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INTRODUCTION

In this newsletter we discuss how to use Virtel to extract DB2 table data then use that data as input to an external publishing framework. Virtel uses an initial scenario which drives a VSV service program to access the sample DB2 table DSN8810.EMP. In the following demonstration IBM's DB2 V9 was used.

SETTING UP

The DB2 demo package, db2demo.zip, is available as a zip file in the public directory on the Virtel website <http://ftp.syspertec.com/>. This zip file contains all the relevant files required to implement the Virtel DB2 Demo package. Follow these steps to install the package : - 1. In your Virtel STC concatenate your DB2 SDSNLOAD library to the Virtel SERVLIB 2. Create a larger SAMPLIB. The delivered SMAPLIB has no secondary extents and when you try to upload the code from the package to the existing SAMPLIB it will E37. Create a copy a new SAMPLIB and allocate some addition secondary extents - SPACE=(TRK,(100,10,50)) 3. Expand the db2demo.zip into the directory c:\Virteldemohttp. It will expand to three directories:-

SAMPLIB	DB2TRANS, SCENSQLS, SERVSQL, VSVCLIST, VSVCASYS
CNTL	DB2ARBO and DB2COMP
W2H	See below

4. Using FTP or IND\$FILE to upload the members in the SAMPLIB directory to your Virtel SAMPLIB library.
5. Likewise, using FTP or IND\$FILE, upload the members in the CNTL directory to your Virtel CNTL library.
6. Using the Virtel Administration Portal, 'Drag and Drop' the members in the W2H directory to the Virtel W2H directory.
7. Modify the W2H entry point WEB2HOST and remove SCE-DIR as the default search directory for scenarios. Search for scenarios from the loadlib instead.
8. Run the DB2ARBO and DB2COMP jobs.

2.1 CNTL Members

DB2ARBO

This job compiles the DB2 scenario and updates the W2H directory with a new transaction called DB2. You will need to modify the JCL to meet your site standards.

DB2COMP

This job compiles the VSV service program SERVSQL and also builds and binds the associated DBRM module. You will need to modify the JCL to meet your site and DB2 standards. The SERVSQL program is linked into the VIRTEL SERVLIB library.

SAMPLIB Members

DB2TRANS	Sample DB2 transaction
SCENSQLS	Sample Initial scenario

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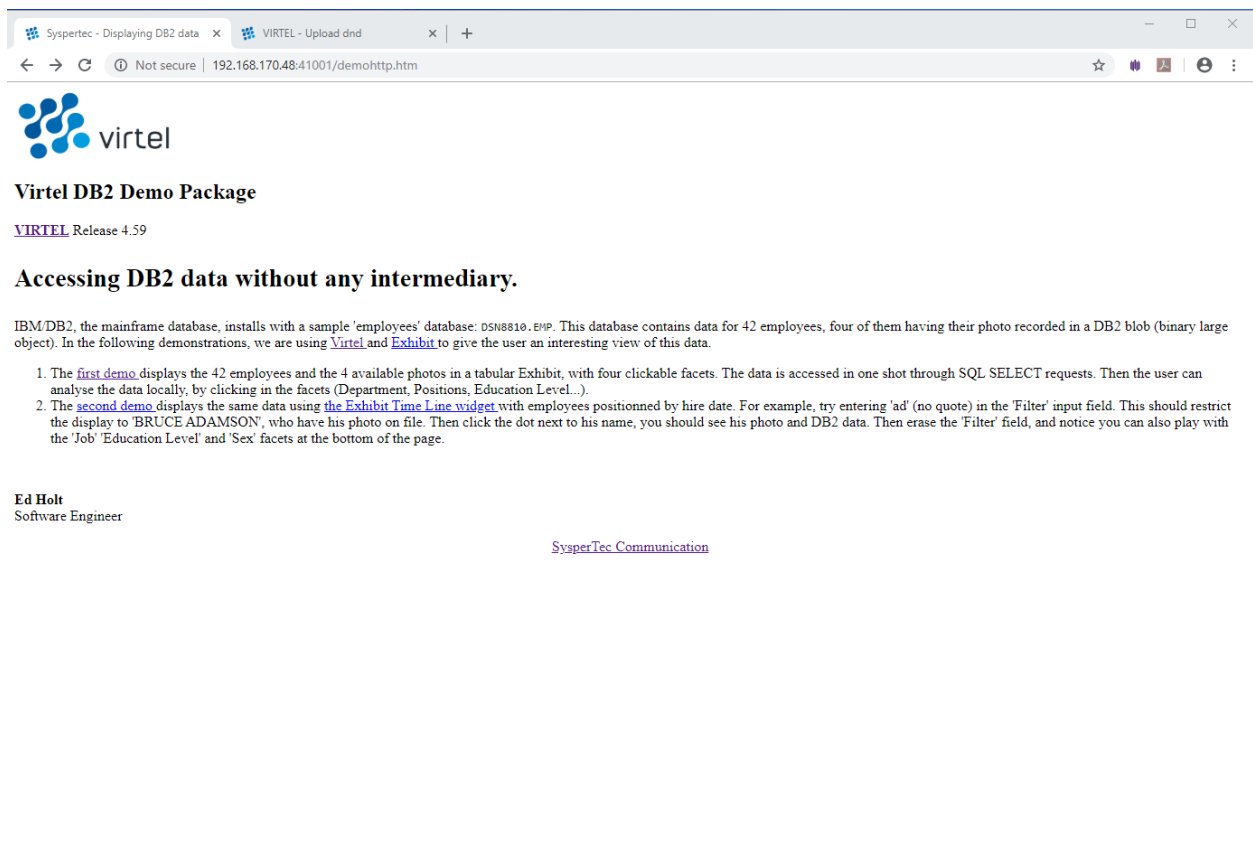
SERVSQ	Cobol Service program
VSVASYC	VSV Copybook
VSVCLIST	VSV Copybook

