

# uniGUI

Evaluation / Migration



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## Introduction

uniGUI's web page lists the most important features, but I'll add a few comments to what is said.

uniGUI is a framework for developing AJAX Web Applications in classical WYSIWYG Delphi RAD way. Its unique set of components allows developing web applications at lightning speed.

One of the unique features of uniGUI is its ability to use a single code base / resource base for creating a standalone Web Server application or a hosted ISAPI Module.

uniGUI itself is not a single library. It relies on a few other libraries with the uniGUI core at the center.

- For Web front-end, the well-known Sencha Ext JS JavaScript library is used.
- For touch based web devices Sencha Touch is used.

uniGUI enables developers to create, design and debug their Delphi projects as regular desktop applications and then chose one of the available options for Web Server deployment such as Standalone, ISAPI, or Windows Service.

#### Features:

- Based on industry standard Ext JS cross-browser JavaScript library.
  - Currently supporting version 4.2.4 (latest version is 6)
- Creates stateful Web applications.
- Complete IDE support for creating projects, designing forms and handling data modules.
  - It requires using TUni\* visual components
  - o Data access is not affected
- Delphi style event handling.
  - Events belong to TUni\* visual components
- Advanced client-side event scripting
- Automatic handling of Delphi data modules per session.
- Deployment options:
  - ISAPI Web application,
  - Standalone Web application,
  - Windows Service Web application.
- Supported Delphi versions: Turbo Delphi Pro, Delphi 2006, Delphi 2007, Delphi 2009, Delphi 2010, Delphi XE, Delphi XE2, XE3, XE4, X5, XE6, XE7, XE8 and Delphi 10 (Win32 & Win64).
- Supported C++ Builder versions: C++ Builder 2006 XE7.
- Available in two editions (volume pricing available):
  - uniGUI Professional Edition (\$680) for creating desktop Web Applications. Includes OEM license for Sencha Ext JS
  - uniGUI Complete Professional Edition (\$890) for creating desktop and mobile Web Applications (touch enabled). Includes OEM licenses for Sencha Ext JS and Sencha Touch.

uniGUI is been for sale, in beta state, for more than a year. Customer support, both for users trying the product or registered users is provided in forums.

FMSoft provides almost 100 hundred demo projects, in addition to third-party projects created by uniGUI's users.

## uniGUI installation

Installation is partially automated, everything gets installed, except for the Delphi packages which are created for the selected Delphi versions and just need to be compiled / installed. Instructions are provided in document uniGUI.PDF.

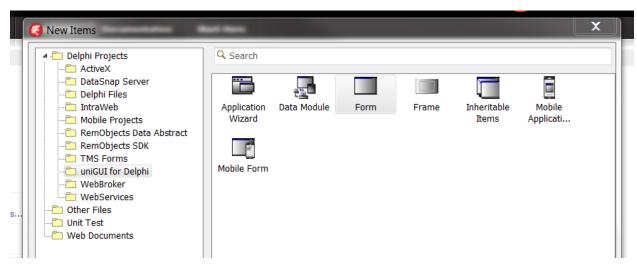
Once installed, it is not necessary to download and install Sencha Ext JS products. A set of templates is added to Delphi Projects\uniGUI for Delphi with wizards for a desktop / Web application, data module, form, frame, inheritable items, and mobile application and forms.

## First uniGUI application

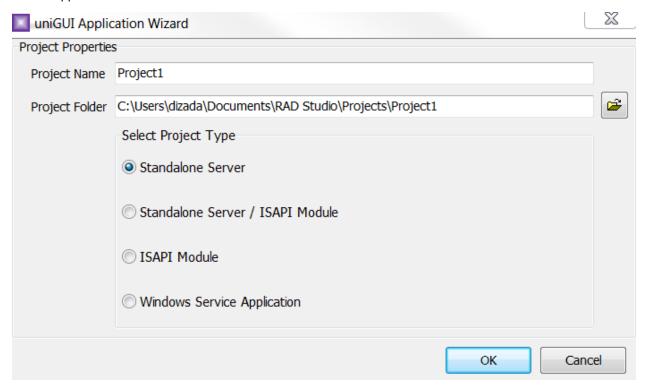
uniGUI projects are created as desktop / Web applications or Mobile applications (touch-enabled Web applications).

## Creating a Web Application project

A new application is created by opening Delphi and selecting File | New | Other and selecting "uniGUI for Delphi".



Select "Application Wizard" to start this wizard:



A **Standalone Server** is an executable which will run in a server session, listening to a port (default is 8077), serving pages to multiple clients. If writing more than one application, each one of them will need its own port.

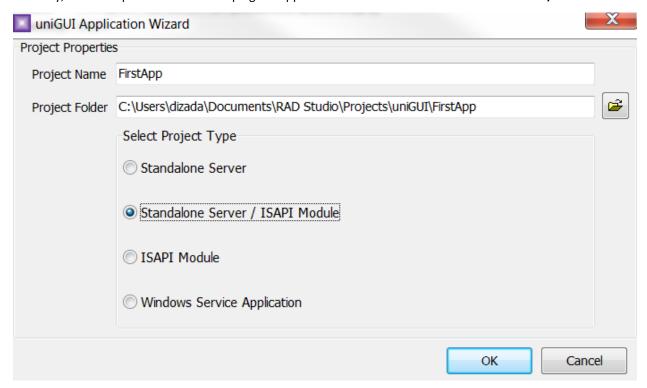
An **ISAPI Module** is a standard Microsoft IIS module which can be run under IIS as any other ISAPI module. This is the preferred deployment option.

Asking for **Standalone Server / ISAPI Module** will create a combo application capable of being deployed as both previous options.

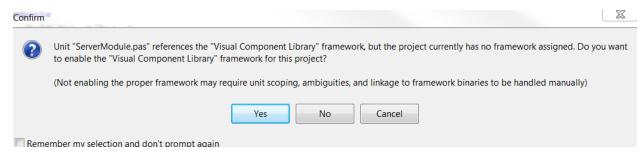
A Windows Service Application is a Standalone Server running as a Windows Service (not requiring a server session).

The best deployment option is the **ISAPI Module**, but the best way to start could be the **Standalone Server** which allows to run the application as a locally, self-hosted, web application, easier to test in the web because it won't require any IIS configuration.

Probably, the best option to start developing the application will be the combo Standalone Server / ISAPI Module.



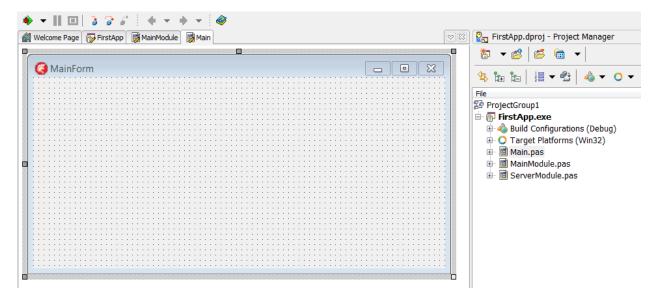
After selecting our preferred project type, the following prompt is shown:



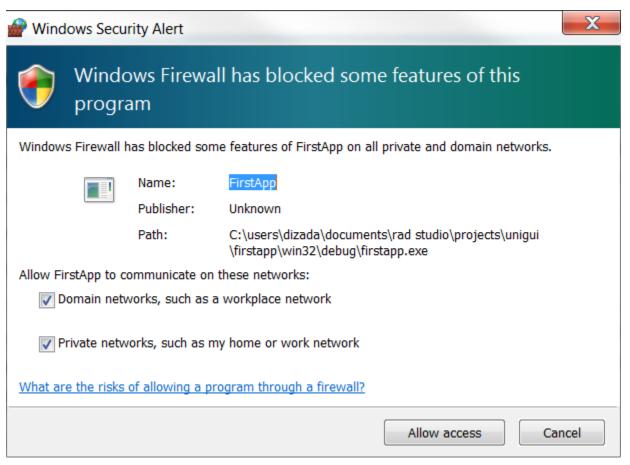
As uniGUI only supports VCL, the correct answer is "Yes".

## Running the application

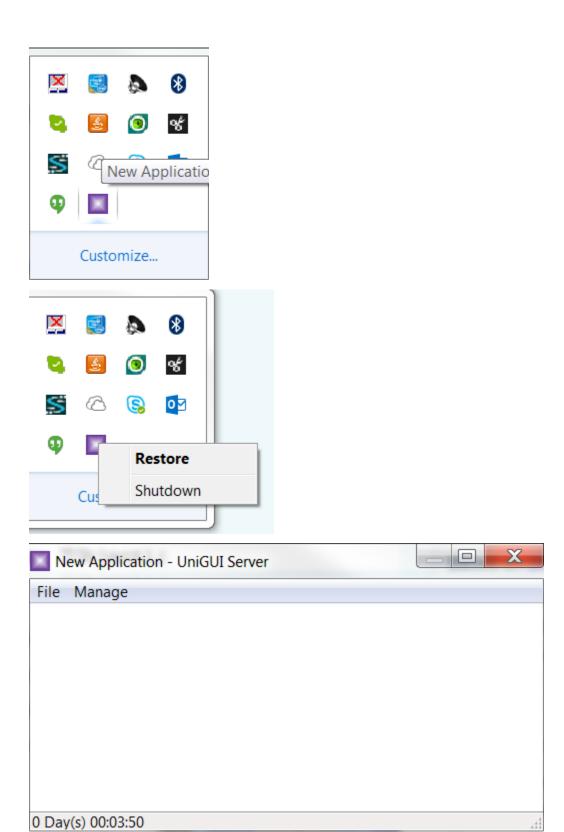
The new application is ready:

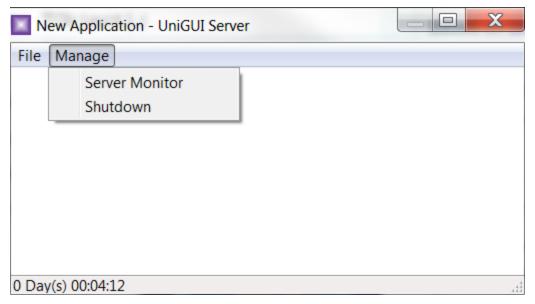


Running the application will require allowing permission to open the configured port (default 8077) and Windows Firewall pop ups this dialog:

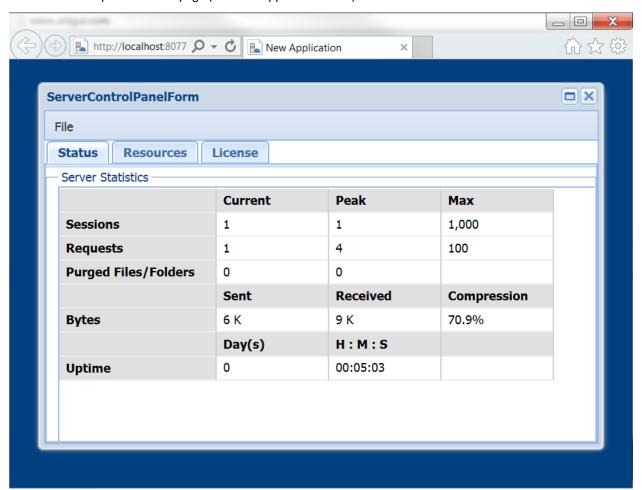


After allowing access, the application will be running in debug mode, and it will be possible to monitor and manage it from the system tray.

