debug.Print MaskEdit1.ExecuteTemplate("Items.ItemBar(FirstVisibleltem(),",1)")

Most of our UI components provide a Template page that's accessible in design mode. No matter what programming language you are using, you can have a quick view of the component's features using the WYSWYG Template editor.

- Place the control to your form or dialog.
- Locate the Properties item, in the control's context menu, in design mode. If your environment doesn't provide a Properties item in the control's context menu, please try to locate in the Properties browser.
- Click it, and locate the Template page.
- Click the Help button. In the left side, you will see the component, in the right side, you will see a x -script code that calls methods and properties of the control.

The control's Template page helps user to initialize the control's look and feel in design mode, using the $x$-script language that's easy and powerful. The Template page displays the control on the left side of the page. On the right side of the Template page, a simple editor is displayed where user writes the initialization code. The control's look and feel is automatically updated as soon as the user types new instructions. The Template script is saved to the container persistence ( when Apply button is pressed ), and it is executed when the control is initialized at runtime. Any component that provides a WYSWYG Template page, provides a Template property. The Template property executes code from a string ( template string ).

The Template script is composed by lines of instructions. Instructions are separated by
"Inlr" ( newline ) characters.
An instruction can be one of the following:

- Dim list of variables Declares the variables. Multiple variables are separated by commas. (Sample: Dim h, h1, h2)
- variable $=$ property $($ list of arguments $)$ Assigns the result of the property to a variable. The "variable" is the name of a declared variable. The "property" is the property name of the object in the context. The "list or arguments" may include variables or values separated by commas. (Sample: $h=$ Insertltem(0, "New Child"))
- property( list of arguments ) = value Changes the property. The value can be a variable, a string, a number, a boolean value or a $R G B$ value.
- method( list of arguments ) Invokes the method. The "list or arguments" may include variables or values separated by commas.
- \{ Beginning the object's context. The properties or methods called between \{ and \} are related to the last object returned by the property prior to \{ declaration.
- \} Ending the object's context
- object. property( list of arguments ).property( list of arguments ).... The .(dot) character splits the object from its property. For instance, the
Columns.Add("Column1"). HeaderBackColor = RGB(255,0,0), adds a new column and changes the column's header back color.

The Template supports the following general functions:

- $\mathrm{RGB}(\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{G}, \mathrm{B})$ property retrieves an $R G B$ value, where the $R, G, B$ are byte values that indicates the $R G B$ values for the color being specified. For instance, the following code changes the control's background color to red: BackColor $=R G B(255,0,0)$
- CreateObject(progID) property creates and retrieves a single uninitialized object of the class associated with a specified program identifier.


# property MaskEdit.Font as IFontDisp 

Retrieves or sets the control's font.
Iype
Description
IFontDisp
A Font object that indicates the control's font.

The Font property determines the control's font.

## property MaskEdit.ForeColor as Color

Retrieves or sets the control's foreground color.
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Type } & \text { Description } \\ \text { Color } & \text { A Color expression that indicates the control's color. }\end{array}$
Use the ForeColor property to change the control's foreground color. Use the BackColor property to change the control's background color. Use the ForeColorRich property to change the color used to paint the mask, while the control's Type is RichEdit, and the Value is not yet validated. Use the Valid property to check whenever the control's mask value is valid or invalid. The BackColorReadOnly property specifies the control's background color when the field is locked ( ReadOnly property is True ). The ForeColorReadOnly property specifies the control's foreground color when the field is locked ( ReadOnly property is True ).

## property MaskEdit.ForeColorReadOnly as Color

Indicates the control's foreground when the control is read only.
Type

## Description

Color
A Color expression that indicates the control's color.
The ForeColorReadOnly property specifies the control's foreground color when the field is locked ( ReadOnly property is True ). The BackColorReadOnly property specifies the control's background color when the field is locked ( ReadOnly property is True ). Use the ForeColor property to change the control's foreground color. Use the BackColor property to change the control's background color. Use the ForeColorRich property to change the color used to paint the mask, while the control's Type is RichEdit, and the Value is not yet validated. Use the Valid property to check whenever the control's mask value is valid or invalid.

## property MaskEdit.ForeColorRich as Color

Retrieves or sets a color that is used to paint the mask value, while the Type is RichEdit and the value is not valid.

Type

## Description

A color expression that indicates the color used by control to paint the mask value, while it is not valid.

The ForeColorRich property has effect only if the control's Type is RichEdit Use the ForeColor property to change the control's foreground color. You can use the ForeColorRich property to specify the foreground color for editable entities while the field is not validated/completed. The BackColorReadOnly property specifies the control's background color when the field is locked ( ReadOnly property is True ). The ForeColorReadOnly property specifies the control's foreground color when the field is locked ( ReadOnly property is True ).

## property MaskEdit.HTMLPicture(Key as String) as Variant

Adds or replaces a picture in HTML captions.

## Type

## Description

A String expression that indicates the key of the picture being added or replaced. If the Key property is Empty string, the entire collection of pictures is cleared.

The HTMLPicture specifies the picture being associated to a key. It can be one of the followings:

- a string expression that indicates the path to the picture file, being loaded.
- a string expression that indicates the base64 encoded string that holds a picture object, Use the eximages tool to save your picture as base64 encoded format.
Variant
- A Picture object that indicates the picture being added or replaced. ( A Picture object implements IPicture interface ),

If empty, the picture being associated to a key is removed. If the key already exists the new picture is replaced. If the key is not empty, and it doesn't not exist a new picture is added

The HTMLPicture property handles a collection of custom size picture being displayed in the HTML captions, using the <img> tags. By default, the HTMLPicture collection is empty. Use the HTMLPicture property to add new pictures to be used in HTML captions. For instance, the HTMLPicture("pic1") = "c:\winnt\zapotec.bmp", loads the zapotec picture and associates the pic1 key to it. Any "<img>pic1</img>" sequence in HTML captions, displays the pic1 picture. On return, the HTMLPicture property retrieves a Picture object ( this implements the IPictureDisp interface ). Use the Images property to assign icons to the control. Use the Warning property to specify a HTML tooltip to be shown at the cursor position when user enters an invalid character. Use the Invalid property to specify a HTML tooltip to keep the control focused while the user enters an inappropriate value for the field.

The following sample shows how to display icons in the control's invalid tooltip:
<CONTROL>.HTMLPicture("pic1") = "c:/temp/editors.gif"
<CONTROL>.HTMLPicture("pic2") = "c:/temp/editpaste.gif"
<COLUMN1>.Invalid = "A <img>pic1</img>"

> <COLUMN2>.Invalid $=$ " B <img> pic2</img>" <COLUMN3>.Invalid $=$ " $<$ img>pic1</img> +B <img>pic2</img>"

## property MaskEdit.hWnd as Long

Retrieves the control's window handle.
Туре
Description
Long
A long expression that indicates the control's window handle.

Use the hWnd property to get the control's main window handle. The Microsoft Windows operating environment identifies each form and control in an application by assigning it a handle, or hWnd. The hWnd property is used with Windows API calls. Many Windows operating environment functions require the hWnd of the active window as an argument.

## method MaskEdit.Images (Handle as Variant)

Sets the control's image list at runtime.

Type

Handle as Variant

## Description

The Handle parameter can be:

- A string expression that specifies the ICO file to add. The ICO file format is an image file format for computer icons in Microsoft Windows. ICO files contain one or more small images at multiple sizes and color depths, such that they may be scaled appropriately. For instance, Images("c:\templcopy.ico") method adds the sync.ico file to the control's Images collection (string, loads the icon using its path)
- A string expression that indicates the BASE64 encoded string that holds the icons list. Use the Exontrol's Exlmages tool to save/load your icons as BASE64 encoded format. In this case the string may begin with "gBJJ..." (string, loads icons using base64 encoded string)
- A reference to a Microsoft ImageList control (mscomctl.ocx, MSComctILib.ImageList type) that holds the icons to add (object, loads icons from a Microsoft ImageList control)
- A reference to a Picture (IPictureDisp implementation) that holds the icon to add. For instance, the VB's LoadPicture (Function LoadPicture([FileName], [Size], [ColorDepth], [X], [Y]) As IPictureDisp) or LoadResPicture (Function LoadResPicture(id, restype As Integer) As IPictureDisp) returns a picture object (object, loads icon from a Picture object)
- A long expression that identifies a handle to an Image List Control ( the Handle should be of HIMAGELIST type ). On 64-bit platforms, the Handle parameter must be a Variant of LongLong / LONG_PTR data type ( signed 64-bit (8-byte) integers ), saved under IIVal field, as VT_I8 type. The LONGLONG / LONG_PTR is __int64, a 64-bit integer. For instance, in C++ you can use as Images( COleVariant( (LONG_PTR)hlmageList) ) or Images( COleVariant( (LONGLONG)hlmageList) ), where hlmageList is of

The user can add images at design time, by drag and drop files to combo's image holder. The ImageSize property defines the size (width/height) of the icons within the control's Images collection. Use the Replacelcon method to add, remove or clear icons in the control's images collection. Use the <img> HTML tag to specify the index of the icon to be displayed. Use the Warning property to specify a HTML tooltip to be shown at the cursor position when user enters an invalid character. Use the Invalid property to specify a HTML tooltip to keep the control focused while the user enters an inappropriate value for the field.

## property MaskEdit.ImageSize as Long

Retrieves or sets the size of icons the control displays..

Type
Long

## Description

A long expression that defines the size of icons the control displays.

By default, the ImageSize property is 16 (pixels). The ImageSize property specifies the size of icons being loaded using the Images method. The control's Images collection is cleared if the ImageSize property is changed, so it is recommended to set the ImageSize property before calling the Images method. The ImageSize property defines the size (width/height) of the icons within the control's Images collection. For instance, if the ICO file to load includes different types the one closest with the size specified by ImageSize property is loaded by Images method. The ImageSize property does NOT change the height for the control's font.

## property MaskEdit.InsertMode as InsertModeEnum

Specifies the control's inserting mode that could be insert-type or over-type.
Iype

## Description

An InsertModeEnum expression that specifies the insertion mode.

By default, the InsertMode property is exEditInsertMode. The InsertMode property specifies the control's insertion mode. Use the InsertMode property on exEditOvertypeMode to allow user to edit the control's field in overtype mode. The AllowToggleInsertMode property specifies whether the control toggles the insertion mode when the user presses the Insert key.

## property MaskEdit.Invalid as String

Indicates the html-tooltip message to be shown when the user enters an invalid value.

Туре

## Description

A String expression that defines the built-in HTML tooltip to
String
be shown at cursor position when user enters any invalid character.

By default, the Invalid property is "". Use the Invalid property to specify a HTML tooltip to keep the control focused while the user enters an inappropriate value for the field. The Invalid property has no effect if the property is empty or the control is not masked. Use the Warning property to specify a HTML tooltip to be shown at the cursor position when user enters an invalid character. Use the AllowBeep property to let control beeps once the user enters any invalid character. The Invalid property indicates the html message to be displayed when the user enters an inappropriate value for the field. If the value is missing or empty, the option has no effect, so no validation is performed. If the value is a not-empty value, the validation is performed. If the value is single space, no message is displayed and the field is keep opened while the value is inappropriate. For instance, "!(999) 000 $0000 ;$;;invalid=The value you entered isn't appropriate for the input mask <b>'<\%mask\%>'</b> specified for this field." displays the "The value you entered isn't appropriate for the input mask '...' specified for this field." tooltip once the user leaves the field and it is not-valid ( for instance, the field includes entities required and uncompleted ). The <\%mask\%> keyword in value, substitute the current mask of the field, while the $<\%$ value $\%>$ keyword substitutes the current value (including the literals). If this option should display/use the semicolon (;) character is should be $\backslash$; ( escape ). This option can be combined with AllowEmptyValue or ValidateAs property.

The following screen shot shows the Warning once the user enters an invalid character:


The control uses built-in HTML tags to display the caption using HTML format. The control supports the following HTML tags:

- <b> ... </b> displays the text in bold
- <i> ... <li> displays the text in italics
- <u> ... </u> underlines the text
- <s> ... </s> Strike-through text
- <a id;options> ... </a> displays an anchor element that can be clicked. An anchor is a piece of text or some other object (for example an image) which marks the beginning
and/or the end of a hypertext link. The <a> element is used to mark that piece of text (or inline image), and to give its hypertextual relationship to other documents. The control fires the AnchorClick(AnchorID, Options) event when the user clicks the anchor element. The FormatAnchor property customizes the visual effect for anchor elements.
- <font face;size> ... </font> displays portions of text with a different font and/or different size. For instance, the "<font Tahoma;12>bit</font>" draws the bit text using the Tahoma font, on size 12 pt . If the name of the font is missing, and instead size is present, the current font is used with a different size. For instance, "<font
;12>bit</font>" displays the bit text using the current font, but with a different size.
- <fgcolor rrggbb> ... </fgcolor> or <fgcolor=rrggbb> ... </fgcolor> displays text with a specified foreground color. The rr/gg/bb represents the red/green/blue values of the color in hexa values.
- <bgcolor rrggbb> ... </bgcolor> or <bgcolor=rrggbb> ... </bgcolor> displays text with a specified background color. The rr/gg/bb represents the red/green/blue values of the color in hexa values.
- <solidline rrggbb> ... </solidline> or <solidline=rrggbb> ... </solidline> draws a solidline on the bottom side of the current text-line, of specified RGB color. The <solidline> ... </solidline> draws a black solid-line on the bottom side of the current text-line. The $\mathrm{rr} / \mathrm{gg} / \mathrm{bb}$ represents the red/green/blue values of the color in hexa values.
- <dotline rrggbb> ... </dotline> or <dotline=rrggbb> ... </dotline> draws a dot-line on the bottom side of the current text-line, of specified RGB color. The <dotline> ... </dotline> draws a black dot-line on the bottom side of the current text-line. The $\mathrm{rr} / \mathrm{gg} / \mathrm{bb}$ represents the red/green/blue values of the color in hexa values.
- <upline> ... </upline> draws the line on the top side of the current text-line (requires <solidline> or <dotline>).
- <r> right aligns the text
- <c> centers the text
- <br> forces a line-break
- <img>number[:width]</img> inserts an icon inside the text. The number indicates the index of the icon being inserted. Use the Images method to assign a list of icons to your chart. The last 7 bits in the high significant byte of the number expression indicates the identifier of the skin being used to paint the object. Use the Add method to add new skins to the control. If you need to remove the skin appearance from a part of the control you need to reset the last 7 bits in the high significant byte of the color being applied to the part. The width is optional and indicates the width of the icon being inserted. Using the width option you can overwrite multiple icons getting a nice effect. By default, if the width field is missing, the width is 18 pixels.
- <img>key[:width]</img> inserts a custom size picture into the text being previously loaded using the HTMLPicture property. The Key parameter indicates the key of the picture being displayed. The Width parameter indicates a custom size, if you require to stretch the picture, else the original size of the picture is used.
- \& glyph characters as \& ( \& ), \< ( < ), \> ( > ), \&qout; ( " ) and \&\#number;
( the character with specified code ), For instance, the \&\#8364; displays the EUR character. The \& ampersand is only recognized as markup when it is followed by a known letter or a \#character and a digit. For instance if you want to display <b>bold</b> in HTML caption you can use \<;b\>bold\</b\>
- <off offset> ... </off> defines the vertical offset to display the text/element. The offset parameter defines the offset to display the element. This tag is inheritable, so the offset is keep while the associated </off> tag is found. You can use the <off offset> HTML tag in combination with the <font face;size> to define a smaller or a larger font to be displayed. For instance: "Text with <font; $7><$ off $6>$ subscript" displays the text such as: Text with subscript The "Text with <font ;7><off -6>superscript" displays the text such as: Text with subscript
- <gra rrggbb;mode;blend> ... </gra> defines a gradient text. The text color or <fgcolor> defines the starting gradient color, while the $\mathrm{rr} / \mathrm{gg} / \mathrm{bb}$ represents the red/green/blue values of the ending color, 808080 if missing as gray. The mode is a value between 0 and 4,1 if missing, and blend could be 0 or 1,0 if missing. The <font> HTML tag can be used to define the height of the font. Any of the rrggbb, mode or blend field may not be specified. The <gra> with no fields, shows a vertical gradient color from the current text color to gray (808080). For instance the "<font; 18><gra FFFFFF; $1 ; 1$ >gradient-center</gra></font>" generates the following picture:
- <out rrggbb;width> ... </out> shows the text with outlined characters, where rr/gg/bb represents the red/green/blue values of the outline color, 808080 if missing as gray, width indicates the size of the outline, 1 if missing. The text color or <fgcolor> defines the color to show the inside text. The <font> HTML tag can be used to define the height of the font. For instance the "<font; $31><$ out $000000>$
<fgcolor=FFFFFF>outlined</fgcolor></out></font>" generates the following picture:


## outlined

- <sha rrggbb;width;offset> ... </sha> define a text with a shadow, where rr/gg/bb represents the red/green/blue values of the shadow color, 808080 if missing as gray, width indicates the size of shadow, 4 if missing, and offset indicates the offset from the origin to display the text's shadow, 2 if missing. The text color or <fgcolor> defines the color to show the inside text. The <font> HTML tag can be used to define the height of the font. For instance the "<font; 31><sha>shadow</sha></font>" generates the following picture:


## shadow

or "<font;31><sha 404040;5;0><fgcolor=FFFFFF>outline anti-aliasing</fgcolor> </sha></font>" gets:

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## property MaskEdit.Mask as String

Retrieves or sets a string expression that indicates the control's mask.