W2H Directory Members

history.html	Dummy template
demohttp.htm	Initial template
employees.html	Primary template
employeesHireDates.html	Secondary template
phonedir.js	DB2 JavaScript Extract. Calls Virtel DB2 transaction
sqlreq.htm	Error page

RUNNING THE DB2 DEMO PACKAGE

1. Stop and restart Virtel to pick up the JCL changes, in particular the addition of the DB2 SDSNLOAD library.
2. Refresh the Virtel Cache
3. Enter the URL `virtel.com:41001/demohttp.htm`. The following screen should appear: -



This web page template provides two demonstration links, demonstration 1 and demomonstartion 2.

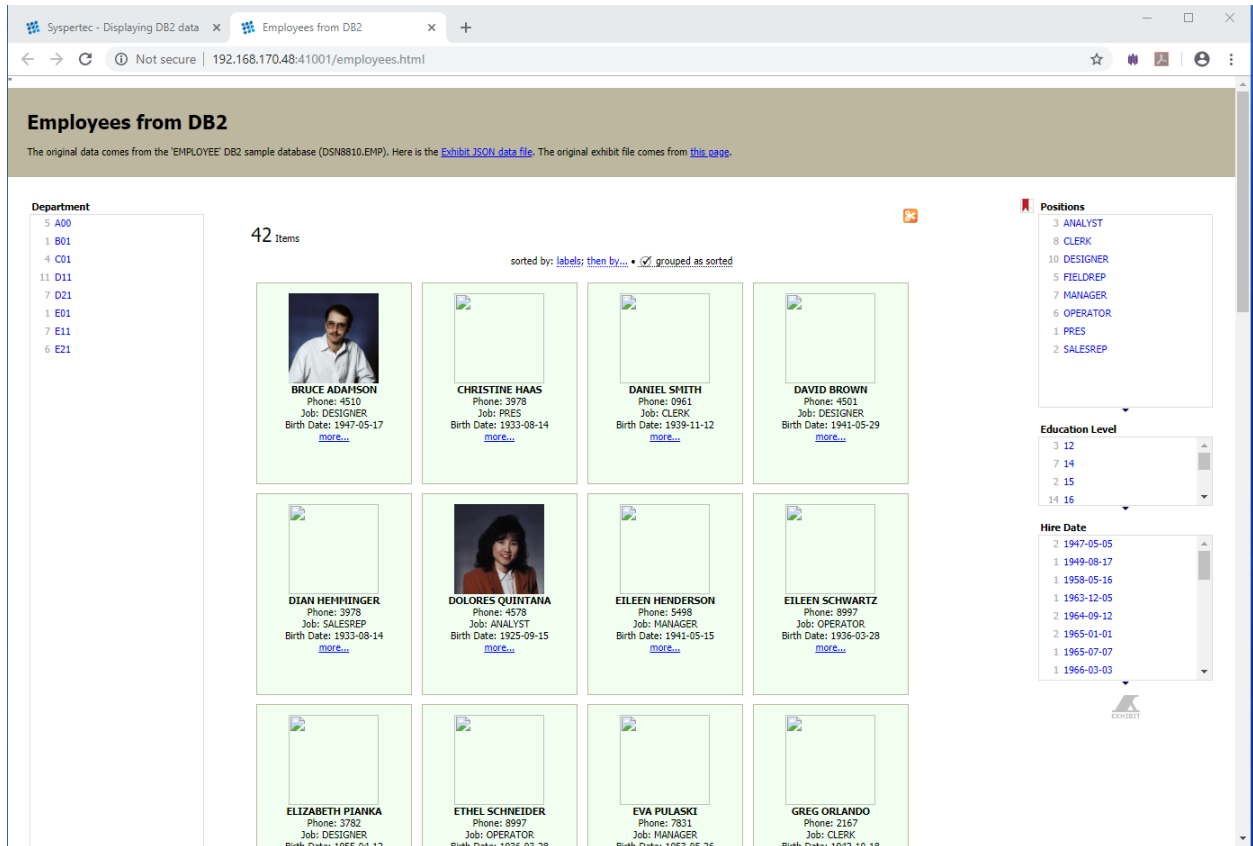
3.1 Demonstrations

There are two demonstrations both of which use a third party publishing framework to present the data extracted from the DB2 database. In both demonstrations, the website simile-widgets.org is used to pro-

vide either an EXHIBIT and TIMELINE framework presentation. The related EXHIBIT or TIMELINE frameworks take as input a JSON array.

3.1.1 Demonstration 1

Selecting DEMO1 should present an EXHIBIT presentation screen which should look like: -



3.1.2 Demonstration 2

Selecting DEMO2 produces a TIMELINE presentation screen which looks like: -

Syspertec - Displaying DB2 data xSIMILE Widgets | Exhibit | Examp: x+