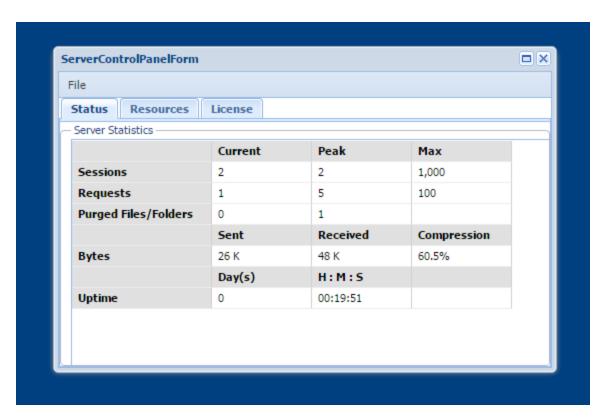




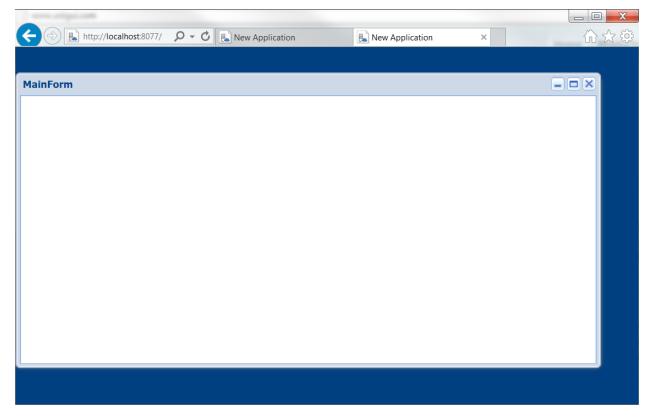
Server Monitor opens this web page (a uniGUI application itself):



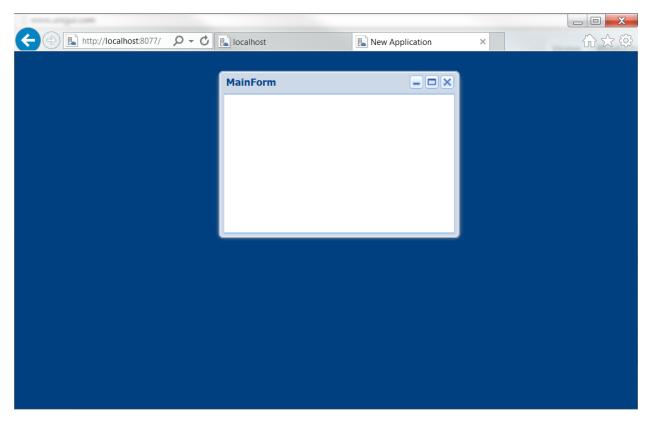
The same screen as rendered by Google Chrome:



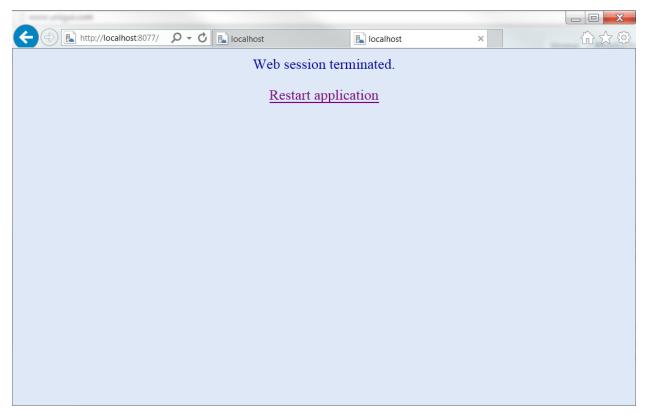
Our first application will run in the browser using URL <a href="http://localhost:8077">http://localhost:8077</a>



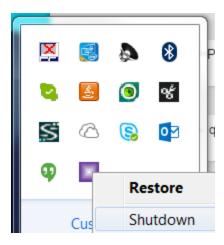
It won't do anything useful, but it can be resized and dragged inside the browser window.



Of course, it is possible to close it. It will close this client's session; the server is still running.



Stopping the server requires selecting Shutdown in the tray application



Anatomy of the simplest application FirstApp.dpr

```
{$define UNIGUI VCL} // Comment out this line to turn this project into an
ISAPI module'
{\$ifndef UNIGUI VCL}
library
{$else}
program
{$endif}
  FirstApp;
uses
  uniGUIISAPI,
  Forms,
  ServerModule in 'ServerModule.pas' {UniServerModule: TUniGUIServerModule},
 MainModule in 'MainModule.pas' {UniMainModule: TUniGUIMainModule},
 Main in 'Main.pas' {MainForm: TUniForm};
{$R *.res}
{$ifndef UNIGUI VCL}
exports
  GetExtensionVersion,
 HttpExtensionProc,
  TerminateExtension;
{$endif}
begin
{\$ifdef UNIGUI VCL}
 Application. Initialize;
  TUniServerModule.Create (Application);
 Application.Run;
{$endif}
```

Conditional compilation allows to create an executable .EXE for running the application as a Standalone Server or a dynamic link library .DLL to be used as an ISAPI Module with Microsoft Internet Information Server.

```
MainModule.pas
unit MainModule;
interface
uses
  uniGUIMainModule, SysUtils, Classes;
type
  TUniMainModule = class(TUniGUIMainModule)
 private
    { Private declarations }
  public
   { Public declarations }
  end:
function UniMainModule: TUniMainModule;
implementation
{$R *.dfm}
uses
  UniGUIVars, ServerModule, uniGUIApplication;
function UniMainModule: TUniMainModule;
begin
 Result := TUniMainModule (UniApplication.UniMainModule)
end;
initialization
  RegisterMainModuleClass(TUniMainModule);
end.
This module exposes UniMainModule which provides services like creating TUniForm at runtime.
Main.pas
unit Main;
interface
uses
  Windows, Messages, SysUtils, Variants, Classes, Graphics,
  Controls, Forms, Dialogs, uniGUITypes, uniGUIAbstractClasses,
  uniGUIClasses, uniGUIRegClasses, uniGUIForm;
type
  TMainForm = class(TUniForm)
  private
    { Private declarations }
 public
```

```
{ Public declarations }
end;

function MainForm: TMainForm;

implementation

{$R *.dfm}

uses
    uniGUIVars, MainModule, uniGUIApplication;

function MainForm: TMainForm;
begin
    Result := TMainForm(UniMainModule.GetFormInstance(TMainForm));
end;

initialization
    RegisterAppFormClass(TMainForm);
end.
```

This is the usual Main form created in Delphi, uniGUI-style.

Notice that it is a TUniForm (as any other visual component in a uniGUI application) and that, instead of using a VAR declaration for the form, it is a function which uses UniMainModule service GetFormInstance for creating every requested instance.

ServerModule.pas

```
uses
 Classes, SysUtils, uniGUIServer, uniGUIMainModule, uniGUIApplication,
uIdCustomHTTPServer,
  uniGUITypes;
type
  TUniServerModule = class(TUniGUIServerModule)
 private
    { Private declarations }
 protected
   procedure FirstInit; override;
 public
    { Public declarations }
function UniServerModule: TUniServerModule;
implementation
{$R *.dfm}
uses
 UniGUIVars;
function UniServerModule: TUniServerModule;
```

```
begin
   Result:=TUniServerModule(UniGUIServerInstance);
end;

procedure TUniServerModule.FirstInit;
begin
   InitServerModule(Self);
end;

initialization
   RegisterServerModuleClass(TUniServerModule);
end.
```

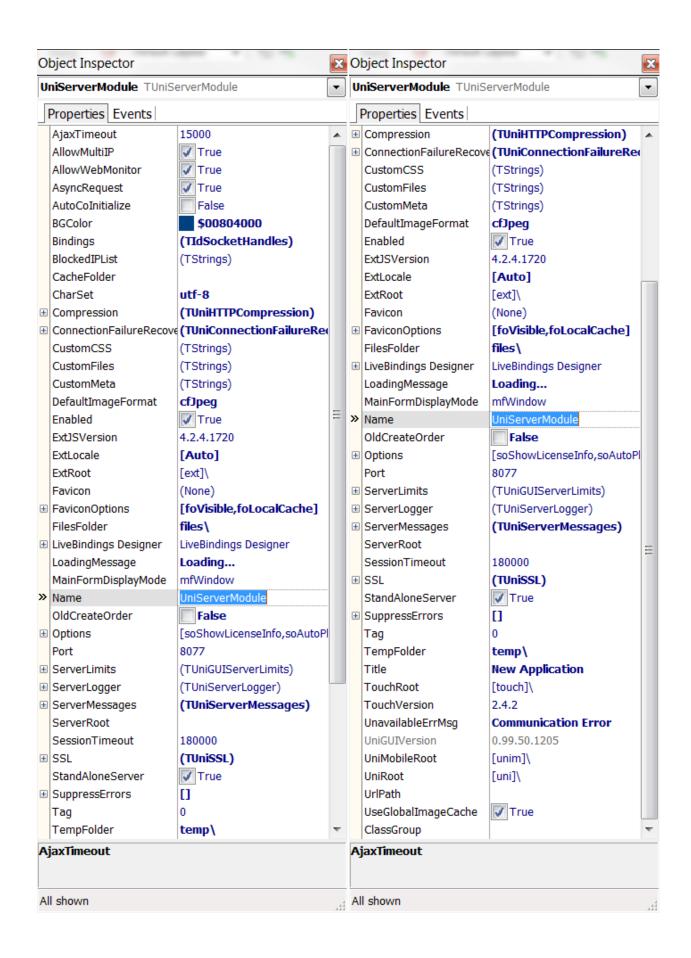
For this module, the source code says almost nothing. Everything important is in the module's properties:

ServerModule.dfm

```
object UniServerModule: TUniServerModule
 OldCreateOrder = False
 FilesFolder = 'files\'
 TempFolder = 'temp\'
 Title = 'New Application'
 BGColor = 8404992
 CharSet = 'utf-8'
 FaviconOptions = [foVisible, foLocalCache]
 DefaultImageFormat = cfJpeg
 SuppressErrors = []
 UnavailableErrMsg = 'Communication Error'
 LoadingMessage = 'Loading...'
 Bindings = <>
 ServerMessages.ExceptionTemplate.Strings = (
   '<html>'
   '<body bgcolor="#dfe8f6">'
    'An Exception has occured in
application:'
    '[###message###]'
    '<a</pre>
href="[###url###]">Restart application</a>'
   '</body>'
   '</html>')
 ServerMessages.InvalidSessionTemplate.Strings = (
   '<html>'
   '<body bgcolor="#dfe8f6">'
    '[###message###]'
    '<a</pre>
href="[###url###]">Restart application</a>''
   '</body>'
   '</html>')
 ServerMessages.TerminateTemplate.Strings = (
   '<html>'
   '<body bgcolor="#dfe8f6">'
   '[###message###]'
```

```
'<a</pre>
href="[###url###]">Restart application</a>''
   '</body>'
   '</html>')
 ServerMessages.InvalidSessionMessage = 'Invalid session or session
 ServerMessages.TerminateMessage = 'Web session terminated.'
 ExtLocale = '[Auto]'
 Compression.MinTextSize = 512
 SSL.SSLOptions.RootCertFile = 'root.pem'
 SSL.SSLOptions.CertFile = 'cert.pem'
 SSL.SSLOptions.KeyFile = 'key.pem'
 SSL.SSLOptions.Method = sslvTLSv1 1
 SSL.SSLOptions.SSLVersions = [sslvTLSv1_1]
 SSL.SSLOptions.Mode = sslmUnassigned
 SSL.SSLOptions.VerifyMode = []
 SSL.SSLOptions.VerifyDepth = 0
 ConnectionFailureRecovery.ErrorMessage = 'Connection Error'
 ConnectionFailureRecovery.RetryMessage = 'Retrying...'
 Height = 150
 Width = 215
end
```

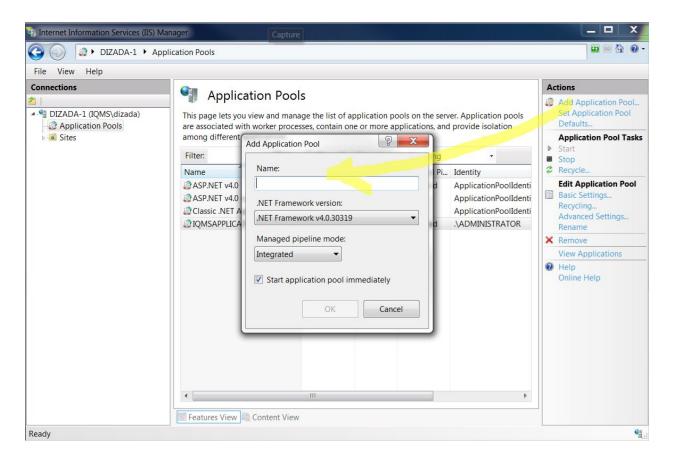
A better view will be:

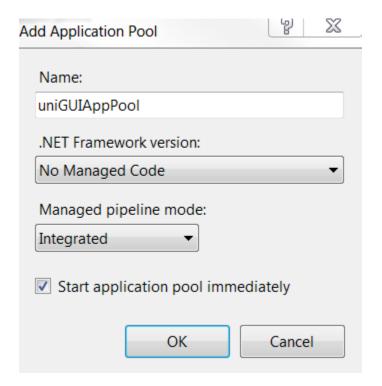


ServerModule is the place where the Web Application is configured (things like SessionTimeout, StandaloneServer, etc.)

Deploying the simplest application

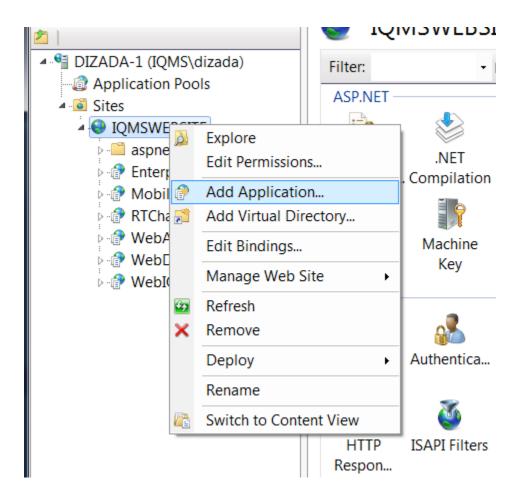
Create and configure a new Application Pool

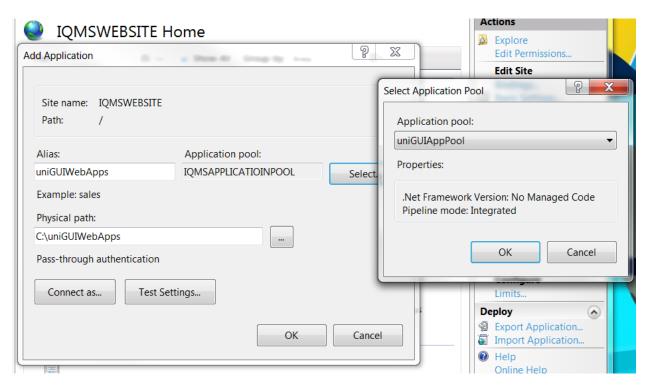




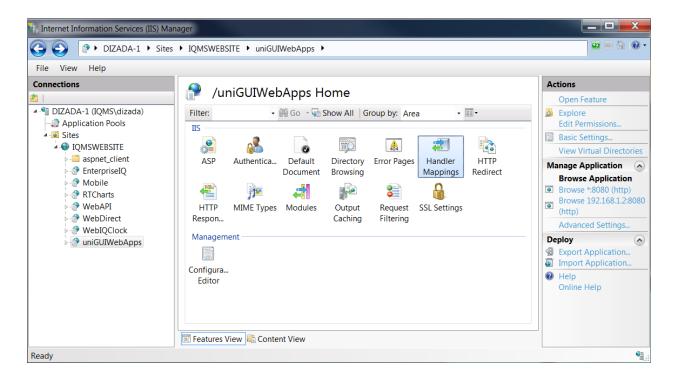
#### ? X Advanced Settings ☐ (General) .NET Framework Version No Managed Code **Enable 32-Bit Applications** True Managed Pipeline Mode Integrated Name uniGUIAppPool Queue Length 1000 Start Automatically True **⊞ CPU** ☐ Process Model ApplicationPoolIdentity Identity Idle Time-out (minutes) 20 Load User Profile False Maximum Worker Processes 1 Ping Enabled True Ping Maximum Response Time (seconds) 90 Ping Period (seconds) 30 Shutdown Time Limit (seconds) 90 Startup Time Limit (seconds) 90 ■ Rapid-Fail Protection □ Recycling Disable Overlapped Recycle True • Disable Recycling for Configuration Changes False Private Memory Limit (KB) 0 Regular Time Interval (minutes) Request Limit 0 ■ Specific Times TimeSpan[] Array Virtual Memory Limit (KB) Disable Overlapped Recycle [disallowOverlappingRotation] If true, the application pool recycle will ha... OK Cancel

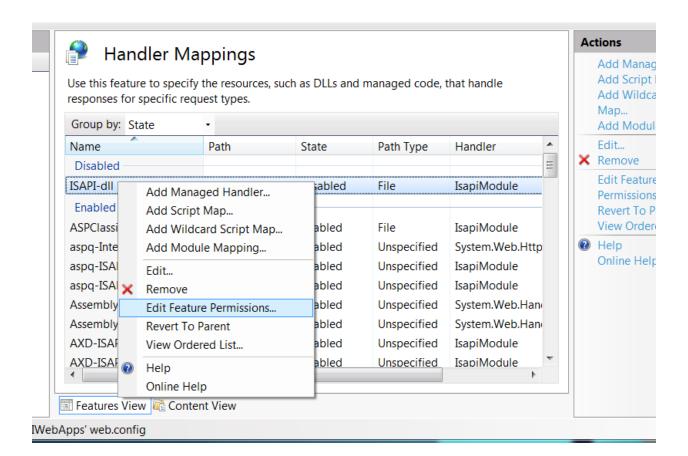
## Create and configure a new Application

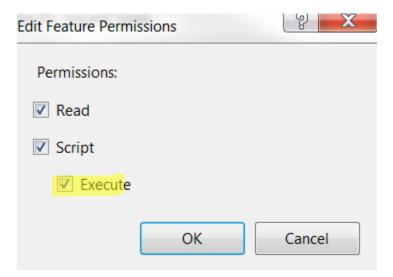




Modify Handler Mappings to enable ISAPI DLLs







Create and give permissions to a few directories

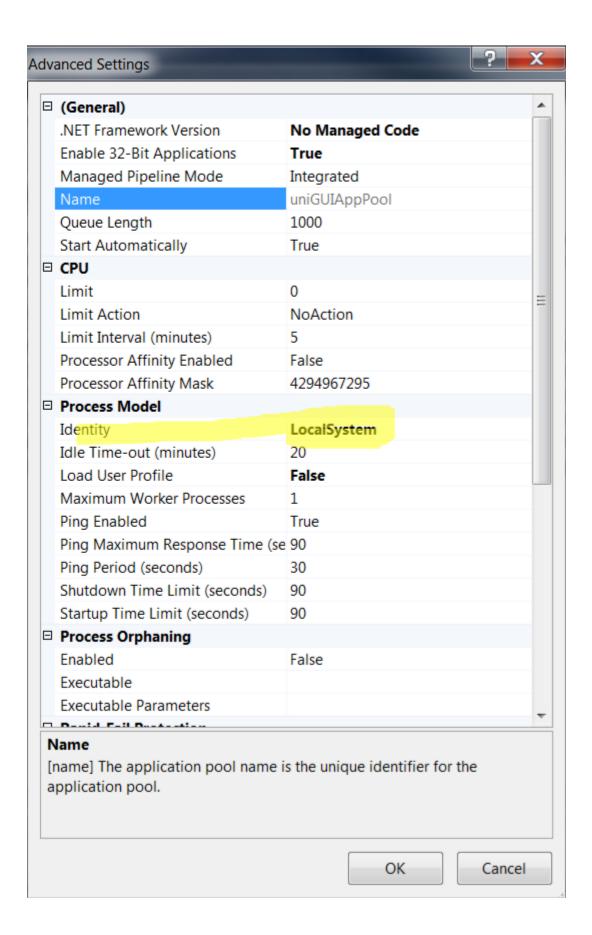
Finally, confirm that Sencha Ext Js OEM is located in the same directory defined in the ServerModule. For example, if all the Web Modules created with uniGUI are installed in a directory like C:\IQMS\WEBIIS\uniGUIWebApps we could copy the OEM Sencha files from <InstallFolder>\FMSoft\Framework\uniGUI\ext<version> to C:\IQMS\WEBIIS\uniGUIWebApps\ext.