## Type

## Description

String
A string expression that indicates the control's mask
Indicates the control's mask. Use the Value property to get the value entered, and use the Valid property to check if the field is completed and valid. Use the Masks property to provide multiple masks to the control. Use the MaskFloat property to mask floating point numbers without displaying the masking character. The MaskChange event is fired when the Mask property is changed. The Mask property is composed by a combination of regular characters, literal escape characters, and masking characters. The Mask property can contain also alternative characters, or range rules. A literal escape character is preceded by a $\backslash$ character, and it is used to display a character that is used in masking rules. The control fires the MaskChange event once the control's Mask property is changed.

Starting from the version 7.1 the Mask property has been radically changed as explained bellow. page.

For instance, the following input-mask ( ext-phone )
"!(999) 000 0000;1;;select=1,empty,overtype, warning=invalid character,invalid=The value you entered isn't appropriate for the input mask <b>'<\%mask\%>'</b> specified for this field."
indicates the following:

- The pattern should contain 3 optional digits 999, and 7 required digits 0000000 , aligned to the right, !.
- The second part of the input mask indicates 1 , which means that all literals are included when the user leaves the field.
- The entire field is selected when it receives the focus, select=1
- The field supports empty value, so the user can leave the field with no content
- The field enters in overtype mode, and insert-type mode is not allowed when user pressed the Insert key
- If the user enters any invalid character, a warning tooltip with the message "invalid character" is displayed.
- If the user tries to leave the field, while the field is not validated ( all 7 required digits completed ), the invalid tooltip is shown with the message "The value you entered isn't appropriate for the input mask <b>'<\%mask\%>'</b> specified for this field." The $<\%$ mask\%> is replaced with the first part of the input mask !(999) 0000000

The four parts of an input mask, or the Mask property supports up to four parts, separated by a semicolon (;). For instance, "'Time: `00:00:00;;0;overtype,warning=<fgcolor FF0000>invalid character,beep", indicates the pattern "00:00" with the prefix Time:, the masking character being the 0 , instead _, the field enters in over-type mode, insert-type mode is not allowed, and the field beeps and displays a tooltip in red with the message invalid character when the user enters an invalid character.

Input masks are made up one mandatory part and three optional parts, and each part is separated by a semicolon (;). If a part should use the semicolon (;) it must uses the $\backslash$; instead

The purpose of each part is as follows:

1. The first part (pattern) is mandatory. It includes the mask characters or string (series of characters) along with placeholders and literal data such as, parentheses, periods, and hyphens.

The following table lists the placeholder and literal characters for an input mask and explains how it controls data entry:

- \#, a digit, +, - or space (entry not required).

0, a digit (0 through 9, entry required; plus [+] and minus [-] signs not allowed).
9, a digit or space (entry not required; plus and minus signs not allowed).
x, a lower case hexa character, [0-9],[a-f] (entry required)
$\boldsymbol{X}$, an upper case hexa character, [0-9],[A-F] (entry required )
A, any letter, digit (entry required).
a, any letter, digit or space (entry optional).
L, any letter (entry require).
?, any letter or space (entry optional).

- \&, any character or a space (entry required).
- C, any character or a space (entry optional).
- >, any letter, converted to uppercase (entry required).
- <, any letter, converted to lowercase (entry required).
- *, any characters combinations
- \{ min, max \} (Range), indicates a number range. The syntax \{min, max\} (Range), masks a number in the giving range. The min and max values should be positive integers. For instance the mask \{0,255\} masks any number between 0 and 255.
- [...] (Alternative), masks any characters that are contained in the [] brackets. For instance, the [abcdA-D] mask any character: $a, b, c, d, A, B, C, D$
- I, indicates the escape character
- $\boldsymbol{t}^{\prime},(A L T+175)$ causes the characters that follow to be converted to uppercase,
until $\check{T}(A L T+174)$ is found.
- $\check{\boldsymbol{T}},($ ( $A L T+174)$ causes the characters that follow to be converted to lowercase, until $t(A L T+175)$ is found.
-!, causes the input mask to fill from right to left instead of from left to right.
Characters enclosed in double quotation ("" or "`) marks will be displayed literally. If this part should display/use the semicolon (;) character is should be included between double quotation ("" or " ${ }^{\prime}$ ) characters or as $\backslash$; ( escape ).

2. The second part is optional and refers to the embedded mask characters and how they are stored within the field. If the second part is set to 0 ( default, exClipModeLiteralsNone ), all characters are stored with the data, and if it is set to 1 (exClipModeLiteralsInclude), the literals are stored, not including the masking/placeholder characters, if 2 (exClipModeLiteralsExclude), just typed characters are stored, if 3(exClipModeLiteralsEscape), optional, required, editable and escaped entities are included. No double quoted text is included.
3. The third part of the input mask is also optional and indicates a single character or space that is used as a placeholder. By default, the field uses the underscore (_). If you want to use another character, enter it in the third part of your mask. Only the first character is considered. If this part should display/use the semicolon (;) character is should be \; ( escape ) (MaskChar property)
4. The forth part of the input, indicates a list of options that can be applied to input mask, separated by comma(,) character.

The known options for the forth part are:

- float, indicates that the field is edited as a decimal number, integer. The first part of the input mask specifies the pattern to be used for grouping and decimal separators, and - if negative numbers are supported. If the first part is empty, the float is formatted as indicated by current regional settings. For instance, "\#\#;;;;float" specifies a 2 digit number in float format. The grouping, decimal, negative and digits options are valid if the float option is present. Use the MaskFloat property to mask floating point numbers including digit grouping.
- grouping=value, Character used to separate groups of digits to the left of the decimal. Valid only if float is present. For instance ";;;float,grouping=" indicates that no grouping is applied to the decimal number (LOCALE_STHOUSAND)
- decimal=value, Character used for the decimal separator. Valid only if float is present. For instance ";;;float, grouping= , decimal=1," indicates that the decimal
number uses the space for grouping digits to the left, while for decimal separator the comma character is used (LOCALE_SDECIMAL)
- negative=value, indicates whether the decimal number supports negative numbers. The value should be 0 or 1.1 means negative numbers are allowed. Else 0 or missing, the negative numbers are not accepted. Valid only if float is present.
- digits=value, indicates the max number of fractional digits placed after the decimal separator. Valid only if float is present. For instance, ";;;float, digits=4" indicates a max 4 digits after decimal separator (LOCALE_IDIGITS)
password[=value], displays a black circle for any shown character. For instance, ";;;password", specifies that the field to be displayed as a password. If the value parameter is present, the first character in the value indicates the password character to be used. By default, the * password character is used for nonTrue Type fonts, else the black circle character is used. For instance, ";;;password=*", specifies that the field to be displayed as a password, and use the * for password character. If the value parameter is missing, the default password character is used. The Password property specifies whether the control the control displays a black circle for any shown character. The PasswordChar property specifies the character to be displayed when the control displays a password.
- right, aligns the characters to the right. For instance, "(999) 999-9999;;;right" displays and masks a telephone number aligned to the right. The Right property specifies whether the control displays the characters aligned to the right.
- readonly, the editor is locked, user can not update the content, the caret is available, so user can copy the text, excepts the password fields. The ReadOnly property specifies whether the control is read-only. The BackColorReadOnly property specifies the control's background color when the field is locked ( ReadOnly property is True ). The ForeColorReadOnly property specifies the control's foreground color when the field is locked (ReadOnly property is True ). inserttype, indicates that the field enters in insert-type mode, if this is the first option found. If the forth part includes also the overtype option, it indicates that the user can toggle the insert/over-type mode using the Insert key. For instance, the "\#\#:\#\#;;0;inserttype,overtype", indicates that the field enter in insert-type mode, and over-type mode is allowed. The "\#\#:\#\#;;;;insertype", indicates that the field enter in insert-type mode, and over-type mode is not allowed. The InsertMode property specifies the control's insertion mode. The AllowToggleInsertMode property specifies whether the control toggles the insertion mode when the user presses the Insert key.
overtype, indicates that the field enters in over-type mode, if this is the first option found. If the forth part includes also the insertlype option, it indicates that the user can toggle the insert/over-type mode using the Insert key. For instance,
the "\#\#:\#\#;;0;overtype, inserttype", indicates that the field enter in over-type mode, and insert-type mode is allowed. The "\#\#:\#\#;;0;overtype", indicates that the field enter in over-type mode, and insert-type mode is not allowed. The InsertMode property specifies the control's insertion mode. The AllowToggleInsertMode property specifies whether the control toggles the insertion mode when the user presses the Insert key.
- nocontext, indicates that the field provides no context menu when user right clicks the field. For instance, ";;;password,nocontext" displays a password field, where the user can not invoke the default context menu, usually when a right click occurs. The AllowContextMenu property indicates that the field provides no context menu when user right clicks the field.
beep, indicates whether a beep is played once the user enters an invalid character. For instance, "00:00;;;beep" plays a beep once the user types in invalid character, in this case any character that's not a digit.
- warning=value, indicates the html message to be shown when the user enters an invalid character. For instance, "00:00:00;;;warning=invalid character" displays a "invalid character" tooltip once the user types in invalid character, in this case any character that's not a digit. The <\%mask\%> keyword in value, substitute the current mask of the field, while the $<\%$ value\%> keyword substitutes the current value (including the literals). If this option should display/use the semicolon (;) character is should be \; ( escape )
invalid=value, indicates the html message to be displayed when the user enters an inappropriate value for the field. If the value is missing or empty, the option has no effect, so no validation is performed. If the value is a not-empty value, the validation is performed. If the value is single space, no message is displayed and the field is keep opened while the value is inappropriate. For instance, "! (999) $0000000 ;$;;invalid=The value you entered isn't appropriate for the input mask <b>'<\%mask\%>'</b> specified for this field." displays the "The value you entered isn't appropriate for the input mask '...' specified for this field." tooltip once the user leaves the field and it is not-valid ( for instance, the field includes entities required and uncompleted ). The <\%mask\%> keyword in value, substitute the current mask of the field, while the <\%value\%> keyword substitutes the current value (including the literals ). If this option should display/use the semicolon (;) character is should be l; ( escape ). This option can be combined with empty, validateas.
- validateas=value, specifies the additional validation is done for the current field. If value is missing or 0 (exValidateAsNone), the option has no effect. The validateas option has effect only if the invalid option specifies a not-empty value. Currently, the value can be 1 (exValidateAsDate), which indicates that the field is validated as a date. For instance, having the mask "!00/00/0000;;0;empty, validateas=1,invalid=Invalid date!, warning=Invalid
character!, select=4,overtype", indicates that the field is validate as date ( validateas=1). The ValidateAs property indicates the additional validation makes once the user leaves the field.
- empty, indicates whether the field supports empty values. This option can be used with invalid flag, which indicates that the user can leave the field if it is empty. If empty flag is present, the field displays nothing if no entity is completed ( empty ). Once the user starts typing characters the current mask is displayed.
For instance, having the mask "!(999) 000
0000;;;empty, select=4,overtype,invalid=invalid phone number,beep", it specifies an empty or valid phone to be entered. The AllowEmptyValue property specifies whether the field supports empty values.
- select=value, indicates what to select from the field when it got the focus. The value could be 0 ( nothing, exSelectNoGotFocus ), 1 ( select all, exSelectAllGotFocus ), 2 ( select the first empty and editable entity of the field, exSelectEditableGotFocus ), 3 (moves the cursor to the beginning of the first empty and editable entity of the field, exMoveEditableGotFocus ), 4 (select the first empty, required and editable entity of the field, exSelectRequiredEditableGotFocus ), 5 (moves the cursor to the beginning of the first empty, required and editable entity of the field, exMoveRequiredEditableGotFocus ). For modes 2 and 4 the entire field is selected if no matching entity is found. For instance, "Time: 'XX:XX;;;select=1" indicates that the entire field (including the Time: prefix ) is selected once it get the focus. The "'Time: ' $X X$ : $X X$;,;, select=3", moves the cursor to first $X$, if empty, the second if empty, and so on

Experimental:
multiline, specifies that the field supports multiple lines.
rich, specifies that the field displays a rich type editor. By default, the standard edit field is shown
disabled, shows as disabled the field.

- x (Hexa Lower), Masks a lower case hexa character, [0-9], [a-f]
- X (Hexa Upper), Masks an upper case hexa character, [0-9], [A-F]
- A (AlphaNumeric), Masks a letter or a digit. [0-9], [a-z], [A-Z]
- ? (Alphabetic), Masks a letter. [a-z], [A-Z]
- < (Alphabetic lower), Masks a lower case letter. [a-z]
- > (Alphabetic upper), Masks an upper case letter. [A-Z]
-     * (Any), Masks any combination of characters.
- I (Literal Escape), Displays any masking characters. The following combinations are valid: <br>\#, |x, $|X,|A,|?,|<,|>, I||,\{, \mid[$
- \{nMin,nMax\} (Range), Masks a number in a range. The nMin and nMax values should be numbers. For instance the mask \{0,255\} will mask any number between 0 and 255.
- [...] (Alternative), Masks any characters that are contained in the [] brackets. For instance, the [abcA-C] mask any character: a,b, c, A, B, C

The following sample shows how to mask an IP address:
MaskEdit1.Mask $=$ "\{0,255\}\.\{0,255\}\.\{0,255\}\.\{0,255\}"

## property MaskEdit.MaskChar as Integer

Retrieves or sets a value that determines masking character.

Type
Integer

## Description

A character expression that indicates the character used for masking characters

By default, the masking character is "_". Use the MaskChar property to change the masking character. Use the Mask property to assign a single mask to the control. Use the Masks property to assign multiple masks to the control. Use the MaskFloat property to mask floating point numbers without displaying the masking character.

For instance, the following sample changes the masking character to "0":
With MaskEdit1

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text {.MaskChar = Asc("0") } \\
& . \text { Mask = "[0-9][0-9][0-9][0-9]" }
\end{aligned}
$$

End With

## property MaskEdit.MaskFloat as Boolean

Specifies whether the Mask property masks a floating point number.

Type
Boolean

## Description

A boolean expression that indicates whether the Mask property masks a floating point number.

By default, the MaskFloat property is False. Use the MaskFloat property to mask floating point numbers including digit grouping. Use the Mask property to specify the mask for floating point numbers. If the MaskFloat property is True, and Mask property is empty, the control filters the input characters using your regional options. If the MaskFloat property is True, the control doesn't display the masking character that's referred by the MaskChar property.

If the MaskFloat property is True, the Mask property may indicate the followings:

- negative number: if the first character in the mask is - ( minus ) the control supports negative numbers. Pressing the - key will toggle the sign of the number. The + sign is never displayed.
- decimal symbol: the last character that's different than \# ( digit ), or 0 (zero) indicates the decimal symbol. If it is not present the control mask a floating point number without decimals.
- thousand symbol: the thousand symbol is the last character that's not a \# ( digit ), 0 (zero) or it is not the decimal symbol as explained earlier, if present.
- the maximum number of decimals in the number ( the \# or 0 character after the decimal symbol )
- the maximum number of digits in the integer part ( the number of \# or 0 character before decimal symbol )
- the $\mathbf{0}$ character indicates a leading-zero. The count of 0 (zero) characters before decimal character indicates the leading-zero for integer part of the control, while the count of 0 (zero) characters after the decimal separator indicates the leading-zero for decimal part of the control. For instance, the Mask on "-\#\#\#,\#\#\#,\#\#\#.00", while the control's Text property is 1 , the control displays 1.00 , if 1.1 if displays 1.10 , and if empty, the 0.00 is displayed.

If the Mask property is empty, the control takes the settings for the regional options like: Decimal Symbol, No. of digits after decimal, Digit grouping symbol.

Here are few samples:
The mask "-\#\#\#.\#\#\#.\#\#0,00" filter floating point numbers a number for German settings ( "," is the decimal sign, "." is the thousands separator ). This format displays leading-zeros.

The mask "-\#\#\#.\#\#\#.\#\#\#,\#\#" filter floating point numbers a number for German settings ( "," is the decimal sign, "." is the thousands separator )

The mask "-\#\#\#,\#\#\#,\#\#\#.\#\#" filter floating point numbers a number for English settings ( "." is the decimal sign, "," is the thousands separator )

The mask "\#\#\#\#" indicates a max-4 digit number ( positive ) without a decimal symbol and without digit grouping

The mask "-\#\#.\#" filters a floating point number from the -99.9 to 99.9 ( "." is the decimal sign, no thousands separator )

The mask "\#,\#\#\#.\#\#" filters a floating point number from the 0 to $9,999.99$ with digit grouping ( "." is the decimal sign, "," is the thousands separator ).

## property MaskEdit.Masks as String

Retrieves or sets a value that determines all possible masks that user can use at runtime.

Type
String

## Description

A string expression that defines the list of masks in the control.

Use the Masks property to assign multiple masks to the control. Use the Mask property to assign a single mask to the control. The MaskChange event is fired when user changes the current mask. The Masks property is composed by pairs description and mask. The list of masks is delimited by "|" character. Use the VisibleMasks property to specify the number of visible items in the control's masks list.