← → ↻ ⓘ Not secure | 192.168.170.48:41001/employeesHireDates.html

Employees from DB2

his page demonstrates [the Exhibit TimeLine Widget](#). The original data comes from the 'EMPLOYEE' DB2 sample database (DSN8810.EMP). Here is the [Exhibit JSON data file](#) that was generated by Virtel.

Dept
5 A00
1 B01
4 C01
11 D11
7 D21
1 E01

Job
3 ANALYST
8 CLERK
10 DESIGNER
5 FIELDREP
7 MANAGER
6 OPERATOR

EducationLevel?
3 12
7 14
2 15
14 16
7 17
7 18

Sex?
19 F
23 M

THUMBNAILS • DETAILS • TIMELINE

42 Items

sorted by: labels; then by... • ☒ grouped as sorted

BRUCE ADAMSON
DESIGNER, 4510

CHRISTINE HAAS
PRES, 3978

DANIEL SMITH
CLERK, 0961

DAVID BROWN
DESIGNER, 4501

DIAN HEMMINGER
SALESREP, 3978

DOLORES QUINTANA
ANALYST, 4578

EILEEN HENDERSON
MANAGER, 5498

EILEEN SCHWARTZ
OPERATOR, 8997

ELIZABETH PIANKA
DESIGNER, 3782

ETHEL SCHNEIDER
OPERATOR, 8997

EVA PULASKI
MANAGER, 7831

GREG ORLANDO
CLERK, 2167

HEATHER NICHOLLS
ANALYST, 1793

HELENA WONG
FIELDREP, 2103

IRVING STERN
MANAGER, 6423

JAMES JEFFERSON
CLERK, 4265

JAMES WALKER
DESIGNER, 2986

JASON GOUNOT
FIELDREP, 5698

For both screens, the input is a JSON array structure of employees built by the Virtel scenario SCENSQSL after extracting the table data from DB2. The source DB2 table is DSN8810.EMP.

