



## **Getting Started**

**PowerBuilder®**

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# About This Book

## Subject

This book provides information that enables you to start using PowerBuilder:

- **Part 1** is an *overview* of the PowerBuilder development environment
- **Part 2** is a *tutorial* in which you build your first PowerBuilder application
- **Part 3** is a *tutorial* in which you create a PowerDynamo Web target, deploy and run a Web site, and use Web DataWindows
- **Part 4** is a *tutorial* in which you create and run a JSP Web target that includes client pages for a Web service

## Audience

This book is for anyone building applications using PowerBuilder.

## Online Help

When you have a question about using PowerBuilder, you can access its extensive online Help system. In online Help you can see:

- **Procedures** for accomplishing tasks in PowerBuilder
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- **Context-sensitive information** about PowerBuilder functions or reserved words in scripts

## Related documents

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Topic	Book	Description
Installation, feature guide, and tutorial	Installation Guide	Tells you how to install PowerBuilder
	Getting Started	Introduces you to PowerBuilder and provides a tutorial you can step through to learn the basics
Application development	User's Guide	Tells how to use the painters to build objects in PowerBuilder

Topic	Book	Description
	Application Techniques	Presents collections of techniques for implementing many common application features, along with deployment details and tips for cross-platform and international development and deployment
	DataWindow Programmer's Guide	Explains how to use DataWindows in all the supported environments (PowerBuilder, Web pages, Java) and describes programming techniques for accessing, displaying, manipulating, and updating data
Programmer's Reference	Working with Web and JSP Targets	Tells how to build, deploy, debug, and run PowerBuilder Web targets
	PowerScript Reference	Describes syntax and usage information for the PowerScript language, including variables, expressions, statements, functions, and events
	DataWindow Reference	Provides reference information for the DataWindow object, including properties and functions for expressions; syntax for accessing properties and data; and reference information for the methods, events, and properties of DataWindow controls and DataStores in all supported environments
	Web and JSP Target Reference	Provides reference information for objects and classes in the Web Target object model
	Objects and Controls	Lists properties, events, and related functions for PowerBuilder system objects and controls
	PowerBuilder Native Interface (PBNI) Programmer's Guide and Reference	Contains how-to and reference information for using PBNI to create PowerBuilder extensions and interact with C++ applications
	PowerBuilder Extension Reference	Contains reference information for PowerBuilder extension modules created with PBNI (such as PBDOM, EJBCClient, and Web services)

Topic	Book	Description
Communicating with a database	Connecting to Your Database	Tells how to connect to a database from PowerBuilder; describes how to set up, define, and manage database connections accessed through the Powersoft ODBC interface or one of the native Powersoft database interfaces
	Connection Reference	Includes procedures for preparing, defining, establishing, maintaining, and troubleshooting your database connections
PowerBuilder Foundation Class Library (PFC)	PFC User's Guide	Tells how to use and extend the PFC, which includes objects, services, and utilities to accelerate the application development process
	PFC Object Reference	Describes the objects, instance variables, events, and functions provided with the PFC

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## PART 1

# Welcome to PowerBuilder

This part is an overview of the PowerBuilder development environment.



About this chapter

This chapter introduces the PowerBuilder development environment, which you use in the tutorials in Parts 2-4. It also describes the building blocks of a PowerBuilder application.

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For more information

For a more detailed description of the PowerBuilder development environment, see the *PowerBuilder User's Guide*.

## What PowerBuilder is

PowerBuilder is an enterprise development tool that allows you to build many types of applications and components. It is one of a group of Sybase products that together provide the tools to develop client/server, multitier, and Internet applications.

What's in a PowerBuilder application?

A PowerBuilder client application can contain:

- **A user interface** Menus, windows, and window controls that users interact with to direct an application.
- **Application processing logic** Event and function scripts in which you code business rules, validation rules, and other application processing. PowerBuilder allows you to code application processing logic as part of the user interface or in separate modules, called custom class user objects.

What is a PowerBuilder component?

In a multitier application, the modules that contain application processing logic can be deployed to a server. You can build components designed to work as EAServer or COM components.

PowerBuilder applications are event driven

In a client application, users control what happens by the actions they take. For example, when a user clicks a button, chooses an item from a menu, or enters data into a text box, one or more events are triggered. You write scripts that specify the processing that should happen when events are triggered.