The following sample adds multiple masks to the control:

## VBA (MS Access, Excell...)

> With MaskEdit1
> .InsertMode = 1
> .SelectGotFocus = 1
> .VisibleMasks = 6
> .TextIncludeLiterals = 2

.Masks = "Local;!000-0000|Domestic;!(999) 000-0000|International;!’+1`999-0000000|Dialed in the US;! ! 1 " \& _ \(^{\prime}\) " 999-000-0000|Dialed from Germany;! \(0001 ` 999-000-0000 \mid\) Dialed from France;! ! $191 `$
999-000-0000"
.Text = "845 0287"
.ActiveMask $=1$
End With

## VB6

With MaskEdit1
.InsertMode = exEditOvertypeMode
.SelectGotFocus = exSelectAllGotFocus
.VisibleMasks = 6
.TextIncludeLiterals = exClipModeLiteralsExclude
.Masks = "Local!!000-0000|Domestic!! (999) 000-0000|International;!’+1`999-0000000|Dialed in the US:! ! 1 " \& _ \(^{\prime}\) " 999-000-0000|Dialed from Germany;!`001`999-000-0000|Dialed from France;! 191 999-000-0000"
.Text = "845 0287"
.ActiveMask = 1
End With

## VB.NET

```
With Exmaskedit1
    .InsertMode = exontrol.EXMASKEDITLib.InsertModeEnum.exEditOvertypeMode
    .SelectGotFocus =
exontrol.EXMASKEDITLib.SelectGotFocusEnum.exSelectAlIGotFocus
    .VisibleMasks = 6
    .TextIncludeLiterals =
exontrol.EXMASKEDITLib.ClipModeLiteralsEnum.exClipModeLiteralsExclude
    .Masks = "Local!!000-0000|Domestic!!(999) 000-0000|International;!`+1`999-000-
0000|Dialed in the US;!`\"" & _
" 999-000-0000|Dialed from Germany;!`001`999-000-0000|Dialed from France;!`191`
999-000-0000"
    .Text = "845 0287"
    .ActiveMask = 1
End With
```


## VB.NET for /COM

With AxMaskEdit1
.InsertMode = EXMASKEDITLib.InsertModeEnum.exEditOvertypeMode
.SelectGotFocus $=$ EXMASKEDITLib.SelectGotFocusEnum.exSelectAlIGotFocus
.VisibleMasks = 6
.TextIncludeLiterals =
EXMASKEDITLib.ClipModeLiteralsEnum.exClipModeLiteralsExclude
.Masks = "Local!!000-0000|Domestic!!(999) 000-0000|International;!’+1`999-0000000|Dialed in the US;!! 1"" \& _ " 999-000-0000|Dialed from Germany;! \(001 ` 999-000-0000 \mid\) Dialed from France;! 191 ' 999-000-0000"
.Text = "845 0287"
.ActiveMask = 1
End With

Copy and paste the following directives to your header file as
it defines the namespace 'EXMASKEDITLib' for the library: 'ExMaskEdit 7.1 Control Library'
\#import <MaskEdit.dll> using namespace EXMASKEDITLib;
*/
EXMASKEDITLib:IIMaskEditPtr spMaskEdit1 = GetDIgItem(IDC_MASKEDIT1)-
>GetControlUnknown();
spMaskEdit1->PutInsertMode(EXMASKEDITLib.:exEditOvertypeMode);
spMaskEdit1->PutSelectGotFocus(EXMASKEDITLib::exSelectAlIGotFocus);
spMaskEdit1->PutVisibleMasks(6);
spMaskEdit1->PutTextIncludeLiterals(EXMASKEDITLib:.exClipModeLiteralsExclude);
spMaskEdit1->PutMasks_(bstr_t("Local;!000-0000|Domestic!! (999) 000-
0000|International!! ! + 1 ' 999-000-0000|Dialed in the US;!'1'") +
" 999-000-0000|Dialed from Germany:! '001` 999-000-0000|Dialed from France:! ${ }^{\prime} 191$ 999-000-0000");
spMaskEdit1->PutText(L"845 0287");
spMaskEdit1->PutActiveMask(1);

## C++ Builder

MaskEdit1-> InsertMode =
Exmaskeditlib_tlb::InsertModeEnum::exEditOvertypeMode;
MaskEdit1->SelectGotFocus =
Exmaskeditlib_tlb::SelectGotFocusEnum::exSelectAlIGotFocus;
MaskEdit1->VisibleMasks = 6;
MaskEdit1-> TextIncludeLiterals =
Exmaskeditlib_tlb::ClipModeLiteralsEnum:.exClipModeLiteralsExclude;
MaskEdit1-> Masks = TVariant(String("Local;!000-0000|Domestici!(999) 000-
0000|International;! ’+1` 999-000-0000|Dialed in the US;:! '1'") + " 999-000-0000|Dialed from Germany:!'001` 999-000-0000|Dialed from France:! 191
999-000-0000");
MaskEdit1-> Text = L"845 0287";

MaskEdit1->ActiveMask $=1$;

## C\#

exmaskedit1.InsertMode = exontrol.EXMASKEDITLib.InsertModeEnum.exEditOvertypeMode; exmaskedit1.SelectGotFocus = exontrol.EXMASKEDITLib.SelectGotFocusEnum.exSelectAlIGotFocus; exmaskedit1.VisibleMasks = 6; exmaskedit1.TextIncludeLiterals = exontrol.EXMASKEDITLib.ClipModeLiteralsEnum.exClipModeLiteralsExclude; exmaskedit1.Masks = "Local;!000-0000|Domestic!!(999) 000-0000|International!!`+1` 999-000-0000|Dialed in the US;! ! 1 " +
" 999-000-0000|Dialed from Germany;! ${ }^{\prime} 001 ` 999-000-0000 \mid$ Dialed from France;! ! 191 ’ 999-000-0000";
exmaskedit1.Text = "845 0287";
exmaskedit1.ActiveMask = 1;

## JavaScript

<OBJECT classid="clsid:43F80262-F652-11D3-AD39-00C0DFC59237" id="MaskEdit1"> </OBJECT>

<SCRIPT LANGUAGE="JScript">
MaskEdit1.InsertMode = 1;
MaskEdit1.SelectGotFocus = 1;
MaskEdit1.VisibleMasks = 6;
MaskEdit1.TextIncludeLiterals = 2;
MaskEdit1.Masks = "Local;!000-0000|Domestic;!(999) 000-0000|International;!`+1` 999-000-0000|Dialed in the US;!!1"" +
" 999-000-0000|Dialed from Germany;! '001`999-000-0000|Dialed from
France;!'191` 999-000-0000";
MaskEdit1.Text = "845 0287";
MaskEdit1.ActiveMask = 1;
</SCRIPT>
axMaskEdit1.InsertMode = EXMASKEDITLib.InsertModeEnum.exEditOvertypeMode; axMaskEdit1.SelectGotFocus =
EXMASKEDITLib.SelectGotFocusEnum.exSelectAlIGotFocus;
axMaskEdit1.VisibleMasks = 6;
axMaskEdit1.TextIncludeLiterals =
EXMASKEDITLib.ClipModeLiteralsEnum.exClipModeLiteralsExclude;
axMaskEdit1.Masks = "Local;!000-0000|Domestic;!(999) 000-0000||International;!’+1` 999-000-0000|Dialed in the US;! '1 " + " 999-000-0000|Dialed from Germany:! '001` 999-000-0000|Dialed from France:! '191` 999-000-0000";
axMaskEdit1.Text = "845 0287";
axMaskEdit1.ActiveMask = 1;

## X++ (Dynamics Ax 2009)

public void init()
\{
str var_s;
;
super();
exmaskedit1.InsertMode(1/*exEditOvertypeMode*/);
exmaskedit1.SelectGotFocus(1/*exSelectAlIGotFocus*/);
exmaskedit1.VisibleMasks(6);
exmaskedit1.TextIncludeLiterals(2/*exClipModeLiteralsExclude*/);
var_s = "Local!!000-0000|Domestic;! (999) 000-0000|International;! ! +1’ 999-000-
0000|Dialed in the US;! ! 1 ";
var_s = var_s + "999-000-0000|Dialed from Germany;!'001` 999-000-0000|Dialed from France:!'191` 999-000-0000";
exmaskedit1.Masks(var_s);
exmaskedit1.Text("845 0287");
exmaskedit1.ActiveMask(1);

## Delphi 8 (.NET only)

with AxMaskEdit1 do
begin
InsertMode := EXMASKEDITLib.InsertModeEnum.exEditOvertypeMode;
SelectGotFocus := EXMASKEDITLib.SelectGotFocusEnum.exSelectAlIGotFocus;
VisibleMasks := 6;
TextIncludeLiterals :=
EXMASKEDITLib.ClipModeLiteralsEnum.exClipModeLiteralsExclude;
Masks := 'Local!!000-0000|Domestic!! (999) 000-0000|International;!’+1`999-000- 0000|Dialed in the US;! ! 1 ' ' + '999-000-0000|Dialed from Germany;! 001 '999-000-0000|Dialed from France:! '191`999-000-0000';
Text := '845 0287';
ActiveMask := 1;
end

## Delphi (standard)

```
with MaskEdit1 do
begin
    InsertMode := EXMASKEDITLib_TLB.exEditOvertypeMode;
    SelectGotFocus:= EXMASKEDITLib_TLB.exSelectAIIGotFocus;
    VisibleMasks := 6;
    TextIncludeLiterals := EXMASKEDITLib_TLB.exClipModeLiteralsExclude;
    Masks := 'Local;!000-0000|Domestic;!(999) 000-0000|International;!`+1` 999-000-
0000|Dialed in the US;!`1`' +
    '999-000-0000|Dialed from Germany;!`001` 999-000-0000|Dialed from
France;!`191` 999-000-0000';
    Text := '845 0287';
    ActiveMask := 1;
    end
```


## VFP

```
with thisform.MaskEdit1
    .InsertMode = 1
    .SelectGotFocus = 1
```

.VisibleMasks $=6$
.TextIncludeLiterals = 2
var_s = "Local;! 000-0000|Domestic:! (999) 000-0000|International;! +1 1’ 999-000$0000 \mid$ Dialed in the US;! ! 1 " "
var_s = var_s + "999-000-0000|Dialed from Germany;!'001`999-000-0000|Dialed from France:! \(191` 999-000-0000 "\)

> .Masks = var_s
> . Text = "8450287"
.ActiveMask = 1
endwith

## dBASE Plus

local oMaskEdit
oMaskEdit = form.Activex1.nativeObject
oMaskEdit.InsertMode = 1
oMaskEdit.SelectGotFocus = 1
oMaskEdit.VisibleMasks = 6
oMaskEdit.TextIncludeLiterals = 2
oMaskEdit.Masks = "Local;:000-0000|Domestic;! (999) 000-0000||nternational;! ! +1’
999-000-0000|Dialed in the US;!'1' 999-000-0000|Dialed from Germany;! 001 - 999-
000-0000|Dialed from France:! 191 999-000-0000"
oMaskEdit.Text = "845 0287"
oMaskEdit.ActiveMask $=1$

## XBasic (Alpha Five)

Dim oMaskEdit as P
oMaskEdit = topparent:CONTROL_ACTIVEX1.activex
oMaskEdit.InsertMode = 1
oMaskEdit.SelectGotFocus = 1
oMaskEdit.VisibleMasks = 6
oMaskEdit.TextIncludeLiterals = 2
oMaskEdit.Masks = "Local;!000-0000|Domestic;!'(999) 000-0000|International;! ! +1’
999-000-0000|Dialed in the US;!'1' 999-000-0000|Dialed from Germany:!'001' 999-

000-0000|Dialed from France;! 191 '999-000-0000" oMaskEdit.Text = "845 0287" oMaskEdit.ActiveMask = 1

## Visual Objects

oDCOCX_Exontrol1:InsertMode := exEditOvertypeMode oDCOCX_Exontrol1:SelectGotFocus := exSelectAllGotFocus oDCOCX_Exontrol1:VisibleMasks := 6
oDCOCX_Exontrol1:TextIncludeLiterals := exClipModeLiteralsExclude oDCOCX_Exontrol1:Masks := "Local;!000-0000|Domestic!! (999) 0000000|International;! ! + 1`999-000-0000|Dialed in the US;! ! 1 9999-000-0000|Dialed from Germany;! \({ }^{\prime} 001\) ` 999-000-0000|Dialed from France;!’191`999-000-0000" oDCOCX_Exontrol1:Text := "845 0287"
oDCOCX_Exontrol1:ActiveMask := 1

## PowerBuilder

OleObject oMaskEdit
oMaskEdit = ole_1.Object
oMaskEdit.InsertMode = 1
oMaskEdit.SelectGotFocus = 1
oMaskEdit.VisibleMasks = 6
oMaskEdit.TextIncludeLiterals = 2
oMaskEdit.Masks = "Local;!000-0000|Domestic;!(999) 000-0000|International;!’+1` 999-000-0000|Dialed in the US;! ! 1`999-000-0000|Dialed from Germany;! ${ }^{\prime} 001$ '999-000-0000|Dialed from France;!’191`999-000-0000"
oMaskEdit.Text = "845 0287"
oMaskEdit.ActiveMask = 1

## Visual DataFlex

Forward Send OnCreate
Set ComInsertMode to OLEexEditOvertypeMode
Set ComSelectGotFocus to OLEexSelectAlIGotFocus
Set ComVisibleMasks to 6
Set ComTextIncludeLiterals to OLEexClipModeLiteralsExclude
Set ComMasks to "Local;! 000-0000|Domestic!! (999) 000-0000|International;!’+1` 999-000-0000|Dialed in the US;!'1' 999-000-0000|Dialed from Germany;! 001' 999-000-0000|Dialed from France:! 191` 999-000-0000"
Set ComText to "8450287"
Set ComActiveMask to 1
End_Procedure

## property MaskEdit.MultiLine as Boolean

Retrieves or sets a value that determines whether the control can accept multiple lines of text.
$\square$
Type

## Description

Boolean
A boolean expression that determines whether the control can accept multiple lines of text.

Use the MultiLine property to allow multiple lines to the control.

## property MaskEdit.Password as Boolean

Displays all characters as an asterisk (*)

Type
Boolean

## Description

A Boolean expression that specifies whether the control displays ( ${ }^{*}$ ) characters instead.

By default, the Password property is False. The Password property specifies whether the control the control displays a black circle for any shown character. For instance, Mask on ";;;password", specifies that the field to be displayed as a password. If the value parameter is present, the first character in the value indicates the password character to be used. By default, the * password character is used for non-TrueType fonts, else the black circle character is used. For instance, Mask on ";;;password=*", specifies that the field to be displayed as a password, and use the * for password character. If the value parameter is missing, the default password character is used. The PasswordChar property specifies the character to be displayed instead the black circle character.

## property MaskEdit.PasswordChar as Integer

Retrieves or sets a value that determines password character.

Type

Integer

## Description

A Short expression that specifies the code of the character to be displayed when the control's Password property is True.

By default, the PasswordChar property is -107 , which indicates the code for the black circle character. The Password property specifies whether the control the control displays a black circle for any shown character. For instance, Mask on ";;;password", specifies that the field to be displayed as a password. If the value parameter is present, the first character in the value indicates the password character to be used. By default, the * password character is used for non-TrueType fonts, else the black circle character is used. For instance, Mask on ";;;password=*", specifies that the field to be displayed as a password, and use the * for password character. If the value parameter is missing, the default password character is used.

## property MaskEdit.ReadOnly as Boolean

Retrieves or sets a value that determines whether the control is read only.

Type
Boolean

## Description

A boolean expression that determines whether the control is read only.

By default, the ReadOnly property is False. The ReadOnly property indicates that the editor is locked, user can not update the content, the caret is available, so user can copy the text, excepts the password fields. Use the ReadOnly property to make your control read-only. Use Enabled property to disable the control. If the control is read-only, the user can change the cursor position. If the control is disabled, the cursor position cannot be changed. The BackColorReadOnly property specifies the control's background color when the field is locked ( ReadOnly property is True ). The ForeColorReadOnly property specifies the control's foreground color when the field is locked ( ReadOnly property is True ).

## method MaskEdit.Refresh ()

Refreshes the control's field.

## Iype <br> Description

Use the Refresh method to programmatically refresh visually the control's content. Use the Text property to specify the control's text. Use the Mask property to change the control's mask.

## method MaskEdit.Replacelcon ([Icon as Variant], [Index as Variant])

Adds a new icon, replaces an icon or clears the control's image list.

Type
Icon as Variant
Index as Variant
Return
Long

## Description

A long expression that indicates the icon's handle.
A long expression that indicates the index where icon is inserted.

## Description

A long expression that indicates the index of the icon in the images collection

Use the Replacelcon property to add, remove or replace an icon in the control's images collection. Also, the Replacelcon property can clear the images collection. Use the Images method to attach a image list to the control. The ImageSize property defines the size (width/height) of the icons within the control's Images collection.

The following VB sample adds a new icon to control's images list:
i = ExMaskEdit1.Replacelcon( LoadPicture("d:\icons\help.ico").Handle), i specifies the index where the icon is added

The following VB sample replaces an icon into control's images list::
$\mathrm{i}=$ ExMaskEdit1.Replacelcon( LoadPicture("d:licons\help.ico").Handle, 0 ), i is zero, so the first icon is replaced.

The following VB sample removes an icon from control's images list:
ExMaskEdit1.Replacelcon $0, \mathrm{i}, \mathrm{i}$ specifies the index of icon removed.
The following VB clears the control's icons collection:
ExMaskEdit1.Replacelcon 0, -1

## property MaskEdit.Right as Boolean

Right aligns text in a single-line or multiline edit control.

## Type <br> Description <br> Boolean <br> A Boolean expression that specifies whether the control aligns right the text

By default, the Right property is False. Use the Right property to align the control's text to the right.

## method MaskEdit.Select (Start as Long, End as Long)

Selects the text between Start and End

| Type | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| Start as Long | A long expression that indicates the starting position. |
| End as Long | A long expression that indicates the ending position. |

The Select method selects the text inside the control. The Start and End parameters determine the starting and ending point of the selection. The SelStart property returns or sets the starting point of text selected; indicates the position of the insertion point if no text is selected. The SelEnd property returns or sets the ending point of the text selected. The SelectGotFocus property indicates what the control should select once the control gets the focus.