3.1. Demonstrations

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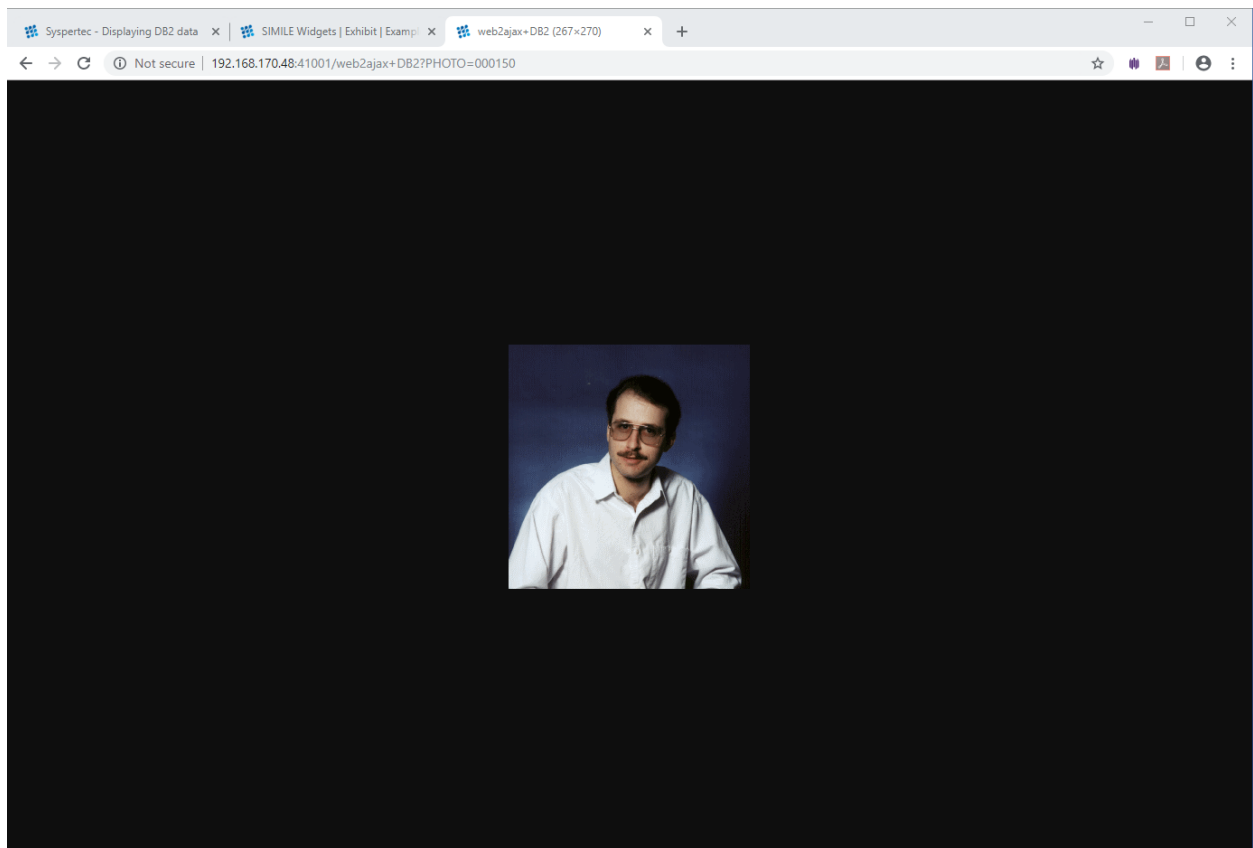
DB2 ACCESS VIA A VIRTEL TRANSACTION

4.1 DB2 Basic access

If access to external web sites is not permitted then you can still test the DB2 access through a basic DB2 access. You can invoke the Virtel DB2 transaction to extract an employee's image from the database with the following URL: -

```
192.168.170.48:41001/web2ajax+DB2?PHOTO=000150
```

The scenario, via the VSV service program SERVSQL, will extract the photo image from the DB2 table and present it in a basic HTML template. PHOTO+nnnnnn is a parameter passed to the scenario which contains the employee number of the person whose photo is returned. The output from the above transaction URL looks like this : -