The last step is to create several folders in the location specified in the ServerModule, which by default will be where the application is deployed, C:\IQMS\WEBIIS\uniGUIWebApps, and give enough rights for the application to access them:

- cache temporary cache folder
- files
- log
- temp

The standard permissions will not allow the modules to load the Oracle OCI library.

The correct configuration will assign some specific user to the uniGUIAppPool with enough rights to execute the ISAPI modules which will be deployed to C:\IQMS\WEBIIS\uniGUIWebApps. The simplest solution, for developers, is just to assign **LocalSystem** as the identity for that application pool.



#### How to use the log files

The information written to the log is useful for detecting errors in the configuration and reasons for application failure. For example, this is part of that log:

FirstApp: 00000D14: 14:26:41 []:Starting Server. Module Handle: 000000001CF0000

FirstApp: 00000D14: 14:26:41 [TUniServerModule]:Server First Init.

FirstApp: 00000D14: 14:26:41 [TUniServerModule]:Erasing Cache Folder...

FirstApp: 00000D14: 14:26:41 [TUniServerModule]:Cache Folder Erased. <0> Files deleted.

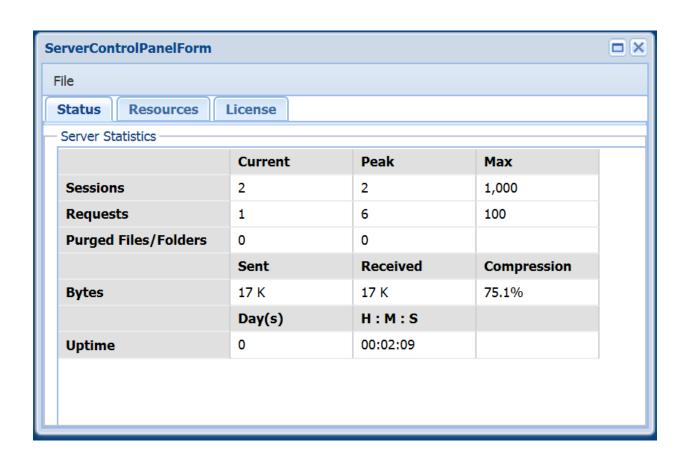
FirstApp: 00000D14: 14:26:41 [TUniServerModule]:HTTP Server Started.

FirstApp: 00000D14: 14:26:41 []:Server Started. Module Handle: 000000001CF0000

Advantages of deploying the Web Application as an ISAPI Module

1. Current Standalone Server requires a session in the server, which is perfect for developers, but not for production.

- 2. Windows Service Web Application project type is the same as a Standalone Server, but running as a service. It is the best solution for small deployments (not too many remote clients).
- 3. An ISAPI module runs under Internet Information Server, which itself runs as a Windows Service.
- 4. Performance is higher using Internet Information Server hosting the ISAPI Modules where there are many simultaneous clients.
- 5. Applications pools, identities, permissions, management of the Web Application is done with IIS.
- 6. We keep the ability to monitor the application using a URL like
  - a. <a href="http://localhost:8080/uniGUIWebApps/PoC1.dll/server">http://localhost:8080/uniGUIWebApps/PoC1.dll/server</a>
- 7. There is a new project in development which adds Load Balancing to the Standalone Server / Windows Service. It will add redundancy and better performance without requiring IIS.

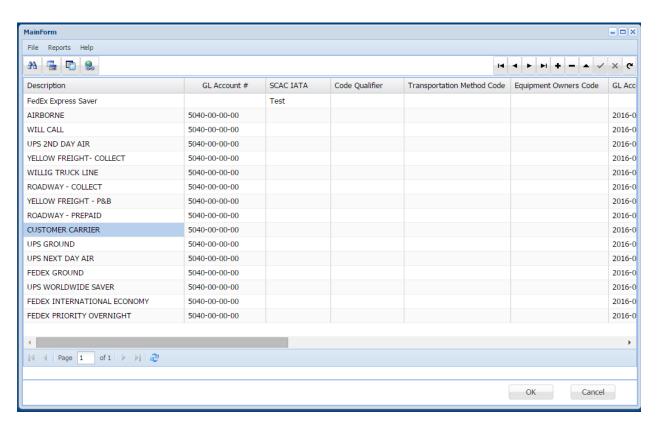


## Ship Via Maintenance

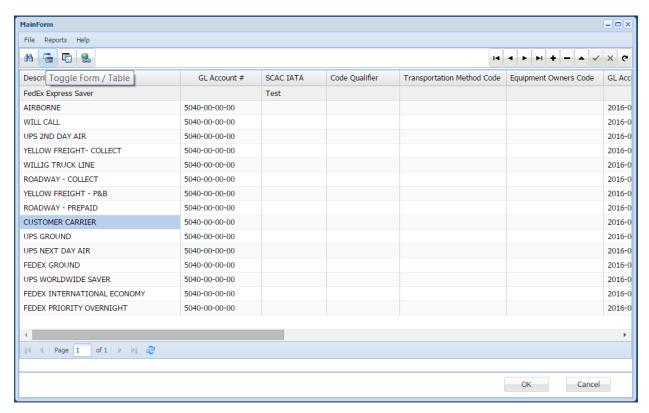
This proof-of-concept will look for options to migrate Ship Via Maintenance (FREIGHT) from Delphi VCL desktop and BDE to Delphi ISAPI Web Module using uniGUI.

In many ways, this is a typical module in EnterpriselQ:

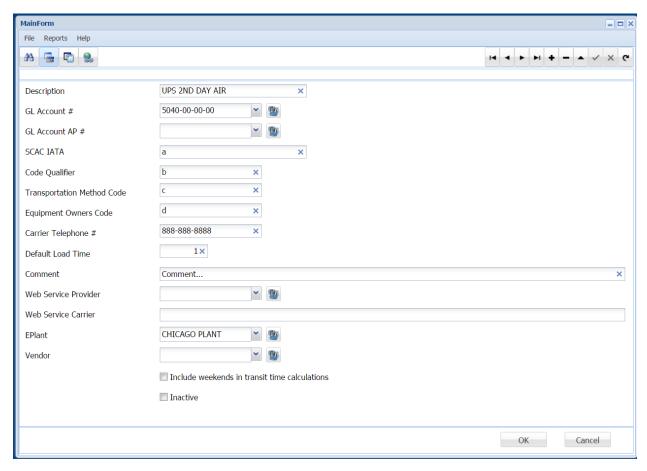
- Main menu
- A top bar with speed buttons and DB navigator
- A bottom panel with OK & Cancel buttons
- A Page Control with two tabs
  - Form view using DB components and some dialogs
  - o Table view using a DB Grid
- Some of the speed buttons and form components could pop up another form, sometimes modal.



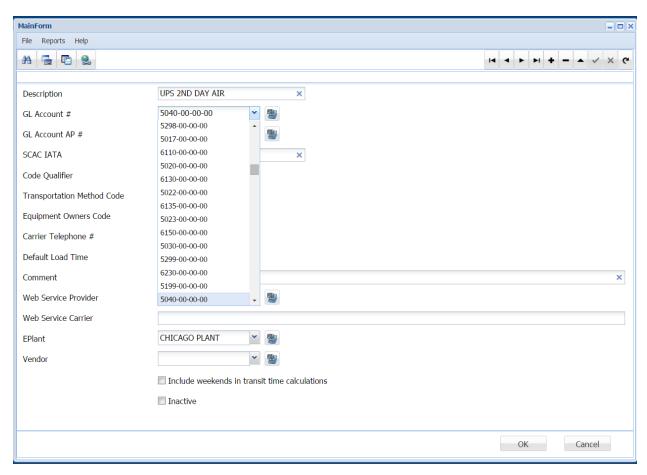
After using the speed button Toggle Form / Table



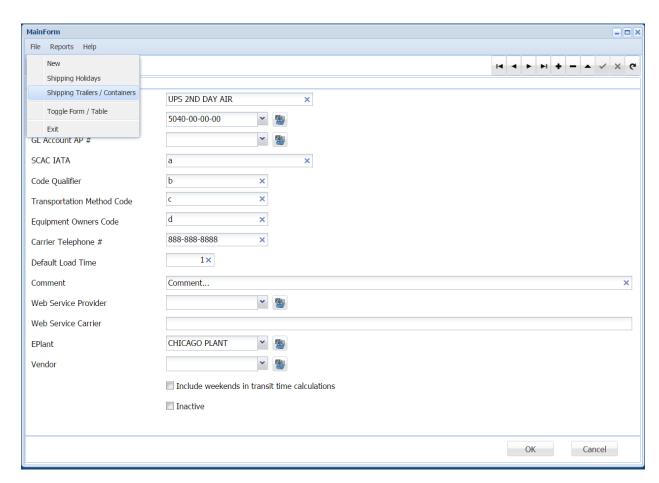
Page Control shows the tab TabForm.



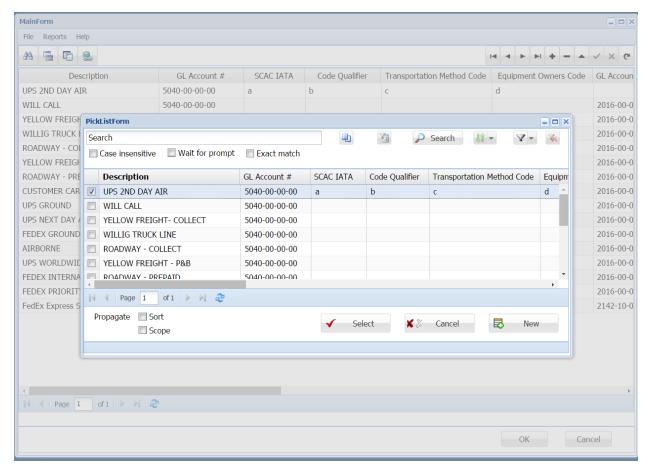
GL Accounts and other fields are using a standard DBLookupComboBox in addition to a button which will launch a Pick List. Any current selection can be cleared by pressing the DELETE key.