## property MaskEdit.SelectGotFocus as SelectGotFocusEnum

Indicates whether the entire text is selected once the field receives the focus.

Type

## SelectGotFocusEnum

## Description

A SelectGotFocusEnum expression that specifies what to select when the control gets the focus.

By default, The SelectGotFocus property is exMoveEditableGotFocus. The SelectGotFocus property indicates what the control should select once the control gets the focus. For instance, use the SelectGotFocus property to highlight the un-completed part of the field when control gets the focus. The TextIncludeLiteralsLoseFocus property specifies the control's text to be displayed when the control loses the focus. The Select method selects programmatically a part of the text inside the control.

## property MaskEdit.SelEnd as Long

Returns or sets the ending point of text selected.

## Type <br> Description <br> Long <br> A long expression that indicates the ending point of the text selected.

The SelEnd property returns or sets the ending point of the text selected. The SelStart property returns or sets the starting point of text selected; indicates the position of the insertion point if no text is selected. Use the Select method to select a part of the control's text. The SelectGotFocus property indicates what the control should select once the control gets the focus.

## property MaskEdit.SelStart as Long

Returns or sets the starting point of text selected.
Type

## Description

A long expression that indicates the starting point of the text selected.

The SelStart property returns or sets the starting point of text selected; indicates the position of the insertion point if no text is selected. The SelEnd property returns or sets the ending point of the text selected. Use the Select method to select a part of the control's text. The SelectGotFocus property indicates what the control should select once the control gets the focus.

## property MaskEdit.ShowImageList as Boolean

Specifies whether the control's image list window is visible or hidden.

Type
Boolean

## Description

A boolean expression that specifies whether the control's image list window is visible or hidden.

By default, the ShowlmageList property is True. Use the ShowlmageList property to hide the control's images list window. The control's images list window is visible only at design time. Use the Images method to associate an images list control to the control. Use the Repacelcon method to add, remove or clear icons in the control's images collection. Use the <img> HTML tag to display an icon to HTML tooltips.


# method MaskEdit.ShowToolTip (ToolTip as String, [Title as Variant], [Alignment as Variant], [X as Variant], [Y as Variant]) 

Shows the specified tooltip at given position.

Type

## Description

The ToolTip parameter can be any of the following:

- NULL(BSTR) or "<null>"(string) to indicate that the tooltip for the object being hovered is not changed
- A String expression that indicates the description of the tooltip, that supports built-in HTML format (adds, replaces or changes the object's tooltip)

The Title parameter can be any of the following:

- missing (VT_EMPTY, VT_ERROR type) or "<null>" (string) the title for the object being hovered is not changed.
- A String expression that indicates the title of the tooltip (no built-in HTML format) (adds, replaces or changes the object's title)

A long expression that indicates the alignment of the tooltip relative to the position of the cursor. If missing (VT_EMPTY, VT_ERROR) the alignment of the tooltip for the object being hovered is not changed.

The Alignment parameter can be one of the following:

- 0-exTopLeft
- 1-exTopRight
- 2 - exBottomLeft
- 3-exBottomRight
- 0x10-exCenter
- 0x11-exCenterLeft
- 0x12-exCenterRight
- 0x13-exCenterTop
- 0x14-exCenterBottom

By default, the tooltip is aligned relative to the top-left corner (0-exTopLeft).

Specifies the horizontal position to display the tooltip as one of the following:

- missing (VT_EMPTY, VT_ERROR type), indicates that the tooltip is shown on its default position / current cursor position (ignored)
- -1, indicates the current horizontal position of the cursor (current x-position)
- a numeric expression that indicates the horizontal screen position to show the tooltip (fixed screen $x$ position)
- a string expression that indicates the horizontal displacement relative to default position to show the tooltip (moved)

Specifies the vertical position to display the tooltip as one of the following:

- missing (VT_EMPTY, VT_ERROR type), indicates that the tooltip is shown on its default position / current cursor position (ignored)
- -1 , indicates the current vertical position of the cursor (current y-position)
- a numeric expression that indicates the vertical screen position to show the tooltip (fixed screen y-position)
- a string expression that indicates the vertical displacement relative to default position to show the tooltip (displacement)

Use the ShowToolTip method to display a custom tooltip at specified position or to update the object's tooltip, title or position. You can call the ShowToolTip method during the MouseMove event. Use the ToolTipPopDelay property specifies the period in ms of time the ToolTip remains visible if the mouse pointer is stationary within a control. The ToolTipDelay property specifies the time in ms that passes before the ToolTip appears. Use the ToolTipWidth property to specify the width of the tooltip window. Use the ToolTipFont property to change the tooltip's font. Use the Background(exToolTipAppearance) property indicates the visual appearance of the borders of the tooltips. Use the Background(exToolTipBackColor) property indicates the tooltip's background color. Use the Background(exToolTipForeColor) property indicates the tooltip's foreground color.

For instance:

to its default position

- ShowToolTip(`<null>`,`new title`), adds, changes or replaces the title of the object's tooltip
- ShowToolTip(`new content`), adds, changes or replaces the object's tooltip
- ShowToolTip(`new content`,`new title`), shows the tooltip and title at current position
- ShowToolTip(`new content`,’new title`,, +8 ', +8 '), shows the tooltip and title moved relative to the current position
- ShowToolTip(`new content`,`,,128,128), displays the tooltip at a fixed position
- ShowToolTip( ${ }^{\prime}$, " $)$, hides the tooltip

The ToolTip parameter supports the built-in HTML format like follows:

- <b> ... </b> displays the text in bold
- <i> ... </i> displays the text in italics
- <u> ... </u> underlines the text
- <s> ... </s> Strike-through text
- <a id;options> ... </a> displays an anchor element that can be clicked. An anchor is a piece of text or some other object (for example an image) which marks the beginning and/or the end of a hypertext link. The <a> element is used to mark that piece of text (or inline image), and to give its hypertextual relationship to other documents. The control fires the AnchorClick(AnchorID, Options) event when the user clicks the anchor element. The FormatAnchor property customizes the visual effect for anchor elements.
- <font face;size> ... </font> displays portions of text with a different font and/or different size. For instance, the "<font Tahoma;12>bit</font>" draws the bit text using the Tahoma font, on size 12 pt . If the name of the font is missing, and instead size is present, the current font is used with a different size. For instance, "<font ;12>bit</font>" displays the bit text using the current font, but with a different size.
- <fgcolor rrggbb> ... </fgcolor> or <fgcolor=rrggbb> ... </fgcolor> displays text with a specified foreground color. The rr/gg/bb represents the red/green/blue values of the color in hexa values.
- <bgcolor rrggbb> ... </bgcolor> or <bgcolor=rrggbb> ... </bgcolor> displays text with a specified background color. The rr/gg/bb represents the red/green/blue values of the color in hexa values.
- <solidline rrggbb> ... </solidline> or <solidline=rrggbb> ... </solidline> draws a solidline on the bottom side of the current text-line, of specified RGB color. The <solidline> ... </solidline> draws a black solid-line on the bottom side of the current text-line. The $\mathrm{rr} / \mathrm{gg} / \mathrm{bb}$ represents the red/green/blue values of the color in hexa values.
- <dotline rrggbb> ... </dotline> or <dotline=rrggbb> ... </dotline> draws a dot-line on the bottom side of the current text-line, of specified RGB color. The <dotline> ... </dotline> draws a black dot-line on the bottom side of the current text-line. The $\mathrm{rr} / \mathrm{gg} / \mathrm{bb}$ represents the red/green/blue values of the color in hexa values.
- <upline> ... </upline> draws the line on the top side of the current text-line (requires <solidline> or <dotline>).
- <r> right aligns the text
- <c> centers the text
- <br> forces a line-break
- <img>number[:width]</img> inserts an icon inside the text. The number indicates the index of the icon being inserted. Use the Images method to assign a list of icons to your chart. The last 7 bits in the high significant byte of the number expression indicates the identifier of the skin being used to paint the object. Use the Add method to add new skins to the control. If you need to remove the skin appearance from a part of the control you need to reset the last 7 bits in the high significant byte of the color being applied to the part. The width is optional and indicates the width of the icon being inserted. Using the width option you can overwrite multiple icons getting a nice effect. By default, if the width field is missing, the width is 18 pixels.
- <img>key[:width]</img> inserts a custom size picture into the text being previously loaded using the HTMLPicture property. The Key parameter indicates the key of the picture being displayed. The Width parameter indicates a custom size, if you require to stretch the picture, else the original size of the picture is used.
- \& glyph characters as \& ( \& ), \< ( < ), \> ( > ), \&qout; ( " ) and \&\#number; ( the character with specified code ), For instance, the \&\#8364; displays the EUR character. The \& ampersand is only recognized as markup when it is followed by a known letter or a \#character and a digit. For instance if you want to display <b>bold</b> in HTML caption you can use \<b\>bold\</b\>
- <off offset> ... </off> defines the vertical offset to display the text/element. The offset parameter defines the offset to display the element. This tag is inheritable, so the offset is keep while the associated </off> tag is found. You can use the <off offset> HTML tag in combination with the <font face;size> to define a smaller or a larger font to be displayed. For instance: "Text with <font ;7><off 6>subscript" displays the text such as: Text with subscript The "Text with <font ;7><off -6>superscript" displays the text such as: Text with subscript
- <gra rrggbb;mode;blend> ... </gra> defines a gradient text. The text color or <fgcolor> defines the starting gradient color, while the rr/gg/bb represents the red/green/blue values of the ending color, 808080 if missing as gray. The mode is a value between 0 and 4, 1 if missing, and blend could be 0 or 1,0 if missing. The <font> HTML tag can be used to define the height of the font. Any of the rrggbb, mode or blend field may not be specified. The <gra> with no fields, shows a vertical gradient color from the current text color to gray (808080). For instance the "<font; ;18><gra FFFFFF; $1 ; 1$ >gradient-center</gra></font>" generates the following picture:
- <out rrggbb;width> ... </out> shows the text with outlined characters, where rr/gg/bb represents the red/green/blue values of the outline color, 808080 if missing as gray, width indicates the size of the outline, 1 if missing. The text color or <fgcolor> defines the color to show the inside text. The <font> HTML tag can be used to define the
height of the font. For instance the "<font ;31><out 000000>
<fgcolor=FFFFFF>outlined</fgcolor></out></font>" generates the following picture:


## outlined

- <sha rrggbb;width;offset> ... </sha> define a text with a shadow, where rr/gg/bb represents the red/green/blue values of the shadow color, 808080 if missing as gray, width indicates the size of shadow, 4 if missing, and offset indicates the offset from the origin to display the text's shadow, 2 if missing. The text color or <fgcolor> defines the color to show the inside text. The <font> HTML tag can be used to define the height of the font. For instance the "<font; 31><sha>shadow</sha></font>" generates the following picture:


## shadow

or "<font;31><sha 404040;5;0><fgcolor=FFFFFF>outline anti-aliasing</fgcolor> </sha></font>" gets:

> oufline antl-allesing

## property MaskEdit.Template as String

Specifies the control's template.
Type

## Description

String
A string expression that indicates the control's template.
The control's template uses the X-Script language to initialize the control's content. Use the Template property page of the control to update the control's Template property. Use the Template property to execute code by passing instructions as a string ( template string ). Use the ExecuteTemplate property to execute a template script and gets the result.

Most of our Ul components provide a Template page that's accessible in design mode. No matter what programming language you are using, you can have a quick view of the component's features using the WYSWYG Template editor.

- Place the control to your form or dialog.
- Locate the Properties item, in the control's context menu, in design mode. If your environment doesn't provide a Properties item in the control's context menu, please try to locate in the Properties browser.
- Click it, and locate the Template page.
- Click the Help button. In the left side, you will see the component, in the right side, you will see a x-script code that calls methods and properties of the control.

The control's Template page helps user to initialize the control's look and feel in design mode, using the x-script language that's easy and powerful. The Template page displays the control on the left side of the page. On the right side of the Template page, a simple editor is displayed where user writes the initialization code. The control's look and feel is automatically updated as soon as the user types new instructions. The Template script is saved to the container persistence ( when Apply button is pressed), and it is executed when the control is initialized at runtime. Any component that provides a WYSWYG Template page, provides a Template property. The Template property executes code from a string ( template string ).

The Template or x-script is composed by lines of instructions. Instructions are separated by "\nlr" ( newline characters ) or ";" character. The ; character may be available only for newer versions of the components.

An x-script instruction/line can be one of the following:

- Dim list of variables Declares the variables. Multiple variables are separated by commas. (Sample: Dim h, h1, h2 )
- variable $=$ property ( list of arguments $)$ Assigns the result of the property to a variable. The "variable" is the name of a declared variable. The "property" is the property name
of the object in the context. The "list or arguments" may include variables or values separated by commas. (Sample: $h=$ Insertltem(0, "New Child") )
- property( list of arguments ) = value Changes the property. The value can be a variable, a string, a number, a boolean value or a RGB value.
- method( list of arguments ) Invokes the method. The "list or arguments" may include variables or values separated by commas.
- \{ Beginning the object's context. The properties or methods called between \{ and \} are related to the last object returned by the property prior to \{ declaration.
- \} Ending the object's context
- object. property( list of arguments ).property( list of arguments ).... The .(dot)
character splits the object from its property. For instance, the
Columns.Add("Column1").HeaderBackColor = RGB(255,0,0), adds a new column and changes the column's header back color.

The $x$-script may uses constant expressions as follow:

- boolean expression with possible values as True or False
- numeric expression may starts with $0 x$ which indicates a hexa decimal representation, else it should starts with digit, or $+/$ - followed by a digit, and. is the decimal separator. Sample: 13 indicates the integer 13, or 12.45 indicates the double expression 12,45
- date expression is delimited by \# character in the format \#mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm:ss\#. Sample: \#31/12/1971\# indicates the December 31, 1971
- string expression is delimited by " or `characters. If using the` character, please make sure that it is different than ' which allows adding comments inline. Sample: "text" indicates the string text.


## Also , the template or $x$-script code may support general functions as follows:

- Me property indicates the original object.
- $\operatorname{RGB}(\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{G}, \mathrm{B})$ property retrieves an $R G B$ value, where the $R, G, B$ are byte values that indicates the R G B values for the color being specified. For instance, the following code changes the control's background color to red: BackColor $=R G B(255,0,0)$
- LoadPicture(file) property loads a picture from a file or from BASE64 encoded strings, and returns a Picture object required by the picture properties.
- CreateObject(progID) property creates and retrieves a single uninitialized object of the class associated with a specified program identifier.


## property MaskEdit.TemplateDef as Variant

Defines inside variables for the next Template/ExecuteTemplate call.

## Type

Variant

## Description

A string expression that indicates the Dim declaration, or any Object expression to be assigned to previously declared variables.

The TemplateDef property has been added to allow programming languages such as dBASE Plus to set control's properties with multiple parameters. It is known that programming languages such as dBASE Plus or XBasic from AlphaFive, does not support setting a property with multiple parameters. In other words, these programming languages does not support something like Property(Parameters) = Value, so our controls provide an alternative using the TemplateDef method. The first call of the TemplateDef should be a declaration such as "Dim a,b" which means the next 2 calls of the TemplateDef defines the variables $a$ and $b$. The next call should be Template or ExecuteTemplate property which can use the variable $a$ and $b$ being defined previously.

So, calling the TemplateDef property should be as follows:
with (Control)
TemplateDef = [Dim var_Column]
TemplateDef = var_Column
Template $=$ [var_Column.Def(4) $=255$ ]
endwith
This sample allocates a variable var_Column, assigns the value to the variable ( the second call of the TemplateDef ), and the Template call uses the var_Column variable ( as an object ), to call its Def property with the parameter 4.

Let's say we need to define the background color for a specified column, so we need to call the Def(exCellBackColor) property of the column, to define the color for all cells in the column.

The following VB6 sample shows setting the Def property such as:
With Control
.Columns.Add("Column 1").Def(exCellBackColor) = 255
.Columns.Add "Column 2"
.Items.AddItem 0
.Items.AddItem 1
.Items.AddItem 2
End With
In dBASE Plus, calling the $\operatorname{Def(4)~has~no~effect,~instead~using~the~TemplateDef~helps~you~to~}$ use properly the Def property as follows:
local Control,var_Column

Control = form.Activex1.nativeObject
// Control.Columns.Add("Column 1").Def(4) = 255
var_Column = Control.Columns.Add("Column 1")
with (Control)
TemplateDef = [Dim var_Column]
TemplateDef = var_Column
Template $=$ [var_Column.Def(4) $=255$ ]
endwith
Control.Columns.Add("Column 2")
Control.Items.Addltem(0)
Control.Items.Addltem(1)
Control.Items.Addltem(2)
The equivalent sample for XBasic in A5, is as follows:
Dim Control as P
Dim var_Column as P

Control = topparent:CONTROL_ACTIVEX1.activex
' Control.Columns.Add("Column 1").Def(4) = 255
var_Column = Control.Columns.Add("Column 1")
Control.TemplateDef = "Dim var_Column"
Control.TemplateDef = var_Column
Control.Template = "var_Column.Def(4) = 255"
Control.Columns.Add("Column 2")
Control.Items.Addltem(0)
Control.Items.Addltem(1)
Control.Items.Addltem(2)

The samples just call the Column.Def(4) = Value, using the TemplateDef. The first call of TemplateDef property is "Dim var_Column", which indicates that the next call of the TemplateDef will defines the value of the variable var_Column, in other words, it defines the object var_Column. The last call of the Template property uses the var_Column member to use the $x$-script and so to set the Def property so a new color is being assigned to the column.