4.2 Putting it all together

The key to accessing the DB2 data and preparing the required JSON structure is through the Virtel Initial scenario SCENSQSL. See Appendix A for a full listing of this scenario. This scenario is activated whenever the Virtel DB2 transaction is invoked. This scenario extracts parameters from the calling URL and prepares a parameter structure to pass into the VSV service program SERVSQL. This parameter structure includes the SQL SELECT statement to run against the DB2 table. The call to SERVSQL is made through the VSV API by calling the Virtel VIRSV\$ interface from within the scenario. The SERVSQL program calls DB2, issues the SQL statement and extracts the data from DB2. The results are returned back to the scenario and are mapped into an internal array mapped by the following mapping structure :-

```
*-----*
* Describe expected output                                     *
*-----*
MYTABLE MAP$ BEGIN, OCCURS=UNLIMITED
recEMP  MAP$ BEGIN
        MAP$ AREA, WITH='EMPNO', LENGTH=6, TYPE=X
**      MAP$ ABEND, WITH='1rst Empno'
        MAP$ AREA, WITH='FIRSTNME', LENGTH=12, TYPE=X
        MAP$ AREA, WITH='LASTNAME', LENGTH=15, TYPE=X
        MAP$ AREA, WITH='WORKDEPT', LENGTH=3, TYPE=X
        MAP$ AREA, WITH='PHONENO', LENGTH=4, TYPE=X
        MAP$ AREA, WITH='HIREDATE', LENGTH=10, TYPE=X
        MAP$ AREA, WITH='JOB', LENGTH=8, TYPE=X
        MAP$ AREA, WITH='EDLEVEL', LENGTH=6, TYPE=X
        MAP$ AREA, WITH='SEX', LENGTH=1, TYPE=X
        MAP$ AREA, WITH='BIRTHDATE', LENGTH=10, TYPE=X
recEMP  MAP$ END
MYTABLE MAP$ END
```

This internal data is made available to the calling JavaScript code, in this case phonedir.js, though the following Virtel tags. For example, in the http template employees.html we invoke the Virtel DB2 transaction which calls the initial scenario SCENSQSL :-

```
<link href="/w2h/phonedir.js+DB2?DEPT=*" type="application/json" rel="exhibit-data"/>
```

The output from the scenario is returned to phonedir.js which parses through the internal Virtel “EMPNO” array structure using the following Virtel tags :-

```
{<!--VIRTEL start="{{{" end="}}}" -->{{{SET-OUTPUT-ENCODING-UTF-8 ""}}}{{{SET-
→CONTENT-TYPE "text/plain"}}}}

"items" : [
{{{FOR-EACH-VALUE-IN "EMPNO"}}}
  {"LastName": "{{{TRIMMED-VALUE-OF "LASTNAME"}}}",
  "FirstName": "{{{TRIMMED-VALUE-OF "FIRSTNME"}}}",
  "Sex": "{{{TRIMMED-VALUE-OF "SEX"}}}",
  "Job": "{{{TRIMMED-VALUE-OF "JOB"}}}",
  "PhoneNumber": "{{{TRIMMED-VALUE-OF "PHONENO"}}}",
  "EmployeeNumber": "{{{TRIMMED-VALUE-OF "EMPNO"}}}",
  "Dept": "{{{TRIMMED-VALUE-OF "WORKDEPT"}}}",
  "DeptName": "{{{CURRENT-VALUE-OF "DEPTNAME"}}}",
  "HireDate": "{{{CURRENT-VALUE-OF "HIREDATE"}}}",
  "BirthDate": "{{{CURRENT-VALUE-OF "BIRTHDATE"}}}",
  "EducationLevel": "{{{TRIMMED-VALUE-OF "EDLEVEL"}}}",
  "label": "{{{TRIMMED-VALUE-OF "FIRSTNME"}}} {{{TRIMMED-VALUE-OF "LASTNAME"}}}",
```

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```
"photo": "../sqlreq.htm+DB2?photo={{TRIMMED-VALUE-OF "EMPNO"}}"
}{{AFTER-NOT-LAST-VALUE-OF "EMPNO",}}
}{{END-FOR "EMPNO"}}
]
}
```

The parsing on the internal Virtel mapping array builds a JSON array with each element representing an employee. The JSON array structure is then used as input by the EXHIBIT or TIMELINE template from <http://simile-widgets.org>.

APPENDIX A

SCENSQLS Scenario