The main menu works exactly like the standard Delphi component.



After clicking the speed button Search, a Pick List is shown.



Exiting the application with File | Exit or Cancel will close the session. No validation is implemented for button OK.

# A few advanced techniques supporting a migration

In addition to using plain Delphi for migrating our application to the Web, we need to migrate first our core framework, our set of non-visual and visual components used extensively throughout all EnterpriseIQ.

Here we will show how to build a component package IQWebVCL with non-visual and visual components (a basic Pick List and the first draft of a User Defined Form).

# Non-Visual component TIQWebHPick (Pick Lists generic implementation)

Pick Lists are used everywhere in EnterpriseIQ, but the initial implementation was based on BDE.

Basically, a pick list is a TQuery with some additional properties, and the Execute method for activating the form which will allow the operator to filter the query and select one or multiple rows.

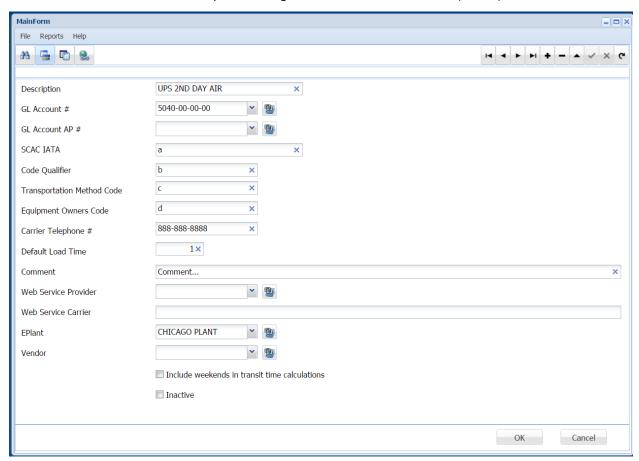
First, we need to implement the Pick List Form (PickListDlg) which will be activated by button OnClick event by the user for picking one or several rows from the dataset.

Instead of using a TQuery, I'll try to use a TDataset, ignoring the specific technology used for connecting to the database. Internally, however, a memory dataset will be used (TFDMemTable).

Main Form

TUniDBGrid allows using row editors, but we are providing the Toggle Grid / Form button so that any modification should happen in Form view.

Switching to Form view will show the common data inspector panel. Current combo boxes will be replaced with some button which will use the same picklist dialog associated with the binoculars (Search).



## Pick List Dialog

This is a much simpler version of the Pick List Dialog used in EnterpriseIQ.

As a proof-of-concept, the only implemented features are:

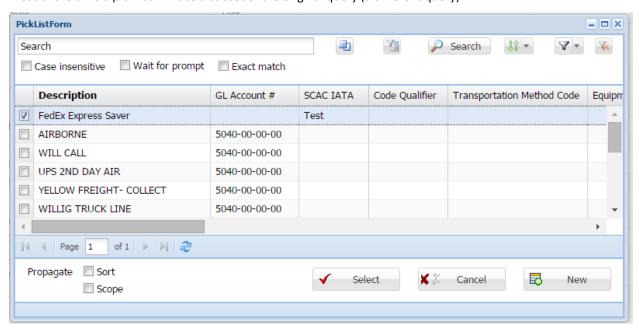
- 1. Select active column (will have the title in bold)
- 2. Search
  - a. In the selected column (bold)
  - b. Takes into account "Case insensitive" and "Exact match" check boxes
- 3. Filter
  - a. In the selected column (bold)
  - b. Takes into account "Case insensitive" and "Exact match" check boxes
  - c. Enables "Remove Filter" button
- 4. Remove Filter
  - a. Clear the filter and disables itself
- 5. Sorting
  - a. Using the column drop down menu allows to sort any column in ascending or descending order
  - b. Takes into account "Case insensitive"

#### 6. Selection checkboxes

a. Enabled for selecting only one row (it is designed to be used for multiple selections)

#### User Interface

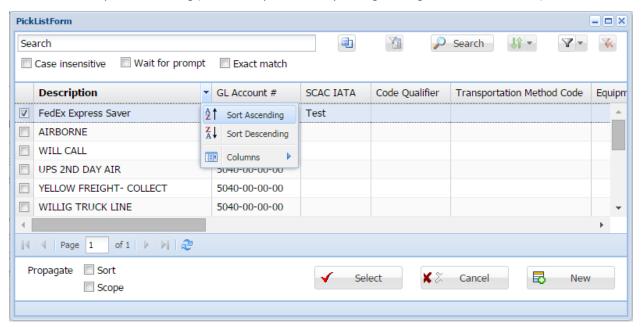
All the information for naming the columns, including the width, is taken from the original data source (meaning that it must be defined to get a correct render). In this case, the pick list is using the same query used in the main form, but using a cloned cursor (sorting and filtering will not affect what is already shown in the main form grid). Most of the time a pick list will use a subset of the original query (a different query).



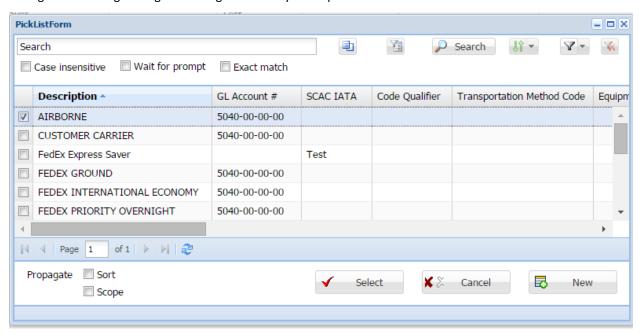
#### Sorting

The current implementation uses IndexNames like 'DESCRIP:AN' (sort by DESCRIP in ascending order ignoring case).

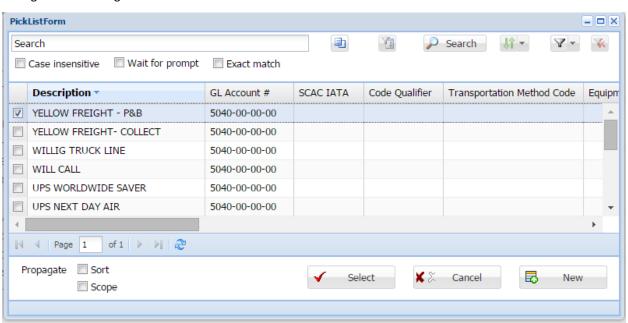
It allows for multiple fields sorting (it will be implemented by adding a dialog as in current Pick List).



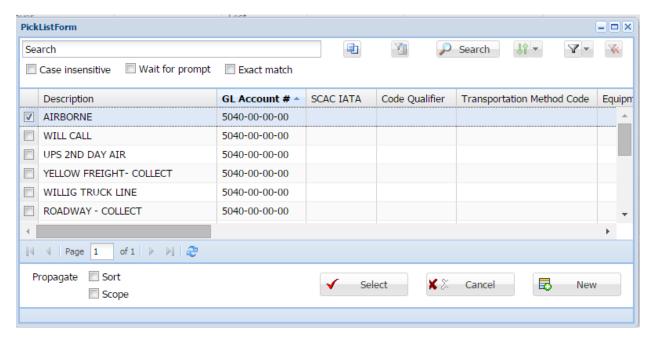
Asking for ascending sorting returns a grid sorted by Description.



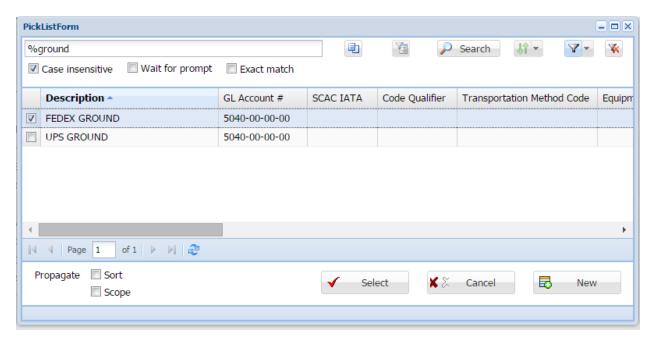
#### Asking for descending order.



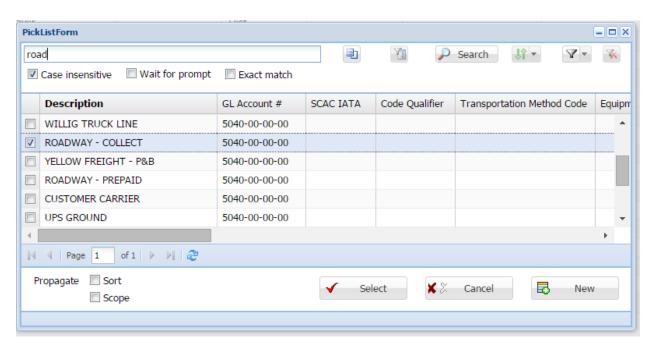
Setting the active column



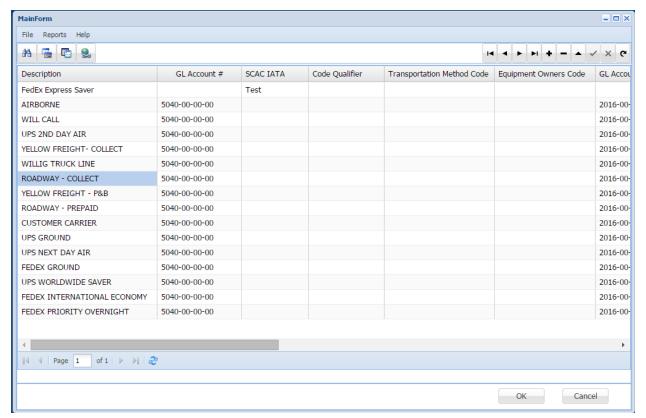
### Filtering



Searching



After pressing "Select", the correct row is selected in the main grid. As the pick dialog uses a cloned cursor, that assignment happens in the main form callback.