The TemplateDef, Template and ExecuteTemplate support x-script language ( Template script of the Exontrols ), like explained bellow:

The Template or $x$-script is composed by lines of instructions. Instructions are separated by "Inlr" ( newline characters ) or ";" character. The ; character may be available only for newer versions of the components.

An $x$-script instruction/line can be one of the following:

- Dim list of variables Declares the variables. Multiple variables are separated by commas. (Sample: Dim h, h1, h2 )
- variable $=$ property( list of arguments ) Assigns the result of the property to a variable. The "variable" is the name of a declared variable. The "property" is the property name of the object in the context. The "list or arguments" may include variables or values separated by commas. (Sample: h = Insertltem(0,"New Child") )
- property( list of arguments ) = value Changes the property. The value can be a variable, a string, a number, a boolean value or a RGB value.
- method( list of arguments ) Invokes the method. The "list or arguments" may include variables or values separated by commas.
- \{ Beginning the object's context. The properties or methods called between \{ and \} are related to the last object returned by the property prior to \{ declaration.
- \} Ending the object's context
- object. property( list of arguments ).property( list of arguments ).... The .(dot) character splits the object from its property. For instance, the
Columns.Add("Column1").HeaderBackColor = RGB(255,0,0), adds a new column and changes the column's header back color.

The $x$-script may uses constant expressions as follow:

- boolean expression with possible values as True or False
- numeric expression may starts with $0 x$ which indicates a hexa decimal representation, else it should starts with digit, or $+/$ - followed by a digit, and . is the decimal separator. Sample: 13 indicates the integer 13, or 12.45 indicates the double expression 12,45
- date expression is delimited by \# character in the format \#mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm:ss\#. Sample: \#31/12/1971\# indicates the December 31, 1971
- string expression is delimited by " or `characters. If using the` character, please
make sure that it is different than ' which allows adding comments inline. Sample: "text" indicates the string text.

Also, the template or x-script code may support general functions as follows:

- Me property indicates the original object.
- RGB(R,G,B) property retrieves an $R G B$ value, where the $R, G, B$ are byte values that indicates the $R G B$ values for the color being specified. For instance, the following code changes the control's background color to red: BackColor $=R G B(255,0,0)$
- LoadPicture(file) property loads a picture from a file or from BASE64 encoded strings, and returns a Picture object required by the picture properties.
- CreateObject(progID) property creates and retrieves a single uninitialized object of the class associated with a specified program identifier.


## method MaskEdit.TemplatePut (NewVal as Variant)

Defines inside variables for the next Template/ExecuteTemplate call.

Type

## Description

A string expression that indicates the Dim declaration, or any Object expression to be assigned to previously declared variables.

The TemplatePut method / TemplateDef property has been added to allow programming languages such as dBASE Plus to set control's properties with multiple parameters. It is known that programming languages such as dBASE Plus or XBasic from AlphaFive, does not support setting a property with multiple parameters. In other words, these programming languages does not support something like Property(Parameters) = Value, so our controls provide an alternative using the TemplateDef / TemplatePut method. The first call of the TemplateDef should be a declaration such as "Dim a,b" which means the next 2 calls of the TemplateDef defines the variables a and b . The next call should be Template or ExecuteTemplate property which can use the variable $a$ and $b$ being defined previously.

The TemplateDef, TemplatePut, Template and ExecuteTemplate support x-script language ( Template script of the Exontrols ), like explained bellow:

The Template or $x$-script is composed by lines of instructions. Instructions are separated by "|nır" ( newline characters ) or ";" character. The ; character may be available only for newer versions of the components.

An x-script instruction/line can be one of the following:

- Dim list of variables Declares the variables. Multiple variables are separated by commas. (Sample: Dim h, h1, h2 )
- variable $=$ property( list of arguments ) Assigns the result of the property to a variable. The "variable" is the name of a declared variable. The "property" is the property name of the object in the context. The "list or arguments" may include variables or values separated by commas. (Sample: h = Insertltem(0,"New Child") )
- property( list of arguments ) = value Changes the property. The value can be a variable, a string, a number, a boolean value or a RGB value.
- method( list of arguments ) Invokes the method. The "list or arguments" may include variables or values separated by commas.
- \{ Beginning the object's context. The properties or methods called between \{ and \} are related to the last object returned by the property prior to \{ declaration.
- \} Ending the object's context
- object. property( list of arguments ).property( list of arguments )... The .(dot) character splits the object from its property. For instance, the

Columns.Add("Column1").HeaderBackColor = RGB(255,0,0), adds a new column and changes the column's header back color.

## The $x$-script may uses constant expressions as follow:

- boolean expression with possible values as True or False
- numeric expression may starts with $0 x$ which indicates a hexa decimal representation, else it should starts with digit, or $+/$ - followed by a digit, and . is the decimal separator. Sample: 13 indicates the integer 13, or 12.45 indicates the double expression 12,45
- date expression is delimited by \# character in the format \#mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm:ss\#. Sample: \#31/12/1971\# indicates the December 31, 1971
- string expression is delimited by " or `characters. If using the ` character, please make sure that it is different than ' which allows adding comments inline. Sample: "text" indicates the string text.

Also , the template or $x$-script code may support general functions as follows:

- Me property indicates the original object.
- $\operatorname{RGB}(\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{G}, \mathrm{B})$ property retrieves an $R G B$ value, where the $R, G, B$ are byte values that indicates the R G B values for the color being specified. For instance, the following code changes the control's background color to red: BackColor $=R G B(255,0,0)$
- LoadPicture(file) property loads a picture from a file or from BASE64 encoded strings, and returns a Picture object required by the picture properties.
- CreateObject(progID) property creates and retrieves a single uninitialized object of the class associated with a specified program identifier.


## property MaskEdit.Text as String

Retrieves or sets the text contained in the control.

## Type <br> Description

String
A string expression that indicates the text contained in the control.

Use the Text property to get/set the contained control's text, containing masking or non masking characters. The TextIncludeLiterals property specifies the way the Text property get/set the control's text. For instance, if you do not need to get the placeholders characters in the Text property, set the TextIncludeLiterals property on exClipModeLiteralsInclude before calling the Text property. The Value property is equivalent with Text/TextIncludeLiterals property. The control fires the Change event if the user changes the control's text. The TextIncludeLiteralsLoseFocus property specifies how the control's field is shown when it loses the focus. The AllowEmptyValue property specifies whether the control handles empty values.

## property MaskEdit.TextIncludeLiterals as ClipModeLiteralsEnum

Determines the way the Text property returns or set the value of the field

Type

## ClipModeLiteralsEnum

## Description

A ClipModeIncludeLiteralEnum expression that specifies the way the control's text is retrieved/set.

By default, the TextIncludeLiterals property is exClipModeLiteralsNone. The TextIncludeLiterals property specifies the way the Text property get/set the control's text. For instance, if you do not need to get the placeholders characters in the Text property, set the TextIncludeLiterals property on exClipModeLiteralsInclude before calling the Text property. The TextIncludeLiteralsLoseFocus property specifies how the control's field is shown when it loses the focus. The Value property is equivalent with Text/TextIncludeLiterals property. The control fires the Change event if the user changes the control's text. The AllowEmptyValue property specifies whether the control handles empty values.

## property MaskEdit.TextIncludeLiteralsLoseFocus as ClipModeLiteralsEnum

Determines how the field shows its content once it loses the focus.

Type
ClipModeLiteralsEnum

## Description

A ClipModeLiteralsEnum expression that specifies the way the control displays its content once it loses the focus.

By default, the TextIncludeLiteralsLoseFocus property is exClipModeLiteralsNone. The TextIncludeLiteralsLoseFocus property specifies how the control's field is shown when it loses the focus. The TextIncludeLiterals property specifies the way the Text property get/set the control's text. For instance, if you do not need to get the placeholders characters in the Text property, set the TextIncludeLiterals property on exClipModeLiteralsInclude before calling the Text property. The Value property is equivalent with Text/TextIncludeLiterals property. The control fires the Change event if the user changes the control's text. The AllowEmptyValue property specifies whether the control handles empty values. The SelectGotFocus property indicates how the control specifies the selection once the control gets the focus.

## property MaskEdit.Type as TypeEnum

Retrieves or sets a value that determines the based window used by control.

## Iype Description <br> TypeEnum <br> A TypeEnum expression that indicates the based window type used.

By default, the Type property is Edit. Use the Type = RichEdit to allow coloring when the masked value is not valid. Use Valid property to check if the masked value is valid or invalid

## property MaskEdit.Valid as Boolean

Retrieves a value indicating whether the edit contains a valid value.

## Iype <br> Description

Boolean
A boolean expression that indicates whether the control's mask contains a valid or invalid value.

Use the Valid property to check whether the user has completed entering the value into the masked edit. The following sample shows how to use Valid property:

Private Sub MaskEdit1_Change()<br>Debug.Print IIf(Not MaskEdit1.Valid, "...uncompleted", MaskEdit1.MaskValue()) End Sub

## property MaskEdit.ValidateAs as ValidateAsEnum

Indicates the additional validation is performed, once the user leaves the field.

Type

## ValidateAsEnum

## Description

A ValidateAsEnum expression that specifies the type of validation it should be performed once the field is completed.

By default, the ValidateAs property is exValidateAsNone, so no further validation is performed. For instance, you can use the ValidateAs property to validate a valid date your user enters in the field. This property has effect only if the Invalid property is not empty. The Invalid property is not empty, indicates the html message to be displayed when the user enters an inappropriate value for the field. If the value is missing or empty, the option has no effect, so no validation is performed. If the value is a not-empty value, the validation is performed. If the value is single space, no message is displayed and the field is keep opened while the value is inappropriate. For instance, "!(999) 000 0000;,;invalid=The value you entered isn't appropriate for the input mask <b>'<\%mask\%>'</b> specified for this field." displays the "The value you entered isn't appropriate for the input mask '...' specified for this field." tooltip once the user leaves the field and it is not-valid ( for instance, the field includes entities required and uncompleted ). The <\%mask\%> keyword in value, substitute the current mask of the field, while the <\%value\%> keyword substitutes the current value ( including the literals ). If this option should display/use the semicolon (;) character is should be \; ( escape ). This option can be combined with empty, validateas.

The following samples validates the field as a date:

## VBA (MS Access, Excell...)

> With MaskEdit1
> .SelectGotFocus = 4
> .Mask = "!99/99/9999;; ;select=4,overtype"
> .Text = \#1/2/2001\#
> .Warning = "Invalid character!"
> .Invalid = "Invalid date!"
> .ValidateAs = 1
> .AllowEmptyValue = True
> End With

```
    SelectGotFocus = exSelectRequiredEditableGotFocus
    .Mask = "!99/99/9999;; ;select=4,overtype"
    .Text = #1/2/2001#
    .Warning = "Invalid character!"
    .Invalid = "Invalid date!"
    .ValidateAs = exValidateAsDate
    .AllowEmptyValue = True
End With
```


## VB.NET

```
With Exmaskedit1
    SelectGotFocus =
exontrol.EXMASKEDITLib.SelectGotFocusEnum.exSelectRequiredEditableGotFocus
    .Mask = "!99/99/9999;; ;select=4,overtype"
    .Text = \#1/2/2001\#
    .Warning = "Invalid character!"
    .Invalid = "Invalid date!"
```

    .ValidateAs = exontrol.EXMASKEDITLib.ValidateAsEnum.exValidateAsDate
    .AllowEmptyValue = True
    End With

## VB.NET for /COM

With AxMaskEdit1
.SelectGotFocus =
EXMASKEDITLib.SelectGotFocusEnum.exSelectRequiredEditableGotFocus
.Mask = "!99/99/9999;; ;select=4,overtype"
.Text = \#1/2/2001\#
.Warning = "Invalid character!"
.Invalid = "Invalid date!"
.ValidateAs = EXMASKEDITLib.ValidateAsEnum.exValidateAsDate
.AllowEmptyValue = True
End With

## C++

Copy and paste the following directives to your header file as
it defines the namespace 'EXMASKEDITLib' for the library: 'ExMaskEdit 7.1 Control Library'

```
#import <MaskEdit.dll>
using namespace EXMASKEDITLib;
```

*/
EXMASKEDITLib:IIMaskEditPtr spMaskEdit1 = GetDIgItem(IDC_MASKEDIT1)-
>GetControlUnknown();
spMaskEdit1-
>PutSelectGotFocus(EXMASKEDITLib::exSelectRequiredEditableGotFocus);
spMaskEdit1->PutMask(L"!99/99/9999;; ;select=4,overtype");
spMaskEdit1->PutText(L"1/2/2001");
spMaskEdit1-> PutWarning(L"Invalid character!");
spMaskEdit1->PutInvalid(L"Invalid date!");
spMaskEdit1->PutValidateAs(EXMASKEDITLib::exValidateAsDate);
spMaskEdit1->PutAllowEmptyValue(VARIANT_TRUE);

## C++ Builder

MaskEdit1->SelectGotFocus =
Exmaskeditlib_tlb::SelectGotFocusEnum::exSelectRequiredEditableGotFocus;
MaskEdit1->Mask = L"!99/99/9999;; ;select=4,overtype";
MaskEdit1-> Text = L"TDateTime(2001,1,2).operator double()";
MaskEdit1-> Warning = L"Invalid character!";
MaskEdit1-> Invalid = L"Invalid date!";
MaskEdit1-> ValidateAs = Exmaskeditlib_tlb::ValidateAsEnum::exValidateAsDate;
MaskEdit1->AllowEmptyValue = true;
exmaskedit1.SelectGotFocus =
exontrol.EXMASKEDITLib.SelectGotFocusEnum.exSelectRequiredEditableGotFocus;
exmaskedit1.Mask = "!99/99/9999;; ;select=4,overtype";
exmaskedit1.Text =
Convert.ToDateTime("1/2/2001",System.Globalization.Culturelnfo.GetCulturelnfo("en-

US")).ToString(); exmaskedit1.Warning = "Invalid character!"; exmaskedit1.Invalid = "Invalid date!"; exmaskedit1.ValidateAs = exontrol.EXMASKEDITLib.ValidateAsEnum.exValidateAsDate; exmaskedit1.AllowEmptyValue = true;

## JavaScript

```
<OBJECT classid="clsid:43F80262-F652-11D3-AD39-00C0DFC59237"
id="MaskEdit1"> </OBJECT>
<SCRIPT LANGUAGE="JScript">
    MaskEdit1.SelectGotFocus = 4;
    MaskEdit1.Mask = "!99/99/9999;;;;elect=4,overtype";
    MaskEdit1.Text = "1/2/2001";
    MaskEdit1.Warning = "Invalid character!";
    MaskEdit1.Invalid = "Invalid date!";
    MaskEdit1.ValidateAs = 1;
    MaskEdit1.AllowEmptyValue = true;
</SCRIPT>
```


## C\# for /COM

axMaskEdit1.SelectGotFocus =
EXMASKEDITLib.SelectGotFocusEnum.exSelectRequiredEditableGotFocus;
axMaskEdit1.Mask = "!99/99/9999;"; ;select=4,overtype";
axMaskEdit1.Text =
Convert.ToDateTime("1/2/2001",System.Globalization.Culturelnfo.GetCultureInfo("en-
US")).ToString();
axMaskEdit1.Warning = "Invalid character!";
axMaskEdit1.Invalid = "Invalid date!";
axMaskEdit1.ValidateAs = EXMASKEDITLib.ValidateAsEnum.exValidateAsDate;
axMaskEdit1.AllowEmptyValue = true;
public void init()
super();
exmaskedit1.SelectGotFocus(4/*exSelectRequiredEditableGotFocus*/); exmaskedit1.Mask("!99/99/9999;; ;select=4,overtype");
exmaskedit1.Text(str2Date("1/2/2001",213));
exmaskedit1.Warning("Invalid character!");
exmaskedit1.Invalid("Invalid date!");
exmaskedit1.ValidateAs(1/*exValidateAsDate*/);
exmaskedit1.AllowEmptyValue(true);

## Delphi 8 (.NET only)

with AxMaskEdit1 do
begin
SelectGotFocus :=
EXMASKEDITLib.SelectGotFocusEnum.exSelectRequiredEditableGotFocus;
Mask := '!99/99/9999;; ;select=4,overtype';
Text := '1/2/2001';
Warning := 'Invalid character!';
Invalid := 'Invalid date!';
ValidateAs := EXMASKEDITLib.ValidateAsEnum.exValidateAsDate;
AllowEmptyValue := True;
end

## Delphi (standard)

with MaskEdit1 do
begin
SelectGotFocus := EXMASKEDITLib_TLB.exSelectRequiredEditableGotFocus;
Mask := '!99/99/9999;; ;select=4,overtype';
Text := '1/2/2001';
Warning := 'Invalid character!';
Invalid := 'Invalid date!';

ValidateAs := EXMASKEDITLib_TLB.exValidateAsDate;
AllowEmptyValue := True;
end

## VFP

with thisform.MaskEdit1
.SelectGotFocus = 4
.Mask = "!99/99/9999;; ;select=4,overtype"
.Text = \{^2001-1-2\}
.Warning = "Invalid character!"
.Invalid = "Invalid date!"
.ValidateAs = 1
.AllowEmptyValue = .T.
endwith

## dBASE Plus

local oMaskEdit
oMaskEdit = form.Activex1.nativeObject
oMaskEdit.SelectGotFocus = 4
oMaskEdit.Mask = "!99/99/9999;; ;select=4,overtype"
oMaskEdit.Text = Str("01/02/2001")
oMaskEdit.Warning = "Invalid character!"
oMaskEdit.Invalid = "Invalid date!"
oMaskEdit.ValidateAs = 1
oMaskEdit.AllowEmptyValue = true

## XBasic (Alpha Five)

Dim oMaskEdit as P
oMaskEdit = topparent:CONTROL_ACTIVEX1.activex oMaskEdit.SelectGotFocus = 4
oMaskEdit.Mask = "!99/99/9999;; ;select=4,overtype"
oMaskEdit.Text $=\{01 / 02 / 2001\}$
oMaskEdit.Warning = "Invalid character!" oMaskEdit.Invalid = "Invalid date!"
oMaskEdit.ValidateAs = 1
oMaskEdit.AllowEmptyValue = .t.