```

SCENSQLS INITIAL SCENARIO
SCENSQLS SCREENS EXEC=NO,APPL=SCENSQLS
*
* Scenario to issue DB2 query via VIRSV
*
    SCENARIO INITIAL
*
*-----*
* Put name of DB2 into variable DB2ID                                     *
*-----*
    COPY$ VALUE-TO-VARIABLE,VAR='DB2ID',                                -
        VALUE='DB9G'
*-----*
* Put employee number into variable QPARAM1                             *
*-----*
    COPY$ INPUT-TO-VARIABLE,VAR='QPARAM1',                                -
        FIELD='PHOTO'
    IF$ NOT-FOUND,THEN=SELDEPT
*-----*
* SQL query to select employee image                                     *
*-----*
    COPY$ VALUE-TO-VARIABLE,VAR='SQLSTMT',                                -
        VALUE='SELECT BMP_PHOTO FROM DSN8910.EMP_PHOTO_RESUME          -
        WHERE EMPNO=?'
*-----*
* Call service program to execute SQL query                             *
*-----*
    VIRSV$ CALL-REUSE,('SQLQUERY','SERVSQL'),                            -
        (STRINGZ-FROM-VARIABLE,'DB2ID'),                                -
        (IN-VARIABLE,'SQLSTMT'),                                        -
        (IN-VARIABLE,'QPARAM1'),                                        -
        (OUT-VARIABLE,'QRESULT',256K),                                  -
        (OUT-VARIABLE,'ERRMSG',800),                                    -
        KEY=8,                                                         -
        ERROR=SQLQERR
*-----*
* Send resulting image as HTTP response                                 *
*-----*
    SEND$ AS-ANSWER,VAR='QRESULT',TYPE='image/bmp',                      -
        EXPIRES=ENDOFDAY
*
    SCENARIO END

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*
SELDEPT  DS      0H
*-----*
* Put department number into variable QPARAM1
*-----*
      COPY$ INPUT-TO-VARIABLE,VAR='QPARAM1',
            FIELD='DEPT'
      IF$   NOT-FOUND,THEN=PARMERR
*-----*
* Support DETT='*'
*-----*
      IF$   VARIABLE,'QPARAM1',EQ='*',THEN=ALLDEPT,ELSE=ONEDEPT
ALLDEPT  EQU      *
      COPY$ VALUE-TO-VARIABLE,VAR='SQLSTMT',
            VALUE='SELECT EMPNO,FIRSTNME,LASTNAME,WORKDEPT,PHONENO,
            HIREDATE,JOB,EDLEVEL,SEX,BIRTHDATE
            FROM DSN8910.EMP'
      GOTO$ DONEDEPT
*-----*
* Put SQL statement into variable SQLSTMT
*-----*
ONEDEPT  EQU      *
      COPY$ VALUE-TO-VARIABLE,VAR='SQLSTMT',
            VALUE='SELECT EMPNO,FIRSTNME,LASTNAME,WORKDEPT,PHONENO,
            HIREDATE,JOB,EDLEVEL,SEX,BIRTHDATE
            FROM DSN8910.EMP WHERE WORKDEPT=?'
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      MAP$ AREA,WITH='SEX',LENGTH=1,TYPE=X
      MAP$ AREA,WITH='BIRTHDATE',LENGTH=10,TYPE=X
recEMP   MAP$ END
MYTABLE MAP$ END
*-----*
* Call service program to execute SQL query
*-----*
      VIRSV$ CALL-REUSE,('SQLQUERY','SERVSQL'),
            TASKS=5,
            (STRINGZ-FROM-VARIABLE,'DB2ID'),
            (IN-VARIABLE,'SQLSTMT'),
            (IN-VARIABLE,'QPARAM1'),
            (OUT-VARIABLE,'QRESULT',64K),
            (OUT-VARIABLE,'ERRMSG',800),
            KEY=8,

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```

      ERROR=SQLQERR
*-----*
* Create Virtel variables needed by output template      *
*-----*
MYTABLE  TOVAR$ FROM-VARIABLE,VAR='QRESULT'
*-----*
*
      SCENARIO END
*
*-----*
* Error exits                                           *
*-----*
PARMERR  EQU      *
      COPY$ VALUE-TO-VARIABLE,VAR='$ERRMSG$',           -
            VALUE='SCENSQLS: DEPT=xxx or PHOTO=nnnnnn required'
      SET$  PAGE,'sqlreq.htm'
      ERROR$ 1
      SCENARIO END
*
SQLQERR  EQU      *
      COPY$ VALUE-TO-VARIABLE,VAR='ERRMSG$',           -
            VALUE='SCENSQLS: Error in service program SERVSQL'
      SET$  PAGE,'sqlreq.htm'
      ERROR$ 2
      SCENARIO END
*
      SCRNNEND
      END      ,

```