Windows, controls, and other application components you create with PowerBuilder each have a set of predefined events. For example, each button has a Clicked event associated with it and each text box has a Modified event. Most of the time, the predefined events are all you need. However, in some situations, you may want to define your own events.

PowerScript language

You write scripts using PowerScript, the PowerBuilder language. Scripts consist of PowerScript commands, functions, and statements that perform processing in response to an event.

For example, the script for a button's Clicked event might retrieve and display information from the database; the script for a text box's Modified event might evaluate the data and perform processing based on the data.

The execution of an event script can also cause other events to be triggered. For example, the script for a Clicked event in a button might open another window, triggering the Open event in that window.

PowerScript functions

PowerScript provides a rich assortment of built-in functions that can act on the various components of your application. For example, there is a function to open a window, a function to close a window, a function to enable a button, a function to update the database, and so on.

You can also build your own functions to define processing unique to your application.

Object-oriented programming with PowerBuilder

Each menu or window you create with PowerBuilder is a self-contained module called an object. The basic building blocks of a PowerBuilder application are the objects you create. Each object contains the particular characteristics and behaviors (properties, events, and functions) that are appropriate to it. By taking advantage of object-oriented programming techniques such as encapsulation, inheritance, and polymorphism, you can get the most out of each object you create, making your work more reusable, extensible, and powerful.

Internet applications

If you are using the Enterprise edition of PowerBuilder, you can develop PowerBuilder applications that run on the Web using Web targets technology. With Web targets, you can build complex Web pages that can include client- and server-side scripting, database content, Web DataWindows, and EAServer components.



In all editions of PowerBuilder, you can use the DataWindow and PowerBuilder window plug-ins, the PowerBuilder window ActiveX, and the DataWindow Web control for ActiveX.

For information about Web targets, see *Working with Web and JSP Targets*. For information about PowerBuilder plug-ins, see *Application Techniques*. For information about the DataWindow Web control for ActiveX, see the *DataWindow Programmer's Guide* and the *DataWindow Reference*.

#### Multitier applications

PowerBuilder lets you build applications that run in a distributed computing environment. A multitier application lets you:

- Centralize business logic on servers, such as EAServer or MTS
- Partition application functions between the client and the server, thereby reducing the client workload
- Build scalable applications that are easy to maintain

For information about multitier applications, see the sections on distributed application techniques in *Application Techniques*.

#### Database connectivity

PowerBuilder provides easy access to corporate information stored in a wide variety of databases. Data can be accessed through the PowerBuilder ODBC or JDBC interfaces, through a middle-tier data access server like the Sybase DirectCONNECT server, or through a native or direct connection to a database.

For information on database connectivity, see *Connecting to Your Database*.

#### Online Help and documentation

PowerBuilder online Help can be accessed through interface Help buttons and menu items, or by selecting the F1 key from anywhere in PowerBuilder. There are jumps in several places from the online Help to books in HTML format. Manuals are also available on the Sybase Web site.

## The PowerBuilder environment

#### Workspaces and targets

In PowerBuilder, you work with one or more targets in a workspace. You can add as many targets to the workspace as you want, open and edit objects in multiple targets, and build and deploy multiple targets at once.

A PowerBuilder target can be one of two types:

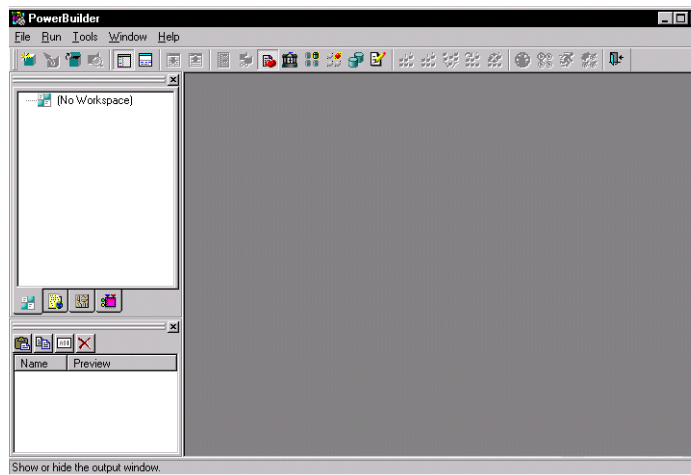
- **PowerScript target** A client/server or multitier executable application or a server component.