## Visual Objects

oDCOCX_Exontrol1:SelectGotFocus := exSelectRequiredEditableGotFocus
oDCOCX_Exontrol1:Mask := "!99/99/9999;; ;select=4,overtype"
oDCOCX_Exontrol1:Text := AsString(SToD("20010102"))
oDCOCX_Exontrol1:Warning := "Invalid character!"
oDCOCX_Exontrol1:Invalid := "Invalid date!"
oDCOCX_Exontrol1:ValidateAs := exValidateAsDate
oDCOCX_Exontrol1:AllowEmptyValue := true

## PowerBuilder

OleObject oMaskEdit
oMaskEdit = ole_1.Object
oMaskEdit.SelectGotFocus = 4
oMaskEdit.Mask = "!99/99/9999; ; ;select=4,overtype"
oMaskEdit.Text = String(2001-01-02)
oMaskEdit.Warning = "Invalid character!"
oMaskEdit.Invalid = "Invalid date!"
oMaskEdit.ValidateAs = 1
oMaskEdit.AllowEmptyValue = true

## Visual DataFlex

Procedure OnCreate
Forward Send OnCreate
Set ComSelectGotFocus to OLEexSelectRequiredEditableGotFocus
Set ComMask to "!99/99/9999;; ;select=4,overtype"

Set ComText to " $1 / 2 / 2001$ "
Set ComWarning to "Invalid character!"
Set ComInvalid to "Invalid date!"
Set ComValidateAs to OLEexValidateAsDate
Set ComAllowEmptyValue to True
End_Procedure

## property MaskEdit.Value ([ClipModelncludeLiteral as Variant]) as String

Retrieves the control's value with or without literals.

Type
ClipModeIncludeLiteral as Variant

String

## Description

A ClipModeIncludeLiteralEnum expression that specifies the way the control's text is retrieved.

A String expression that defines the control's value base on the ClipModeIncludeLiteral parameter.

The Value property indicates the control's text or value. The Mask property specifies the control's mask. Use the Text property to change programmatically the control's text. The TextIncludeLiterals property specifies the way the Text property get/set the control's text. For instance, if you do not need to get the placeholders characters in the Text property, set the TextIncludeLiterals property on exClipModeLiteralsInclude before calling the Text property. The Value property is equivalent with Text/TextIncludeLiterals property. The control fires the Change event if the user changes the control's text. The TextIncludeLiteralsLoseFocus property specifies how the control's field is shown when it loses the focus. The AllowEmptyValue property specifies whether the control handles empty values.

# property MaskEdit.Version as String 

Retrieves the control's version.


#### Abstract

Type Description String A string expression that indicates the control's version.


The Version property specifies the control's version. The Version property is read-only.

## property MaskEdit.VisibleMasks as Long

Retrieves or sets a value that indicates the number of visible items in the control masks list.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Type } \\
& \text { A long expression that indicates the number of visible } \\
& \text { Lems in the control masks list. }
\end{aligned}
$$

The VisibleMasks property indicates the number of visible items in the control masks list. Use the Masks property to assign multiple masks to the control.

## property MaskEdit.VisualAppearance as Appearance

Retrieves the control's appearance.

## Type

## Description

Appearance
An Appearance object that holds a collection of skins.
Use the Add method to add or replace skins to the control. The skin method, in it's simplest form, uses a single graphic file (*.ebn) assigned to a part of the control. By using a collection of objects laid over the graphic, it is possible to define which sections of the graphic will be used as borders, corners and other possible elements, fixing them to their proper position regardless of the size of the part. Use the Background property to apply a skin to a part of the control. Use the Appearance property to change the visual appearance of the control's frame.

The following screen shot shows the control's with visual appearance changed:


The value you entered isn't appropriate for the input mask ! (999) 000-0000' specified for this field.

The following screen shot shows the control's with no visual appearance changed:


## property MaskEdit.Warning as String

Indicates the html-tooltip message to be shown when the user enters an invalid character.

Type

## Description

A String expression that defines the built-in HTML tooltip to
String
be shown at cursor position when user enters any invalid character.

By default, the Warning property is "". Use the Warning property to specify a HTML tooltip to be shown at the cursor position when user enters an invalid character. The Warning property has no effect if the property is empty or the control is not masked. Use the Invalid property to specify a HTML tooltip to keep the control focused while the user enters an inappropriate value for the field. Use the AllowBeep property to let control beeps once the user enters any invalid character.

The following screen shot shows the Warning once the user enters an invalid character:


The control uses built-in HTML tags to display the caption using HTML format. The control supports the following HTML tags:

- <b> ... </b> displays the text in bold
- <i> ... <li> displays the text in italics
- <u> ... </u> underlines the text
- <s> ... </s> Strike-through text
- <a id;options> ... </a> displays an anchor element that can be clicked. An anchor is a piece of text or some other object (for example an image) which marks the beginning and/or the end of a hypertext link. The <a> element is used to mark that piece of text (or inline image), and to give its hypertextual relationship to other documents. The control fires the AnchorClick(AnchorID, Options) event when the user clicks the anchor element. The FormatAnchor property customizes the visual effect for anchor elements.
- <font face;size> ... </font> displays portions of text with a different font and/or different size. For instance, the "<font Tahoma;12>bit</font>" draws the bit text using the Tahoma font, on size 12 pt . If the name of the font is missing, and instead size is present, the current font is used with a different size. For instance, "<font
;12>bit</font>" displays the bit text using the current font, but with a different size.
- <fgcolor rrggbb> ... </fgcolor> or <fgcolor=rrggbb> ... </fgcolor> displays text with a specified foreground color. The rr/gg/bb represents the red/green/blue values of the color in hexa values.
- <bgcolor rrggbb> ... </bgcolor> or <bgcolor=rrggbb> ... </bgcolor> displays text
with a specified background color. The rr/gg/bb represents the red/green/blue values of the color in hexa values.
- <solidline rrggbb> ... </solidline> or <solidline=rrggbb> ... </solidline> draws a solidline on the bottom side of the current text-line, of specified RGB color. The <solidline> ... </solidline> draws a black solid-line on the bottom side of the current text-line. The $\mathrm{rr} / \mathrm{gg} / \mathrm{bb}$ represents the red/green/blue values of the color in hexa values.
- <dotline rrggbb> ... </dotline> or <dotline=rrggbb> ... </dotline> draws a dot-line on the bottom side of the current text-line, of specified RGB color. The <dotline> ... </dotline> draws a black dot-line on the bottom side of the current text-line. The $\mathrm{rr} / \mathrm{gg} / \mathrm{bb}$ represents the red/green/blue values of the color in hexa values.
- <upline> ... </upline> draws the line on the top side of the current text-line (requires <solidline> or <dotline>).
- <r> right aligns the text
- <c> centers the text
- <br> forces a line-break
- <img>number[:width]</img> inserts an icon inside the text. The number indicates the index of the icon being inserted. Use the Images method to assign a list of icons to your chart. The last 7 bits in the high significant byte of the number expression indicates the identifier of the skin being used to paint the object. Use the Add method to add new skins to the control. If you need to remove the skin appearance from a part of the control you need to reset the last 7 bits in the high significant byte of the color being applied to the part. The width is optional and indicates the width of the icon being inserted. Using the width option you can overwrite multiple icons getting a nice effect. By default, if the width field is missing, the width is 18 pixels.
- <img>key[:width]</img> inserts a custom size picture into the text being previously loaded using the HTMLPicture property. The Key parameter indicates the key of the picture being displayed. The Width parameter indicates a custom size, if you require to stretch the picture, else the original size of the picture is used.
- \& glyph characters as \& ( \& ), \< ( < ), \> ( > ), \&qout; ( " ) and \&\#number; ( the character with specified code ), For instance, the \&\#8364; displays the EUR character. The \& ampersand is only recognized as markup when it is followed by a known letter or a \#character and a digit. For instance if you want to display <b>bold</b> in HTML caption you can use \<b\>bold\</b\>
- <off offset> ... </off> defines the vertical offset to display the text/element. The offset parameter defines the offset to display the element. This tag is inheritable, so the offset is keep while the associated </off> tag is found. You can use the <off offset> HTML tag in combination with the <font face;size> to define a smaller or a larger font to be displayed. For instance: "Text with <font ;7><off 6>subscript" displays the text such as: Text with subscript The "Text with <font ;7><off -6>superscript" displays the text such as: Text with subscript
- <gra rrggbb;mode;blend> ... </gra> defines a gradient text. The text color or <fgcolor> defines the starting gradient color, while the rr/gg/bb represents the
red/green/blue values of the ending color, 808080 if missing as gray. The mode is a value between 0 and 4,1 if missing, and blend could be 0 or 1,0 if missing. The <font> HTML tag can be used to define the height of the font. Any of the rrggbb, mode or blend field may not be specified. The <gra> with no fields, shows a vertical gradient color from the current text color to gray (808080). For instance the "<font ; 18><gra FFFFFF; $1 ; 1$ >gradient-center</gra></font>" generates the following picture:

- <out rrggbb;width> ... </out> shows the text with outlined characters, where rr/gg/bb represents the red/green/blue values of the outline color, 808080 if missing as gray, width indicates the size of the outline, 1 if missing. The text color or <fgcolor> defines the color to show the inside text. The <font> HTML tag can be used to define the height of the font. For instance the "<font; $31><$ out $000000>$ <fgcolor=FFFFFF>outlined</fgcolor></out></font>" generates the following picture:


## outlined

- <sha rrggbb;width;offset> ... </sha> define a text with a shadow, where rr/gg/bb represents the red/green/blue values of the shadow color, 808080 if missing as gray, width indicates the size of shadow, 4 if missing, and offset indicates the offset from the origin to display the text's shadow, 2 if missing. The text color or <fgcolor> defines the color to show the inside text. The <font> HTML tag can be used to define the height of the font. For instance the "<font; 31><sha>shadow</sha></font>" generates the following picture:


## shadow

or "<font;31><sha 404040;5;0><fgcolor=FFFFFF>outline anti-aliasing</fgcolor> </sha></font>" gets:

## ouiline anti-allesing

## ExMaskEdit events

Tip The /COM object can be placed on a HTML page (with usage of the HTML object tag: <object classid="clsid:...">) using the class identifier: \{43F80262-F652-11D3-AD39-00C0DFC59237\}. The object's program identifier is: "Exontrol.MaskEdit". The /COM object module is: "MaskEdit.dll"

The ExMaskEdit control supports the following events:

| Name | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| Change | Fired while the user changes the control's text. |
| Click | Occurs when the user presses and then releases the left <br> mouse button over the control. |
| DblClick | Occurs when the user dblclk the left mouse button over an <br> object. |
| Event | Notifies the application once the control fires an event. |
| KeyDown | Occurs when the user presses a key while an object has <br> the focus. |
| KeyPress | Occurs when the user presses and releases an ANSI key. <br> Occurs when the user releases a key while an object has |
| KeyUp | Occurs when the user changes the control's mask. |
| MaskChange | Occurs when the user presses a mouse button. |
| MouseDown | Occurs when the user moves the mouse. |
| MouseMove | Occurs when the user releases a mouse button. |
| MouseUp | Occurs once the user right clicks the control. |
| RClick | Validates the field's value, once the user leaves the field. |

## event Change ()

Fired while the user changes the control's text.
Type

## Description

Indicates that the control's contents is changed. Occurs when a DDE link updates data, when a user changes the mask, or when you change the Text property setting through code. The Change event procedure can synchronize or coordinate data display among controls. The MaskChange property is fired once the user changes the control's Mask property.

Syntax for Change event, /NET version, on:
C\# private void Change(object sender)

VB Private Sub Change(ByVal sender As System.Object) Handles Change End Sub

Syntax for Change event, /COM version, on:
C\# private void Change(object sender, EventArgs e)

C++ void OnChange()
\{

C++
Builder
void __fastcall Change(TObject *Sender)
procedure Change(sender: System.Object; e: System.EventArgs);
begin
end;

## Powe... $\quad$ begin event Change() end event Change

VB.NET

Private Sub Change(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As System.EventArgs)
Handles Change
End Sub

VB6 $\quad$ Private Sub Change() End Sub

## VBA

Private Sub Change() End Sub

VFP LPARAMETERS nop

## Xbas.

PROCEDURE OnChange(oMaskEdit) RETURN

Syntax for Change event, /COM version (others), on:
Java... <SCRIPT EVENT="Change()" LANGUAGE="JScript"> </SCRIPT>

## VBSc..

<SCRIPT LANGUAGE="VBScript"> Function Change()
End Function
</SCRIPT>
End_Procedure
Visual $\quad$ METHOD OCX_Change() CLASS MainDialog
Objects RETURN NIL

X++
void onEvent_Change()
\}
\}
XBasic $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { function Change as v () } \\ & \text { end function }\end{aligned}\right.$
function nativeObject_Change() return

Here's a VB6 sample that handles the Change event:

Private Sub MaskEdit1_Change()<br>Debug.Print "The Change event was fired. The new control's mask value is: " \& MaskEdit1.Text()<br>End Sub

## event Click ()

Occurs when the user presses and then releases the left mouse button over the control.
Type

## Description

The Click event is fired when the user releases the left mouse button over the control. Use a MouseDown or MouseUp event procedure to specify actions that will occur when a mouse button is pressed or released. Unlike the Click MouseDown and MouseUp events lets you distinguish between the left, right, and middle mouse buttons. You can also write code for mouse-keyboard combinations that use the SHIFT, CTRL, and ALT keyboard modifiers. The RClick event notifies once the user right clicks the control.

Syntax for Click event, /NET version, on:
C\# private void Click(object sender)

Private Sub Click(ByVal sender As System.Object) Handles Click End Sub

Syntax for Click event, /COM version, on:
c\# private void ClickEvent(object sender, EventArgs e)

C++ void OnClick()

C++
Builder
void _fastcall Click(TObject *Sender)

## Delphi

 procedure Click(ASender: TObject; ); begin end;procedure ClickEvent(sender: System.Object; e: System.EventArgs);
begin
end;

## Powe... $\quad$ begin event Click() end event Click

VB.NET $\quad$ Private Sub ClickEvent(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As System.EventArgs) Handles ClickEvent End Sub

VB6 Private Sub Click() End Sub

## VBA

Private Sub Click() End Sub

## VFP

LPARAMETERS nop

PROCEDURE OnClick(oMaskEdit) RETURN

Syntax for Click event, ICOM version (others), on:

> Java... <SCRIPT EVENT="Click()" LANGUAGE="JScript"> </SCRIPT>

## VBSc..

 <SCRIPT LANGUAGE="VBScript"> Function Click() End Function </SCRIPT>
# Visual 

XBasic
function Click as v () end function

## event DbIClick (Shift as Integer, $X$ as OLE_XPOS_PIXELS, $Y$ as OLE_YPOS_PIXELS)

Occurs when the user dblclk the left mouse button over an object.
Type

## Description

Shift as Integer

X as OLE_XPOS_PIXELS
A single that specifies the current X location of the mouse pointer. The x values is always expressed in container coordinates
A single that specifies the current Y location of the mouse
Y as OLE_YPOS_PIXELS pointer. The y values is always expressed in container coordinates

By default, the control selects the entity from the cursor when the user double clicks the control. The DblClick event notifies your application once the user double clicks the control. The Click event notifies your application once the user clicks the control's content. The RClick event notifies once the user right clicks the control.

Syntax for DbIClick event, /NET version, on:
C\# private void DblClick(object sender,short Shift,int X,int Y) \{
\}

Private Sub DblClick(ByVal sender As System.Object,ByVal Shift As Short,ByVal X As Integer,ByVal Y As Integer) Handles DblClick End Sub

Syntax for DblClick event, /COM version, on:

## C\#

 private void DblClick(object sender, AxEXMASKEDITLib._IMaskEditEvents_DblClickEvent e) \{
## C++

C++ $\quad$ void _fastcall DblClick(TObject *Sender,short Shift,int X,int Y)

Delphi procedure DbIClick(ASender: TObject; Shift : Smallint;X : Integer; Y : Integer); begin end;

## Delphi 8 <br> (.NET <br> only)

procedure DbIClick(sender: System.Object; e:
AxEXMASKEDITLib._IMaskEditEvents_DbIClickEvent);
begin end;

## Powe.

begin event DbIClick(integer Shift,long X,long Y) end event DbIClick

VB.NET | Private Sub DbIClick(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As |
| :--- | :--- | AxEXMASKEDITLib._IMaskEditEvents_DbIClickEvent) Handles DbIClick End Sub

| VB6 | Private Sub DbIClick(Shift As Integer,X As Single,Y As Single) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | End Sub

Private Sub DblClick(ByVal Shift As Integer,ByVal X As Long,ByVal Y As Long) End Sub

LPARAMETERS Shift,X,Y

PROCEDURE OnDbIClick(oMaskEdit,Shift,X,Y) RETURN

Syntax for DbIClick event, ICOM version (others), on:
Java... $\mid$ <SCRIPT EVENT="DbIClick(Shift,X,Y)" LANGUAGE="JScript"> </SCRIPT>

VBSc.. <SCRIPT LANGUAGE="VBScript">

# Function DblClick(Shift,X,Y) <br> End Function <br> </SCRIPT> 

Visual Data.