## Implementation details for the Pick List

The pick list itself will be implemented as a simple component with two properties:

Title

Dataset

Two methods will allow to request a single or multiple selection from the dataset:

- DoSinglePickList
- DoMultiplePickList

This unit will be just a front end, the visible face of the Pick List, it is what the developer will need to use. Let's see the implementation and how the typical use is.

```
unit IOWebHPick;
interface
uses
 Classes,
  FireDAC.Stan.Intf,
  FireDAC.Stan.Option, FireDAC.Stan.Param, FireDAC.Stan.Error, FireDAC.DatS,
  FireDAC.Phys.Intf, FireDAC.DApt.Intf, FireDAC.Comp.DataSet,
  FireDAC.Comp.Client,
  Generics.Collections,
  PickListDlg,
  DB;
type
  TIQWebHPick = class(TComponent)
    protected
     FTitle
              : string;
      FDataSet : TFDDataSet;
      procedure SetTitle(const Value: string);
    public
      procedure DoSinglePickList (aID : integer;
                                                       aCallBack:
TSinglePickListCallBack);
     procedure DoMultiplePickList(aIDs: TList<integer>; aCallBack:
TMultiplePickListCallBack);
   published
                                 read FTitle write SetTitle;
      property Title : string
      property DataSet : TFDDataSet read FDataSet write FDataSet;
  end;
implementation
uses
  SysUtils,
  StrUtils;
procedure TIQWebHPick.DoSinglePickList(aID: integer; aCallBack:
TSinglePickListCallBack);
begin
  PickListDlg.DoSinglePickList(DataSet, aID, aCallBack);
end;
procedure TIQWebHPick.DoMultiplePickList(aIDs: TList<integer>; aCallBack:
TMultiplePickListCallBack);
```

```
begin
  PickListDlg.DoMultiplePickList(DataSet, aIDs, aCallBack);
procedure TIQWebHPick.SetTitle(const Value: string);
var
  I: Integer;
begin
  FTitle:= Value;
  I:= Pos('picklist', LowerCase(FTitle));
  if I > 0 then
  begin
    if FTitle[ I ] = 'P' then // ensure upper case when spelled Picklist ->
PickList
       FTitle[ I+4 ]:= 'L';
    FTitle:= StuffString(FTitle, I+4, 0, '');
  end;
end;
end.
```

It is important to understand the asynchronous behavior of any communication like this. The calling form will request to pick the selection, but it will be called back from the PickListDlg when the user finishes. Let's see how it is done.

```
procedure TUniShipViaMaintenance.pickGLACCTClick(Sender: TObject);
  oldID: integer;
begin
  with SVM DM do
    begin
      oldID := StrToIntDef (Trim (VarToStr ( UniDBLookupComboBoxGLACCT.KeyValue
)), <sup>()</sup>;
      IQWebHPickGLACCT.DoSinglePickList
      (
        oldID,
        (
          procedure (aResult: TModalResult; newID: integer)
          begin
            if (aResult = mrOK) and (newID <> oldID) then
               begin
                 QryFreight.Edit;
                 QryFreightGLACCT ID FREIGHT.Value := newID;
               end;
          end
        )
      );
    end;
end;
```

This is the event triggered by the pick list button used for selecting GL Account. Basically, we send the previous selection and provide an anonymous method (acting like an inline callback) which will execute when the selection is done. If the returned ID is different than the old ID, the current record is opened for edition and the value is updated.

By using anonymous methods, we preserve the context we need to access oldID which is a local variable to this procedure.

It won't be a surprise to see that this asynchronous behavior is present also in the back-end, the PickListDlg itself. Single selection is handled in this method:

```
procedure DoSinglePickList(aSrcDataset: TFDDataset; aID: integer; aCallBack:
TSinglePickListCallBack);
begin
  with
TPickListForm (TUniGUIMainModule (UniApplication.UniMainModule).GetFormInstance
(TPickListForm)) do
 begin
    memTable.CloneCursor(aSrcDataset, false, true);
    FSrcDataset := aSrcDataset;
    FormatGrid:
    UniDBGrid1.Options := UniDBGrid1.Options - [dgMultiSelect];
    if aID <> 0 then
      memTable.Locate('ID', aID, []);
    ShowModal
      procedure (Sender: TComponent; AResult: Integer)
       mr : TModalResult;
        aID : integer;
      begin
        mr := TModalResult(AResult);
        if mr = mrOK then
          aID := trunc( memTable.FieldByName('ID').Value )
          aID := 0;
        aCallBack(mr, aID);
      end
    );
  end;
end;
```

Here we also use one anonymous method for receiving the result from ShowModal and sending it back to our callback method.

# Using Frames for creating visual controls

This feature is being available for quite some time in Delphi, but it is particularly useful when migrating or recreating an existing form with new controls. The original code is usually the result of exporting a visual design to code, but that original design is no longer available and it could require different parameters for the new controls. By using frames, it is possible to visually create the user interface and convert the frame later to a common visual control.

For this example, we will be using the User Defined Form (TIQUDEmbeddedForm).

## Core shared components to support the migration

In order to provide a smooth migration path sharing a similar look-and-feel and functionality, it is necessary to develop a minimum set of shared components (in tab **IQWeb UniGUI**).

## Login Form

As with current EnterpriseIQ, the entry point to EnterpriseIQWeb should be the login form. After being successfully identified, the user should be able to access the Module Launcher.

#### Module Launcher

The first version will be based on the All Features Demo from uniGUI, as it will allow to add any new module by physically creating a new folder and adding the corresponding module main unit with the same name. Some of the included features are:

- Collapsible module menu to the left
- Running modules as tabs in a page control (which can be closed on demand)

## Common expected features for each module

Each new module should follow the same rules as the desktop application EnterpriseIQ:

- The main menu with most of the same options currently available
- A Data Module with data access components related to the module
  - o Currently, there are data access components on several forms
  - o The Data Module usually includes desktop-related visual interactions
- A toolbar with speed buttons and a DB Navigator
- The first speed buttons are usually Search (for locating a record using a Pick List) and Grid / Inspector toggle (for switching between the grid and the inspector for the currently selected row)
- Reusable components like:
  - User Defined Labels,
  - User Defined Fields,
  - User Defined Forms
  - Documents

In addition to these visual components, we also share many non-visual components and units which will need some degree of refactoring for avoiding references to the Windows desktop (or VCL components).

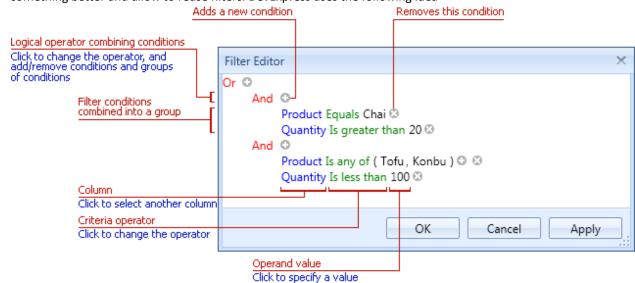
### PickListDlg

In the current proof-of-concept application, the Pick List Dialog allows to select one or multiple records but is using an internal TFDMemTable which requires loading all the source dataset records at the beginning. It is not scalable. There are several decisions to take:

- 1. Are we going to support only FireDAC data access technology or any of the technologies currently used in EnterpriseIQ?
  - a. If we only support FireDAC, we could avoid handling and modifying SQL code for sorting the database (by one or multiple fields) by using the property IndexNames.
  - b. Properties Filter and Filtered are available in the standard TDataSet, meaning that both sorting and filtering could be available without modifying the underlying SQL text.
  - c. One possible drawback is the fact that client-side paging is implemented by querying RecordCount in the server-side dataset. Depending on the performance, it could be better to implement a faster

way by overriding the method OnGetRecordCount. That being said, a Pick List is not supposed to pull many columns, so that the performance difference should be negligible. If needed, FireDAC provides a mode cmTotal for reporting the TFDQuery.RecordCount as the total count.

- 2. How to handle sorting by several columns?
  - a. The best option is to show the common dialog with all the fields / columns to the left and the selected fields to the right, ordered by priority (allowing to drag and drop in that list or between left and right). All the columns in that selection should have the caption in bold to identify them.
  - b. As a shortcut, it should be possible to exclude any of them from the list by doing Ctrl + Click on the column caption (is this possible?). If just using Click, that column will become the only key for sorting.
- 3. What about supporting complex filters (AND, OR, AND NOT)?
  - a. Current Pick List leverages Woll2Woll wwFilterDialog component, but we need to implement our own Filter Dialog and Filter Manager. If that is the case, we have the opportunity to provide something better and allow to reuse filters. DevExpress uses the following idea



- b. We could keep a history of filters applied to the same Pick List and save them as local cookies or shared on the server.
- 4. How to support Single and Multiple Selection?
  - a. Internally, the Pick List Dialog uses database bookmarks for any selected record in the provided dataset. But the caller could be using a totally different dataset so that it should receive only the primary keys in the selection. That translation is currently done in the internal callback.
  - b. Current multiple selection, as implemented by TUniDBGrid, only allows selecting multiple records in one page. If the feature is not improved, we will need to monitor the page changes (scrolling) and keep our own selection.
- 5. How to persist user changes in the visual design (column width, column order, etc)?
  - a. As in EnterpriseIQ we save that information in the local registry, it makes sense to save the same information to local cookies.
  - b. Some possible options are to make the cookies local to the current user or shared to all users of that PC. Another option is to save that information to the server, both for the current user or to all users. In any case, it is important to take into account that, even if it is the same user, working on a different PC could make a configuration invalid. A good starting point is to save the configuration to a current user cookie.
- 6. How to propagate Sort and Scope (Filter)?

- a. When propagating the current active Sort and Filter in the Pick List to the main form DataSet, we are assuming that the Pick List is using a subset of the fields in the DataSet.
- b. Another thing is that we have two options for returning both Sort and Scope: as strings used by the DataSet (like what we use internally in the Pick List Dialog), or as strings used in a SELECT statement.
- c. The syntax required by the Filter expression is compatible with the condition in the WHERE clause so that we can always return our current filter.
- d. The syntax used in IndexFieldNames for our internal sorting is particular to FireDAC, and we should provide a class function for converting it to a common ORDER BY expression.
- e. If we allow passing optional parameters for recovering these options, we could get both as part of the dialog callback (let's say, Filter, SortIndexNames, SortOrderBy).
- 7. There are several other features in our current Pick List which should be evaluated for inclusion:
  - a. Sub queries
  - b. Custom buttons

## TIQWebHPick non-visual component (using PickListDlg)

This component will expose two properties: Title (to be shown in the Pick List Dialog) and the DataSet (FireDAC or a common TDataSet).

Its goal is to allow single or multiple selection (propagating Sort and / or Scope if requested), according to the intended use.

For example, in EnterpriseIQ we use it in the OnClick event of a button for providing our own TDBLookupComboBox.

## Visual component like TUniDBLookupComboBox but using TIQWebHPick

In order to avoid manually designing data-entry forms like our current main forms capable of switching between Grid and Form View, we need to provide a visual control for all fields intended to be entered by using Pick Lists.