- **Web target** A Web application. It contains all the elements you need to build a Web site—HTML files, scripts, images, downloaded components—as well as settings for build options, database connections, and deployment.

The first lesson in the tutorial shows you how to create a workspace and PowerScript target. Later you learn how to create a Web target.

When you start PowerBuilder, it opens in a window that contains a menu bar and the PowerBar at the top, and the System Tree and Clip windows on the left.

The development environment



System Tree

The System Tree window can serve as the hub of your development activities. You use it to open, run, debug, and build your targets, and for drag-and-drop programming.

Clip window

The Clip window lets you store code fragments that you use frequently.


Output window

The output of a variety of operations (migration, builds, deployment, project execution, object saves, and searches) displays in an Output window at the bottom of the main window.

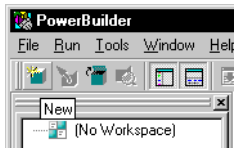
Painters

Once you have created a workspace and a PowerScript target, you build the components of the target using painters. Painters provide an assortment of tools for building objects.

PowerBuilder provides a painter for each type of object you build. For example, you build a window in the Window painter. There you define the properties of the window and add controls, such as buttons and text boxes.

Editors	For Web targets, PowerBuilder provides HTML, style sheet, and frame set editors. In the HTML editor you can edit pages in source or display format and preview the results. You can use a standalone script editor or one that is built into the HTML editor.
Wizards	Wizards simplify the creation of applications, objects, components, Web sites, and Web pages.
Design-time controls	<p>Design-time controls (DTCs) create basic HTML and scripts from information you provide in property sheets. The property sheets display when you drop a DTC on a Web page in the HTML editor.</p> <p>The Web DataWindow DTC provides an easy way to access a database from a Web page. It displays dynamic database content in a variety of presentation styles and supports inserts, updates, and deletes against the database.</p>
To-Do List	The To-Do List displays a list of development tasks you need to do for the current target. Entries on the To-Do list can be created automatically by most PowerBuilder wizards. You can also type in entries or import them from a text file and then link them to a task that you want to complete.
Browser	The Browser lets you see all the objects, methods, variables, and structures that are defined for or available to your PowerScript target. Objects in the Browser can be displayed in alphabetic or hierarchical order. The Browser displays methods with their complete signatures, including the data types of all arguments and return values.
PowerBar	The PowerBar displays when you begin a PowerBuilder session. The PowerBar is the main control point for building PowerBuilder applications. You can use the New, Inherit, or Open buttons on the PowerBar to open all of the PowerBuilder painters. From the PowerBar, you can also open the Browser, debug or run the current application, and build and deploy the workspace.
PainterBar	When you open a painter or editor, PowerBuilder displays a new window that has a workspace in which you design the object you are building. PowerBuilder also displays one or more PainterBars with buttons that provide easy access to the tools available in the painter or editor.
StyleBar	<p>The StyleBar displays when you open any painter that can contain text controls, such as the Window painter. Using buttons on the StyleBar, you can modify text properties such as the font and point size.</p> 

**PowerTips** When you leave the mouse pointer over a button for a second or two, PowerBuilder can display a brief description of the button (a PowerTip). The ability to display PowerTips is toggled on and off by selecting the Show PowerTips menu item in any toolbar pop-up menu.









**Customizing the environment** You can also include brief descriptive texts on all toolbar buttons by selecting ShowText from any toolbar pop-up menu.
















In addition to displaying text in toolbar buttons, you can move the toolbars around, add new toolbars, and customize existing ones. You can add buttons for opening painters and performing other activities.






**PowerBar buttons** You can also rearrange the System Tree, Clip, and Output views, set up custom layouts for each painter, choose whether PowerBuilder opens your last workspace at start-up with or without painters and editors open, customize shortcut keys, and change the colors and fonts used in scripts.