Procedure OnComDbIClick Short IIShift OLE_XPOS_PIXELS IIX OLE_YPOS_PIXELS IIY
Forward Send OnComDbIClick IIShift IIX IIY
End_Procedure
METHOD OCX_DbIClick(Shift,X,Y) CLASS MainDialog RETURN NIL
void onEvent_DblClick(int_Shift,int_X,int_Y)
\}

## XBasic

function DblClick as v (Shift as $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{X}$ as
OLE::Exontrol.MaskEdit.1::OLE_XPOS_PIXELS,Y as
OLE::Exontrol.MaskEdit.1:OLE_YPOS_PIXELS) end function

dBASE

function nativeObject_DblClick(Shift,X,Y) return

## event Event (EventID as Long)

Notifies the application once the control fires an event.

Type

EventID as Long

## Description

A Long expression that specifies the identifier of the event. Use the EventParam (-2) to display entire information about fired event ( such as name, identifier, and properties ).

The Event notification occurs ANY time the control fires an event.
This is useful for $\mathrm{X}++$ language, which does not support event with parameters passed by reference.

In X++ the "Error executing code: FormActiveXControl (data source), method ... called with invalid parameters" occurs when handling events that have parameters passed by reference. Passed by reference, means that in the event handler, you can change the value for that parameter, and so the control will takes the new value, and use it. The $\mathrm{X}^{++}$is NOT able to handle properly events with parameters by reference, so we have the solution.

The solution is using and handling the Event notification and EventParam method., instead handling the event that gives the "invalid parameters" error executing code.

Let's presume that we need to handle the BarParentChange event to change the _Cancel parameter from false to true, which fires the "Error executing code: FormActiveXControl (data source), method onEvent_BarParentChange called with invalid parameters." We need to know the identifier of the BarParentChange event ( each event has an unique identifier and it is static, defined in the control's type library ). If you are not familiar with what a type library means just handle the Event of the control as follows:
// Notifies the application once the control fires an event.
void onEvent_Event(int _EventID)
$\{$
print exmaskedit1.EventParam(-2).toString();
$\}$
This code allows you to display the information for each event of the control being fired as in the list bellow:

```
"MouseMove/-606( 1, 0, 145,36)" VT_BSTR
"BarParentChange/125( 192998632 , 'B' , 192999592, =false )" VT_BSTR
"BeforeDrawPart/54( 2,-1962866148,=0,=0,=0,=0,=false )" VT_BSTR
```

```
"AfterDrawPart/55( 2, -1962866148, 0, 0, 0, 0 )" VT_BSTR
"MouseMove/-606(1, 0, 145,35 )" VT_BSTR
```

Each line indicates an event, and the following information is provided: the name of the event, its identifier, and the list of parameters being passed to the event. The parameters that starts with = character, indicates a parameter by reference, in other words one that can changed during the event handler.

Now, we can see that the identifier for the BarParentChange event is 125 , so we need to handle the Event event as:
// Notifies the application once the control fires an event.
void onEvent_Event(int_EventID)
$\{$
;
if ( _EventID == 125 ) /*event BarParentChange (Item as HITEM, Key as Variant, Newltem as HITEM, Cancel as Boolean) */
exmaskedit1.EventParam( 3 /*Cancel*/, COMVariant::createFromBoolean(true) );

The code checks if the BarParentChange ( $\_$EventID == 125) event is fired, and changes the third parameter of the event to true. The definition for BarParentChange event can be consulted in the control's documentation or in the ActiveX explorer. So, anytime you need to access the original parameters for the event you should use the EventParam method that allows you to get or set a parameter. If the parameter is not passed by reference, you can not change the parameter's value.

Now, let's add some code to see a complex sample, so let's say that we need to prevent moving the bar from an item to any disabled item. So, we need to specify the Cancel parameter as not Items. Enableltem(Newltem), in other words cancels if the new parent is disabled. Shortly the code will be:
// Notifies the application once the control fires an event.
void onEvent_Event(int_EventID)
\{
if ( _EventID == 125 ) /*event BarParentChange (Item as HITEM, Key as Variant, Newltem as HITEM, Cancel as Boolean) */
if ( !exmaskedit1.Items().Enableltem( exmaskedit1.EventParam( 2 /*Newltem*/ ) ) ) exmaskedit1.EventParam( 3 /*Cancel*/, COMVariant:.createFromBoolean(true) );

In conclusion, anytime the $X++$ fires the "invalid parameters." while handling an event, you can use and handle the Event notification and EventParam methods of the control

Syntax for Event event, /NET version, on:
C\# private void Event(object sender,int EventID)

Private Sub Event(ByVal sender As System.Object,ByVal EventID As Integer) Handles Event End Sub

Syntax for Event event, /COM version, on:
C\# private void Event(object sender, AxEXMASKEDITLib._IMaskEditEvents_EventEvent e)

## C++

void OnEvent(long EventID) \{

C++
Builder
void _fastcall Event(TObject *Sender,long EventID)
$\}$

Delphi
procedure Event(ASender: TObject; EventID : Integer); begin end;

Delphi 8
(.NET
only)
procedure Event(sender: System.Object; e:
AxEXMASKEDITLib._IMaskEditEvents_EventEvent);
begin
end;

## Powe.

 begin event Event(long EventID) end event Event
# VB.NET Private Sub Event(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As <br> AxEXMASKEDITLib._IMaskEditEvents_EventEvent) Handles Event End Sub 

VB6 Private Sub Event(ByVal EventID As Long) End Sub

VBA Private Sub Event(ByVal EventID As Long) End Sub

VFP LPARAMETERS EventID

## Xbas.

PROCEDURE OnEvent(oMaskEdit,EventID) RETURN

Syntax for Event event, /COM version (others), on:

```
Java... <SCRIPT EVENT="Event(EventID)" LANGUAGE="JScript">
</SCRIPT>
```

VBSc... <SCRIPT LANGUAGE="VBScript"> Function Event(EventID)
End Function
</SCRIPT>

Visual
Data.

Procedure OnComEvent Integer IIEventID Forward Send OnComEvent IIEventID End_Procedure

## Visual

Objects

METHOD OCX_Event(EventID) CLASS MainDialog RETURN NIL

XBasic
function Event as v (EventID as N) end function

| dBASE | $\begin{array}{l}\text { function nativeObject_Event(EventID) } \\ \text { return }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :--- |

## event KeyDown (KeyCode as Integer, Shift as Integer)

Occurs when the user presses a key while an object has the focus.

## Type

KeyCode as Integer

Shift as Integer

## Description

An integer that represent the key code.
An integer that corresponds to the state of the SHIFT, CTRL, and ALT keys at the time of the event. The shift argument is a bit field with the least-significant bits corresponding to the SHIFT key (bit 0), the CTRL key (bit 1 ), and the ALT key (bit 2). These bits correspond to the values 1,2 , and 4 , respectively. Some, all, or none of the bits can be set, indicating that some, all, or none of the keys are pressed. For example, if both CTRL and ALT are pressed, the value of shift is 6 .

Use KeyDown and KeyUp event procedures if you need to respond to both the pressing and releasing of a key. You test for a condition by first assigning each result to a temporary integer variable and then comparing shift to a bit mask. Use the And operator with the shift argument to test whether the condition is greater than 0 , indicating that the modifier was pressed, as in this example:

ShiftDown $=($ Shift And 1$)>0$
CtrlDown $=($ Shift And 2) $>0$
AltDown $=($ Shift And 4$)>0$
In a procedure, you can test for any combination of conditions, as in this example: If AltDown And CtriDown Then

Syntax for KeyDown event, /NET version, on:
C\# private void KeyDown(object sender,ref short KeyCode,short Shift) \}


C++ Builder
void _fastcall KeyDown(TObject *Sender,short * KeyCode,short Shift)
$\{$
$\}$
Delphi procedure KeyDown(ASender: TObject; var KeyCode : Smallint;Shift : Smallint); begin end;

## Delphi 8 <br> (.NET <br> only)

procedure KeyDownEvent(sender: System.Object; e:
AxEXMASKEDITLib._IMaskEditEvents_KeyDownEvent);
begin
end;

Powe... | begin event KeyDown(integer KeyCode,integer Shift) |
| :--- | :--- | end event KeyDown

## VB.NET

Private Sub KeyDownEvent(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As AxEXMASKEDITLib._IMaskEditEvents_KeyDownEvent) Handles KeyDownEvent End Sub

## VB6

Private Sub KeyDown(KeyCode As Integer,Shift As Integer) End Sub

Private Sub KeyDown(KeyCode As Integer,ByVal Shift As Integer) End Sub

# Syntax for KeyDown event, /COM version (others), on: 

> Java... <SCRIPT EVENT="KeyDown(KeyCode,Shift)" LANGUAGE="JScript"> </SCRIPT>

VBSc... $|$\begin{tabular}{l}

<SCRIPT LANGUAGE="VBScript"> \\
Function KeyDown(KeyCode,Shift) \\
End Function \\
</SCRIPT>
\end{tabular}

Visual
Data.

Procedure OnComKeyDown Short IIKeyCode Short IIShift Forward Send OnComKeyDown IIKeyCode IIShift
End_Procedure

Visual
Objects

METHOD OCX_KeyDown(KeyCode,Shift) CLASS MainDialog RETURN NIL
$X_{++} \left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { void onEvent_KeyDown(COMVariant /*short*/ _KeyCode,int_Shift) } \\ & \{ \\ & \}\end{aligned}\right.$

| XBasic | function KeyDown as v (KeyCode as N,Shift as N) |
| :--- | :--- | end function

## dBASE

 function nativeObject_KeyDown(KeyCode,Shift) return
## event KeyPress (KeyAscii as Integer)

Occurs when the user presses and releases an ANSI key.

## Type

## Description

KeyAscii as Integer
An integer that returns a standard numeric ANSI keycode.
The KeyPress event lets you immediately test keystrokes for validity or for formatting characters as they are typed. Changing the value of the keyascii argument changes the character displayed. Use KeyDown and KeyUp event procedures to handle any keystroke not recognized by KeyPress, such as function keys, editing keys, navigation keys, and any combinations of these with keyboard modifiers. Unlike the KeyDown and KeyUp events, KeyPress does not indicate the physical state of the keyboard; instead, it passes a character. KeyPress interprets the uppercase and lowercase of each character as separate key codes and, therefore, as two separate characters.

Syntax for KeyPress event, /NET version, on:
C\# private void KeyPress(object sender,ref short KeyAscii) \{

VB Private Sub KeyPress(ByVal sender As System.Object,ByRef KeyAscii As Short) Handles KeyPress
End Sub

Syntax for KeyPress event, /COM version, on:
C\# private void KeyPressEvent(object sender, AxEXMASKEDITLib._IMaskEditEvents_KeyPressEvent e)
$\{$
$\}$

## C++

 void OnKeyPress(short FAR* KeyAscii)$\{$
$\}$

Delphi procedure KeyPress(ASender: TObject; var KeyAscii : Smallint); begin end;

> Delphi 8 (.NET only)
> procedure KeyPressEvent(sender: System.Object; e:
> AxEXMASKEDITLib._IMaskEditEvents_KeyPressEvent);
> begin end;

Powe...
begin event KeyPress(integer KeyAscii) end event KeyPress
VB. NET $\mid$ Private Sub KeyPressEvent(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As AxEXMASKEDITLib._IMaskEditEvents_KeyPressEvent) Handles KeyPressEvent End Sub

| vB6 | Private Sub KeyPress(KeyAscii As Integer) |
| :--- | :--- | End Sub

VBA
Private Sub KeyPress(KeyAscii As Integer) End Sub

LPARAMETERS KeyAscii

VFP

## Xbas..

PROCEDURE OnKeyPress(oMaskEdit,KeyAscii) RETURN

Syntax for KeyPress event, /COM version (others), on:
Java... <SCRIPT EVENT="KeyPress(KeyAscii)" LANGUAGE="JScript"> </SCRIPT>

## VBSc..

<SCRIPT LANGUAGE="VBScript">
Function KeyPress(KeyAscii)
End Function
</SCRIPT>
Data.

# Procedure OnComKeyPress Short IIKeyAscii <br> Forward Send OnComKeyPress IIKeyAscii <br> End_Procedure 

| Visual | METHOD OCX_KeyPress_(KeyAscii) CLASS MainDialog |
| :--- | :--- |
| Objects | RETURN NIL |

X++ $\quad$ void onEvent_KeyPress(COMVariant /*short*/ _KeyAscii) $\{$
$\}$

XBasic function KeyPress as v (KeyAscii as N ) end function

## dBASE function nativeObject_KeyPress(KeyAscii) return

## event KeyUp (KeyCode as Integer, Shift as Integer)

Occurs when the user releases a key while an object has the focus.

## Type

KeyCode as Integer

Shift as Integer

## Description

An integer that represent the key code.
An integer that corresponds to the state of the SHIFT, CTRL, and ALT keys at the time of the event. The shift argument is a bit field with the least-significant bits corresponding to the SHIFT key (bit 0), the CTRL key (bit 1 ), and the ALT key (bit 2). These bits correspond to the values 1,2 , and 4 , respectively. Some, all, or none of the bits can be set, indicating that some, all, or none of the keys are pressed. For example, if both CTRL and ALT are pressed, the value of shift is 6 .

Use the KeyUp event procedure to respond to the releasing of a key.
Syntax for KeyUp event, /NET version, on:
C\# private void KeyUp(object sender,ref short KeyCode,short Shift) \{
\}

VB
Private Sub KeyUp(ByVal sender As System.Object,ByRef KeyCode As Short,ByVal Shift As Short) Handles KeyUp End Sub

Syntax for KeyUp event, /COM version, on:
C\# private void KeyUpEvent(object sender, AxEXMASKEDITLib._IMaskEditEvents_KeyUpEvent e) \{

C++ void OnKeyUp(short FAR* KeyCode,short Shift)
$\{$
$\}$

Delphi
procedure KeyUp(ASender: TObject; var KeyCode : Smallint;Shift : Smallint); begin end;

## Delphi 8 <br> (.NET <br> only)

procedure KeyUpEvent(sender: System.Object; e: AxEXMASKEDITLib.IMaskEditEvents_KeyUpEvent); begin end;

## Powe..

begin event KeyUp(integer KeyCode,integer Shift) end event KeyUp

## VB.NET

Private Sub KeyUpEvent(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As AxEXMASKEDITLib._IMaskEditEvents_KeyUpEvent) Handles KeyUpEvent End Sub

VB6 $\begin{aligned} & \text { Private Sub KeyUp(KeyCode As Integer,Shift As Integer) }\end{aligned}$ End Sub

## VBA

Private Sub KeyUp(KeyCode As Integer,ByVal Shift As Integer) End Sub

LPARAMETERS KeyCode,Shift

## Xbas.

PROCEDURE OnKeyUp(oMaskEdit,KeyCode,Shift) RETURN

Syntax for KeyUp event, ICOM version (others), on:
Java... <SCRIPT EVENT="KeyUp(KeyCode,Shift)" LANGUAGE="JScript"> </SCRIPT>

```
VBSc... \(\langle\) SCRIPT LANGUAGE="VBScript">
Function KeyUp(KeyCode,Shift)
End Function
```

</SCRIPT>

Visual
Procedure OnComKeyUp Short IIKeyCode Short IIShift
Forward Send OnComKeyUp IIKeyCode IIShift
End_Procedure

Visual
METHOD OCX_KeyUp(KeyCode,Shift) CLASS MainDialog
Objects
RETURN NIL

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| :--- | :--- |
|  | $\{$ |
|  |  |

void onEvent_KeyUp(COMVariant /*short*/ _KeyCode,int _Shift)

XBasic
function KeyUp as v (KeyCode as N,Shift as N)
end function
dBASE
function nativeObject_KeyUp(KeyCode,Shift)
return

## event MaskChange ()

Occurs when the user changes the control's mask.
Type

## Description

The MaskChange event occurs if user changes the Mask property. The MaskChange event occurs when user selects a new mask from the control's masks list. Use the Masks property to assign multiple masks to the control. The Change event notifies your application once the control's Text property is changed ( the control's content ).