This component will require the same information of a common DBLookupComboBox in addition to the link to a TIQWebHPick. At run-time, instead of showing a combo box, it will show the Pick List Dialog.

Visual component providing dataset-based dual view (Grid / Inspector)

Visual component implementing a dataset-based hierarchical data inspector

## Useful References to UniGUI Demos

## Basic ¡Query

- It shows how to embed HTML code using jQuery for rendering JavaScript widgets.
- The demo itself shows two digital clocks, while I added a new <u>analog clock</u> provided by a UniGUI user.

### Collapsible Panels

- TUniSplitter
- TUniPanel with Collapsible = True and CollapseDirection = cdDefault

#### Client Events

CE-1 Showing how to attach client-side events in JavaScript which allow client-side actions like

```
o function form.Onmousemove(sender, x, y)
```

```
MainForm.UniEdit1.setValue(x+' : '+y);
```

- CE-2 Also, triggering a client-side AJAX request which is resolved as a server-side event
  - o Client-side event

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```
function Onmousedown(sender, x, y)
{
    ajaxRequest(sender, 'myAjaxEvent', ['param0=MyParam',
    'X='+x, 'Y='+y] );
}
```

 The client-side AJAX request is received as a server-side AJAX event (OnAjaxEvent) and handled as any Delphi event.

```
procedure TMainForm.UniPanellAjaxEvent(Sender: TComponent;
EventName: string; Params: TStrings);

begin

if EventName='myAjaxEvent' then

begin

UniMemol.Lines.Add('Server Response:');
UniMemol.Lines.Add('==========');
UniMemol.Lines.Add(Params.Values['param0']);
UniMemol.Lines.Add(Params.Values['X']);
UniMemol.Lines.Add(Params.Values['Y']);
UniMemol.Lines.Add('');
end;
end;
```

- CE-4 Shows how to send an AJAX request and receive the answer as an AJAX callback
  - Button1 intercepts the AJAX request and its response
  - Button2 sends a response from the server and receive it at the client callback
  - Button3 sends a response which is directly executed as JavaScript code
- CE-5 Uses form. Onkeydown for capturing key and shift status in order to move a panel without executing server code.

```
o function form. Onkeydown (sender, key, shift)
0
  -{
      var xy=MainForm.UniPanel1.getPosition(true);
0
0
      var x=xy[0];
0
      var y=xy[1];
0
      var inc=5;
0
      if (shift & 1) inc=10; // shift
0
0
      if (shift & 4) inc=1; // ctrl
      if (shift & 2) inc=20; // alt
0
0
      switch(key)
0
0
         case 40 : y+=inc; break;
0
         case 38 : y-=inc; break;
0
         case 37 : x-=inc; break;
0
         case 39 : x+=inc; break;
0
      }
0
0
      if (y<0) y=0;</pre>
0
      if (x<0) x=0;
0
0
      if (y>MainForm.form.getHeight()) y=MainForm.getHeight();
```

```
o if (x>MainForm.form.getWidth()) x=MainForm.form.getWidth();
o
o MainForm.UniPanel1.setPosition(x, y);
o }
```

## Dynamic Client Events

• Client Events can be defined by assigning them at runtime using a simple interface:

```
procedure TMainForm.UniFormCreate(Sender: TObject);
begin

UniButton1.ClientEvents.ExtEvents.Values['click']:='function(sender) {alert("Click")}';

UniEdit1.ClientEvents.ExtEvents.Values['change']:='function(sender, newValue) {MainForm.UniEdit2.setValue(newValue)}';

Self.ClientEvents.ExtEvents.Values['form.click']:='function(sender) {MainForm.UniEdit2.setValue("form.click")}';