Syntax for MaskChange event, /NET version, on:
c\# private void MaskChange(object sender)
\{
VB
Private Sub MaskChange(ByVal sender As System.Object) Handles MaskChange End Sub

Syntax for MaskChange event, /COM version, on:
C\# private void MaskChange(object sender, EventArgs e)

## void _fastcall MaskChange(TObject *Sender)

procedure MaskChange(sender: System.Object; e: System.EventArgs);
begin end;

Powe... begin event MaskChange() end event MaskChange

# VB.NET 

Private Sub MaskChange(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As System.EventArgs) Handles MaskChange End Sub

## VB6

Private Sub MaskChange() End Sub

VBA
Private Sub MaskChange() End Sub

## VFP

LPARAMETERS nop

PROCEDURE OnMaskChange(oMaskEdit) RETURN

Syntax for MaskChange event, /COM version (others), on:

```
    Java... <SCRIPT EVENT="MaskChange()" LANGUAGE="JScript"> </SCRIPT>
```

VBSc... $\langle$ <SCRIPT LANGUAGE="VBScript">
Function MaskChange()
End Function
</SCRIPT>

Visual
Data.
Procedure OnComMaskChange Forward Send OnComMaskChange
End_Procedure

XBasic | function MaskChange as v() |
| :--- | :--- | end function

## dBASE function nativeObject_MaskChange() return

The following sample displays the current control's mask when the user changes the mask from the control's masks list:

Private Sub Form_Load()
With MaskEdit1
.Masks = "USA resident;(090)-\#\#\#-\#\#\#-\#\#\#;Canada resident;(091)-\#\#\#-\#\#\#-\#\#\#"
End With
End Sub

Private Sub MaskEdit1_MaskChange()
Debug.Print "The current mask is: " \& MaskEdit1.Mask
End Sub


## event MouseDown (Button as Integer, Shift as Integer, $X$ as OLE_XPOS_PIXELS, Y as OLE_YPOS_PIXELS)

Occurs when the user presses a mouse button

Type
Button as Integer

Shift as Integer

## Description

An integer that identifies the button that was pressed to cause the event

An integer that corresponds to the state of the SHIFT, CTRL, and ALT keys when the button specified in the button argument is pressed or released.
A single that specifies the current X location of the mouse pointer. The X value is always expressed in container coordinates.
A single that specifies the current $Y$ location of the mouse pointer. The $Y$ value is always expressed in container coordinates.

Use a MouseDown or MouseUp event procedure to specify actions that will occur when a mouse button is pressed or released. Unlike the Click event, MouseDown and MouseUp events lets you distinguish between the left, right, and middle mouse buttons. You can also write code for mouse-keyboard combinations that use the SHIFT, CTRL, and ALT keyboard modifiers.

Syntax for MouseDown event, /NET version, on:
C\# private void MouseDownEvent(object sender,short Button,short Shift,int X,int Y) Short,ByVal Shift As Short,ByVal X As Integer,ByVal Y As Integer) Handles MouseDownEvent End Sub

Syntax for MouseDown event, /COM version, on:

## C++ void OnMouseDown(short Button,short Shift,long X,long Y) \{

C++
void _fastcall MouseDown(TObject *Sender,short Button,short Shift,int X,int Y)
Builder
begin end;

## Delphi 8 <br> (.NET <br> only)

procedure MouseDownEvent(sender: System.Object; e:
AxEXMASKEDITLib._IMaskEditEvents_MouseDownEvent);
begin
end;

## Powe..

begin event MouseDown(integer Button,integer Shift,long X,long Y) end event MouseDown

## VB.NET

Private Sub MouseDownEvent(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As AxEXMASKEDITLib._IMaskEditEvents_MouseDownEvent) Handles MouseDownEvent End Sub

## VB6

Private Sub MouseDown(Button As Integer,Shift As Integer,X As Single,Y As Single) End Sub

Private Sub MouseDown(ByVal Button As Integer,ByVal Shift As Integer,ByVal X As Long, By Val Y As Long) End Sub

## Xbas

## PROCEDURE OnMouseDown(oMaskEdit,Button,Shift,X,Y) RETURN

Syntax for MouseDown event, /COM version (others), on:
Java... <SCRIPT EVENT="MouseDown(Button,Shift,X,Y)" LANGUAGE="JScript"> </SCRIPT>

VBSc... $\mid$ <SCRIPT LANGUAGE="VBScript">
Function MouseDown(Button,Shift,X,Y)
End Function
</SCRIPT>

Visual
Data.
Procedure OnComMouseDown Short IIButton Short IIShift OLE_XPOS_PIXELS IIX OLE_YPOS_PIXELS IIY

Forward Send OnComMouseDown IIButton IIShift IIX IIY
End_Procedure

Visual
Objects
METHOD OCX_MouseDown(Button,Shift,X,Y) CLASS MainDialog RETURN NIL

X++ void onEvent_MouseDown(int _Button,int _Shift,int _X,int _Y) \}

XBasic
function MouseDown as v (Button as N,Shift as N, X as
OLE::Exontrol.MaskEdit.1::OLE_XPOS_PIXELS,Y as
OLE::Exontrol.MaskEdit.1::OLE_YPOS_PIXELS) end function

\section*{dBASE | function nativeObject_MouseDown(Button,Shift,X,Y) |
| :--- | :--- | return}

## event MouseMove (Button as Integer, Shift as Integer, $X$ as OLE_XPOS_PIXELS, Y as OLE_YPOS_PIXELS)

Occurs when the user moves the mouse over the control

Type
Button as Integer
Shift as Integer

## Description

An integer that corresponds to the state of the mouse buttons in which a bit is set if the button is down An integer that corresponds to the state of the SHIFT, CTRL, and ALT keys
A single that specifies the current X location of the mouse
X as OLE_XPOS_PIXELS

Y as OLE_YPOS_PIXELS pointer. The x values is always expressed in container coordinates
A single that specifies the current Y location of the mouse pointer. The y values is always expressed in container coordinates

The MouseMove event is generated continually as the mouse pointer moves across objects. Unless another object has captured the mouse, an object recognizes a MouseMove event whenever the mouse position is within its borders.

Syntax for MouseMove event, /NET version, on:
C\#
private void MouseMoveEvent(object sender,short Button,short Shift,int X,int Y) \{
\}

Private Sub MouseMoveEvent(ByVal sender As System.Object,ByVal Button As Short,ByVal Shift As Short,ByVal X As Integer,ByVal Y As Integer) Handles MouseMoveEvent
End Sub

Syntax for MouseMove event, /COM version, on:
c\#
private void MouseMoveEvent(object sender,
AxEXMASKEDITLib._IMaskEditEvents_MouseMoveEvent e)
\{
\}
void _fastcall MouseMove(TObject *Sender,short Button,short Shift,int X,int Y)

# Delphi 

procedure MouseMove(ASender: TObject; Button : Smallint;Shift : Smallint;X : Integer; Y : Integer);
begin
end;

Delphi 8
(.NET
only)
procedure MouseMoveEvent(sender: System.Object; e:
AxEXMASKEDITLib._IMaskEditEvents_MouseMoveEvent);
begin
end;

## Powe.

 begin event MouseMove(integer Button,integer Shift,long X,long Y) end event MouseMovePrivate Sub MouseMoveEvent(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As AxEXMASKEDITLib._IMaskEditEvents_MouseMoveEvent) Handles MouseMoveEvent End Sub

VB6
Private Sub MouseMove(Button As Integer,Shift As Integer,X As Single,Y As Single) End Sub

## VBA

Private Sub MouseMove(ByVal Button As Integer,ByVal Shift As Integer,ByVal X As Long,ByVal Y As Long)
End Sub

## VFP

LPARAMETERS Button,Shift,X,Y

## Xbas.

PROCEDURE OnMouseMove(oMaskEdit,Button,Shift,X,Y) RETURN

Syntax for MouseMove event, /COM version (others), on:

```
Java... <SCRIPT EVENT="MouseMove(Button,Shift,X,Y)" LANGUAGE="JScript">
</SCRIPT>
```

| VBSc... | <SCRIPT LANGUAGE="VBScript"> |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | Function MouseMove(Button,Shift,X,Y) |
|  | End Function |
| </SCRIPT> |  |

Visual
Data.

Procedure OnComMouseMove Short IIButton Short IIShift OLE_XPOS_PIXELS IIX OLE_YPOS_PIXELS IIY

Forward Send OnComMouseMove IIButton IIShift IIX IIY End_Procedure

METHOD OCX_MouseMove(Button,Shift,X,Y) CLASS MainDialog RETURN NIL

X++ $\quad$ void onEvent_MouseMove(int _Button,int _Shift,int _X,int _Y)
\}

XBasic
function MouseMove as v (Button as N,Shift as N, X as OLE::Exontrol.MaskEdit.1::OLE_XPOS_PIXELS,Y as
OLE::Exontrol.MaskEdit.1::OLE_YPOS_PIXELS) end function

dBASE | function nativeObject_MouseMove(Button,Shift,X,Y) |
| :--- | :--- | return

## event MouseUp (Button as Integer, Shift as Integer, $X$ as OLE_XPOS_PIXELS, Y as OLE_YPOS_PIXELS)

Occurs when the user releases a mouse button.

Type
Button as Integer

Shift as Integer

## Description

An integer that identifies the button that was pressed to cause the event.

An integer that corresponds to the state of the SHIFT, CTRL, and ALT keys when the button specified in the button argument is pressed or released.
A single that specifies the current X location of the mouse
X as OLE_XPOS_PIXELS pointer. The x values is always expressed in container coordinates.
A single that specifies the current $Y$ location of the mouse pointer. The y values is always expressed in container coordinates.

Use a MouseDown or MouseUp event procedure to specify actions that will occur when a mouse button is pressed or released. Unlike the Click event, MouseDown and MouseUp events lets you distinguish between the left, right, and middle mouse buttons. You can also write code for mouse-keyboard combinations that use the SHIFT, CTRL, and ALT keyboard modifiers.

Syntax for MouseUp event, /NET version, on:
C\# private void MouseUpEvent(object sender,short Button,short Shift,int X,int Y) \{

VB
Private Sub MouseUpEvent(ByVal sender As System.Object,ByVal Button As Short,ByVal Shift As Short,ByVal X As Integer,ByVal Y As Integer) Handles MouseUpEvent
End Sub

Syntax for MouseUp event, /COM version, on:

# C++ 

void OnMouseUp(short Button,short Shift,long X,long Y) \{

C++
void _fastcall MouseUp(TObject *Sender,short Button,short Shift,int X,int Y)
Builder
procedure MouseUp(ASender: TObject; Button : Smallint;Shift : Smallint;X : Integer; Y : Integer);
begin end;

## Delphi 8 <br> (.NET <br> only)

procedure MouseUpEvent(sender: System.Object; e:
AxEXMASKEDITLib._IMaskEditEvents_MouseUpEvent);
begin
end;

## Powe..

begin event MouseUp(integer Button,integer Shift,long X,long Y) end event MouseUp

## VB.NET

Private Sub MouseUpEvent(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As AxEXMASKEDITLib._IMaskEditEvents_MouseUpEvent) Handles MouseUpEvent End Sub

VB6
Private Sub MouseUp(Button As Integer,Shift As Integer,X As Single,Y As Single) End Sub

VBA
Private Sub MouseUp(ByVal Button As Integer,ByVal Shift As Integer,ByVal X As Long, ByVal Y As Long)
End Sub

## VFP

LPARAMETERS Button,Shift,X,Y

Syntax for MouseUp event, /COM version (others), on:

> Java... <SCRIPT EVENT="MouseUp(Button,Shift,X,Y)" LANGUAGE="JScript"> </SCRIPT>

VBSc... Function MouseUp(Button,Shift,X,Y)
End Function
</SCRIPT>

Visual
Data.

Procedure OnComMouseUp Short IIButton Short IIShift OLE_XPOS_PIXELS IIX OLE_YPOS_PIXELS IIY
Forward Send OnComMouseUp IIButton IIShift IIX IIY End_Procedure

METHOD OCX_MouseUp(Button,Shift,X,Y) CLASS MainDialog RETURN NIL
void onEvent_MouseUp(int _Button,int _Shift,int _X,int _Y)
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$\}$

## XBasic

OLE::Exontrol.MaskEdit.1::OLE_XPOS_PIXELS,Y as
OLE::Exontrol.MaskEdit.1::OLE_YPOS_PIXELS) end function
dBASE function nativeObject_MouseUp(Button,Shift,X,Y) return

## event RClick ()

Occurs once the user right clicks the control.

Type

## Description

The RClick event notifies once the user right clicks the control. Use a MouseDown or MouseUp event procedure to specify actions that will occur when a mouse button is pressed or released. Unlike the Click MouseDown and MouseUp events lets you distinguish between the left, right, and middle mouse buttons. You can also write code for mousekeyboard combinations that use the SHIFT, CTRL, and ALT keyboard modifiers.

Syntax for RClick event, /NET version, on:
c\# $\begin{aligned} & \text { p } \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \end{aligned}$

VB
Private Sub RClick(ByVal sender As System.Object) Handles RClick End Sub

Syntax for RClick event, /COM version, on:
C\# private void RClick(object sender, EventArgs e)

C++ void OnRClick()
\{
C++
Builder
void _fastcall RClick(TObject *Sender)

> procedure RClick(sender: System.Object; e: System.EventArgs);
> begin
> end;

## Powe... begin event RClick() end event RClick

> VB.NET | Vrivate Sub RClick(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As System.EventArgs) |
| :--- | :--- | Handles RClick End Sub

VB6
Private Sub RClick() End Sub

## VBA

Private Sub RClick() End Sub

LPARAMETERS nop

## VFP

PROCEDURE OnRClick(oMaskEdit) RETURN

Syntax for RClick event, /COM version (others), on:
Java... <SCRIPT EVENT="RClick()" LANGUAGE="JScript"> </SCRIPT>

## VBSc..

<SCRIPT LANGUAGE="VBScript"> Function RClick()
End Function
</SCRIPT>

# Visual 

XBasic $\quad$ function RClick as v () end function

## event ValidateValue (NewValue as Variant, Cancel as Boolean)

Validates the field's value, once the user leaves the field.

Type

## Description

A Text expression that specifies the control's text to be
NewValue as Variant

Cancel as Boolean
validated. The NewValue parameter carries the same value as Value(exClipModeLiteralsInclude)
A Boolean expression that specifies whether the value is validated or canceled. If True, the Value is not validated, so the field receives again the focus, if False, the user can leave the field.

The ValidateValue event is fired once the user leaves the field and the current value needs to be validated. The ValidateValue event could be user to validate programmatically the value your user enters in the field. The Invalid property specifies the html message to be displayed when the user enters an inappropriate value for the field. For instance, if the user fills the field's content properly, the ValidateValue event gives you a chance to validate more the value, if for instance, it does not fit your requirements. The Valid property specifies whether the field is completed and valid ( all required entities are completed, and the ValidateAs option is verified). Use the Text property to gives the control's text as it is displayed.

The ValidateValue event is fired only if

- Invalid property is not empty, indicates the html message to be displayed when the user enters an inappropriate value for the field. If the value is missing or empty, the option has no effect, so no validation is performed. If the value is a not-empty value, the validation is performed. If the value is single space, no message is displayed and the field is keep opened while the value is inappropriate. For instance, "!(999) 000 $0000 ;$;;invalid=The value you entered isn't appropriate for the input mask <b>'<\%mask\%>'</b> specified for this field." displays the "The value you entered isn't appropriate for the input mask '...' specified for this field." tooltip once the user leaves the field and it is not-valid ( for instance, the field includes entities required and uncompleted). The <\%mask\%> keyword in value, substitute the current mask of the field, while the <\%value\%> keyword substitutes the current value (including the literals ). If this option should display/use the semicolon (;) character is should be \; ( escape ). This option can be combined with empty, validateas.
- the Mask property is not empty ( the first part in the mask or the pattern ). In other words, the pattern is not empty. The pattern includes the mask characters or string (series of characters) along with placeholders and literal data such as, parentheses, periods, and hyphens.
- the ReadOnly is False ( by default ), the editor is locked, user can not update the
content, the caret is available, so user can copy the text, excepts the password fields.
The Value property gives the field's content in different formats.
Syntax for ValidateValue event, /NET version, on:
C\# private void ValidateValue(object sender,object NewValue,ref bool Cancel) \{

Private Sub ValidateValue(ByVal sender As System.Object,ByVal NewValue As Object,ByRef Cancel As Boolean) Handles ValidateValue End Sub

Syntax for ValidateValue event, /COM version, on:
C\# private void ValidateValue(object sender, AxEXMASKEDITLib._IMaskEditEvents_ValidateValueEvent e) \{
$\}$

C + + $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { void OnValidateValue(VARIANT NewValue,BOOL FAR* Cancel) } \\ & \{ \\ & \}\end{aligned}\right.$

C++
Builder
void _fastcall ValidateValue(TObject *Sender,Variant NewValue,VARIANT_BOOL * Cancel)
\{

Delphi
procedure ValidateValue(ASender: TObject; NewValue : OleVariant;var Cancel :
WordBool);
begin
end;

## Delphi 8

procedure ValidateValue(sender: System.Object; e:
AxEXMASKEDITLib._IMaskEditEvents_ValidateValueEvent);
begin
end;

Powe... begin event ValidateValue(any NewValue,boolean Cancel) end event ValidateValue

VB.NET
Private Sub ValidateValue(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As AxEXMASKEDITLib._IMaskEditEvents_ValidateValueEvent) Handles ValidateValue End Sub

## VB6

Private Sub ValidateValue(ByVal NewValue As Variant,Cancel As Boolean) End Sub

Private Sub ValidateValue(ByVal NewValue As Variant,Cancel As Boolean) End Sub

VFP
LPARAMETERS NewValue,Cancel

## Xbas.

PROCEDURE OnValidateValue(oMaskEdit,NewValue,Cancel) RETURN

Syntax for ValidateValue event, ICOM version (others), on:

> Java... <SCRIPT EVENT="ValidateValue(NewValue,Cancel)" LANGUAGE="JScript"> </SCRIPT>

> VBSc... <SCRIPT LANGUAGE="VBScript"> Function ValidateValue(NewValue,Cancel) End Function </SCRIPT>

Visual Data.

Procedure OnComValidateValue Variant IINewValue Boolean IICancel Forward Send OnComValidateValue IINewValue IICancel End_Procedure

## Visual

 ObjectsMETHOD OCX_ValidateValue(NewValue,Cancel) CLASS MainDialog RETURN NIL

# XBasic <br> function ValidateValue as v (NewValue as A,Cancel as L) end function 

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