Self.ClientEvents.ExtEvents.Values['window.move']:='function(sender) {MainForm.UniEdit2.setValue("window.move')}';
```

• This kind of feature could allow to define client-side validations which could be requested dynamically from the server to apply some business rules without required round trips to the server (something like the RemObjects DataAbstract client-side business rules).

#### Client Info

- It shows how to get information about the browser, IP address, etc.
- By using JavaScript events, any mouse movement over the window changes the background color to Blue.

## Client-side Alignment

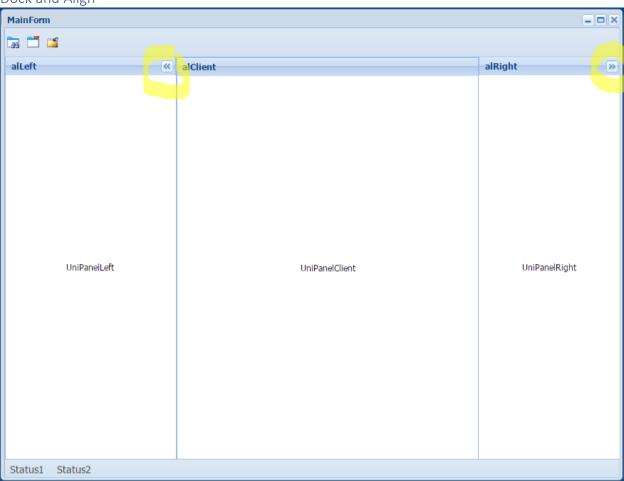
UniGUI leverages all native Sencha layouts, all of them configured in the properties related to LayoutControl.

#### Sencha references:

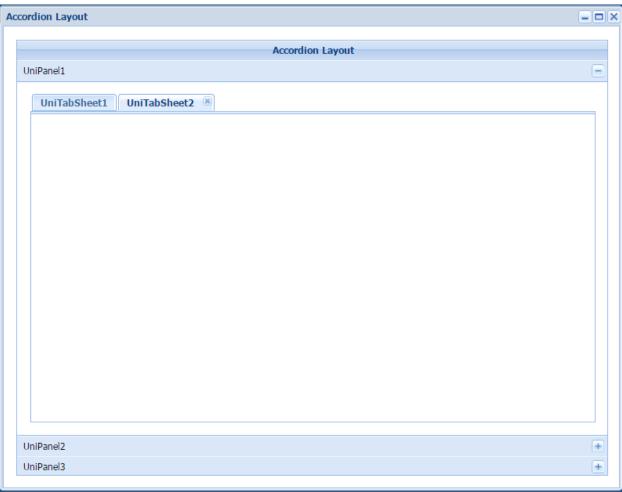
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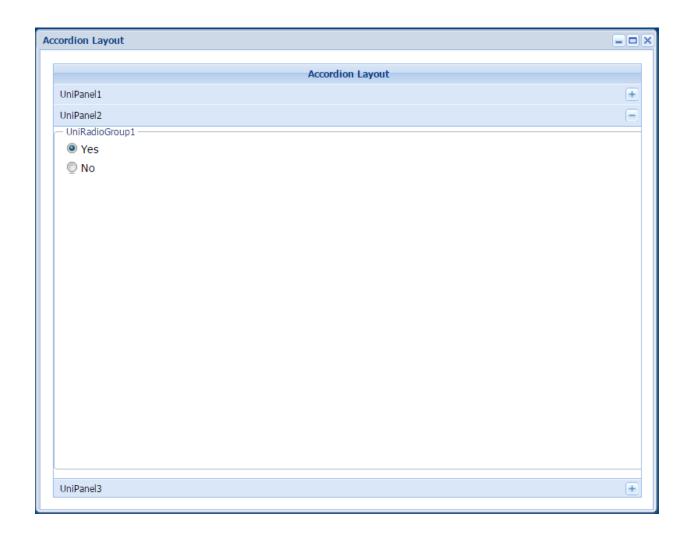
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Dock and Align

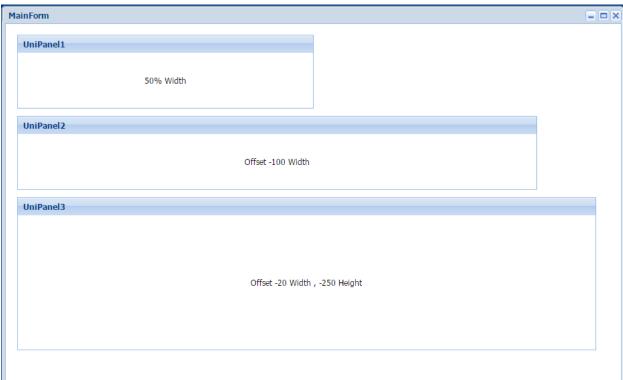


## Accordion

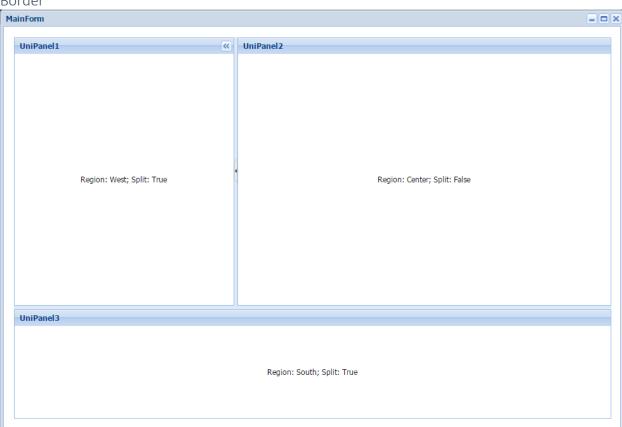




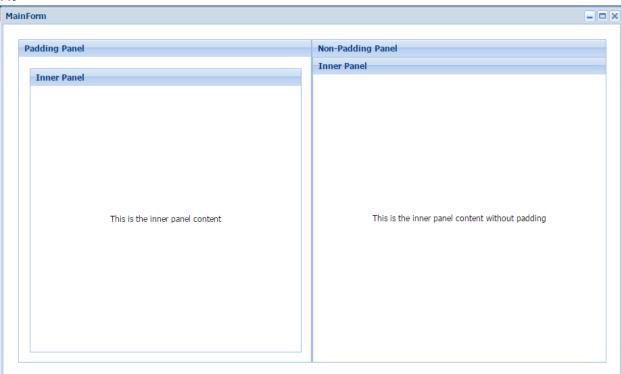
## Anchor



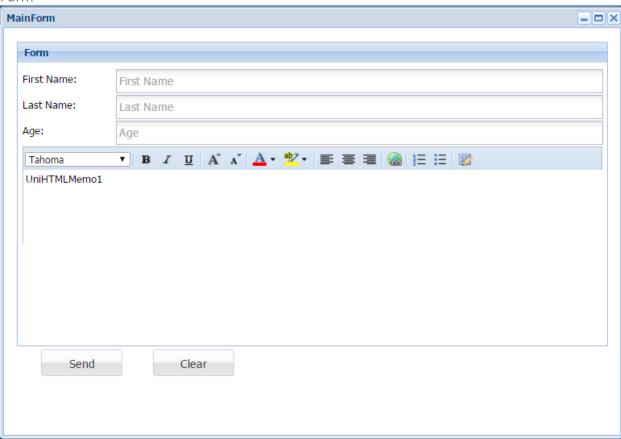
## Border



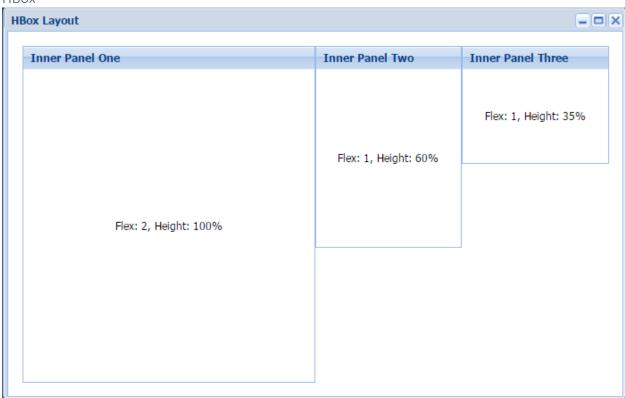
#### Fit



#### Form



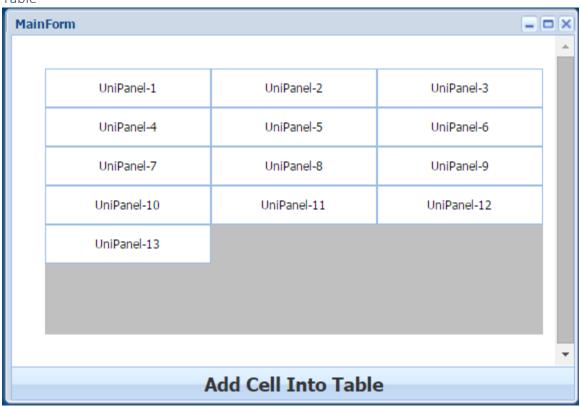
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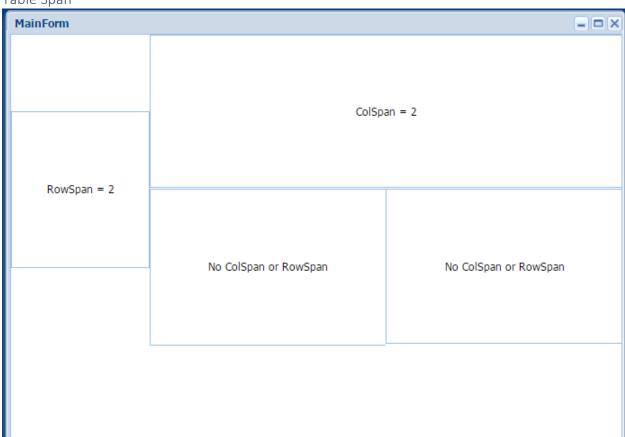
## Percentage

MainForm - Layout hbox		
UniPanel1 - Width 25%	UniPanel4 - Region north - Height 25%	UniPanel2 - Width 25%
	UniPanel3 - Width 50% - Layout border	
	UniPanel5 - Region south - Height 25%	

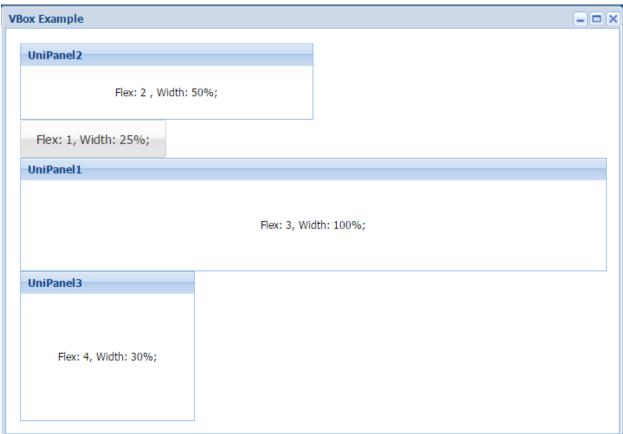
Table



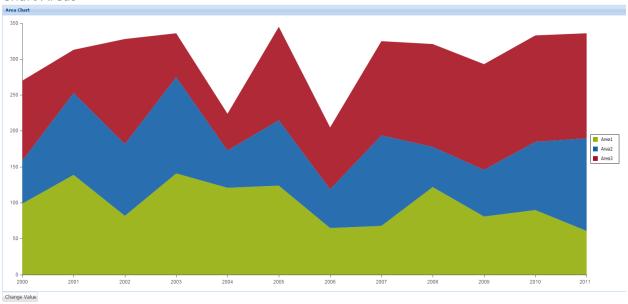
## Table Span



#### **VBox**

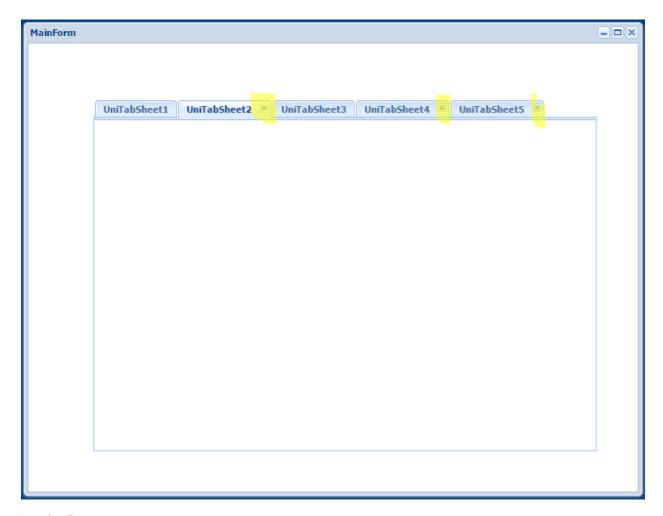


### **Chart Areas**



## Closable Tabs

• It is a per-tab property



### Login Form

If there is a form inheriting from **TUniLoginForm**, that form will be the first to be shown by the application. If its ModalResult is mrOK, then the **MainForm** will be shown.

#### Session List

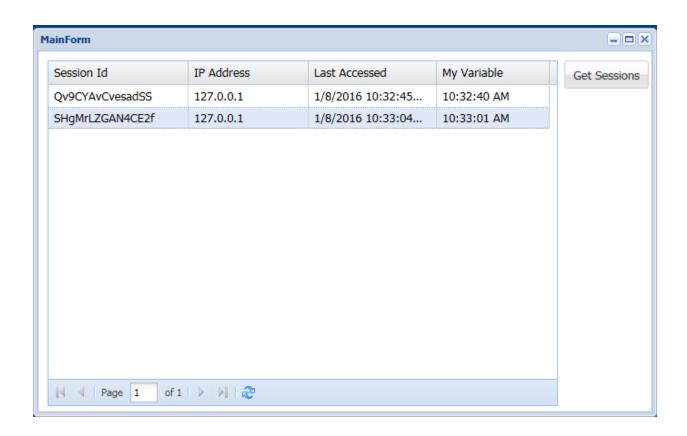
**ServerModule** is a singleton containing the application configuration and resources which will be shared across all sessions.

MainModule (or any TDataModule created with UniGUI Wizard) will be instantiated by session.

**Sessions** can be managed as shown in this demo.

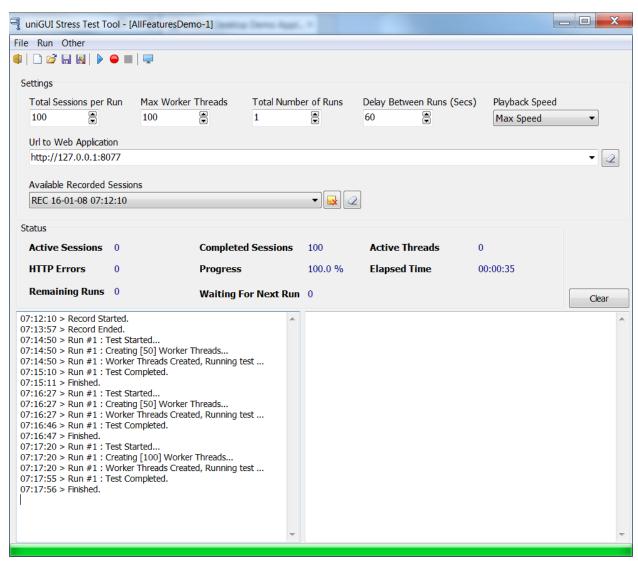
For example, if some user tries to connect to the system, we will check licenses before allowing his access. Some scenarios come to mind:

- The same user is already logged in from other computer (the program is still open there), and he could choose to terminate that session and initiate a new one.
- Another user is logged in, but he just left the program open, so that his session could be terminated (if the new user is allowed to do that).
- Same previous scenario, but the user has the right to terminate any other session (Super Admin).

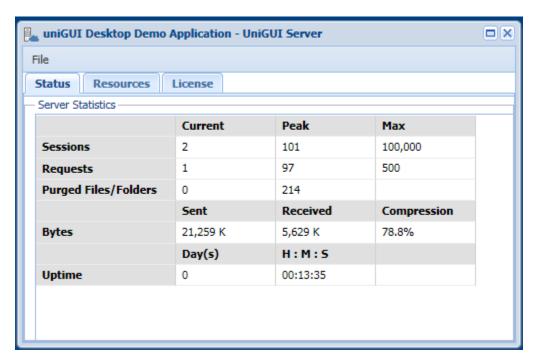


## Stress Test Tool

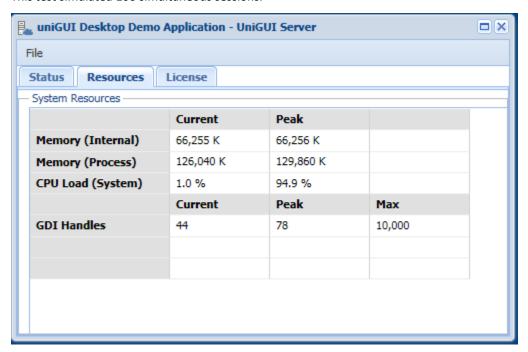
This tool allows recording live sessions to simulate multiple clients executing the same requests to the server. Before being able to record sessions for an application, that option must be enabled in the Server Module. Recording and Stress can be done from the tool itself.



Once a test is executed, it is possible to examine the status of the application under test.



This test simulated 100 simultaneous sessions.



As each client receives a session, it is important to monitor memory usage looking for leaks that could render the application unusable after some time.