The buttons in the PowerBar give you quick access to the most common PowerBuilder tasks:

Table 1-1: Buttons in the PowerBar

Button	Use to
 New	Create new workspace, target, component, or other object, or open a tool.
 Inherit	Inherit from menu, user object, or window.
 Open	Open an existing application, DataWindow, function, menu, pipeline, project, query, structure, user object, window, HTML page, HTML frame, style sheet, or script file.
 Preview	Preview a window or DataWindow object.
 SysTree	Show or hide the System Tree window.
 Output	Show or hide the Output window.

Button	Use to
 Next	Move to the next line in the Output window.
 Previous	Move to the previous line in the Output window.
 To-Do List	Display a list of development tasks you need to do. These can be self entered or entered automatically by PowerBuilder wizards.
 Browser	View object information (such as object properties or global variables) and copy, export, or print it.
 Clip Window	Show or hide the Clip window.
 Library	Create and maintain libraries of PowerBuilder objects.
 DB Prof	Specify how to connect to a database.
 EAS Prof	Specify how to connect to EAServer.
 Database	Maintain databases, control user access to databases, and manipulate data in databases.
 Edit	Edit a file.
 I. Build	Start an incremental build of the workspace.
 F. Build	Start a full build of the workspace.
 Deploy	Deploy the workspace.
 Skip	When a series of operations is in progress, such as a full deploy of the workspace, skip to the next operation.
 Stop	Stop a build or deploy operation or series of operations.

Button	Use to
 Debug	Debug the current target.
 Sel_Debug	Select a target and debug it.
 Run	Run the current target.
 SelRun	Select a target and run it.
 Exit	Exit from PowerBuilder.

## PowerBuilder objects

The basic building blocks of a PowerScript target are objects:

**Table 1-2: Basic building blocks of a PowerScript target**

Object	Use
Application	Entry point into an application
Window	Primary interface between the user and a PowerBuilder application
DataWindow	Retrieves and manipulates data from a relational database or other data source
Menu	List of commands or options that a user can select in the currently active window
Global function	Performs general-purpose processing
Query	SQL statement used repeatedly as the data source for a DataWindow object
Structure	Collection of one or more related variables grouped under a single name
User object	Reusable processing module or set of controls, either visual or nonvisual
Pipeline	Reproduces data within a database or across databases
Project	Packages application for distribution to users

## Application object

These objects are described in more detail in the sections that follow.

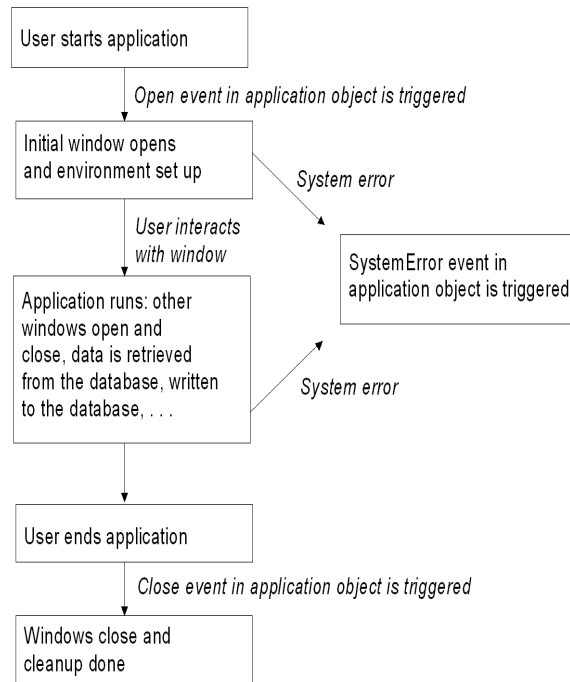
The Application object is the entry point into an application. It is a discrete object that is saved in a PowerBuilder library (PBL file), just like a window, menu, function, or DataWindow object.

The Application object defines application-level behavior, such as which fonts are used by default for text, and what processing should occur when the application begins and ends.

When a user runs the application, an Open event is triggered in the Application object. The script you write for the Open event initiates the activity in the application. When the user ends the application, the Close event in the Application object is triggered.

The script you write for the Close event typically does all the cleanup required, such as closing a database or writing to a preferences file. If there are serious errors during execution that are not caught using PowerBuilder's exception handling mechanism, the Application object's SystemError event is triggered.

**Figure 1-1: Application life cycle**



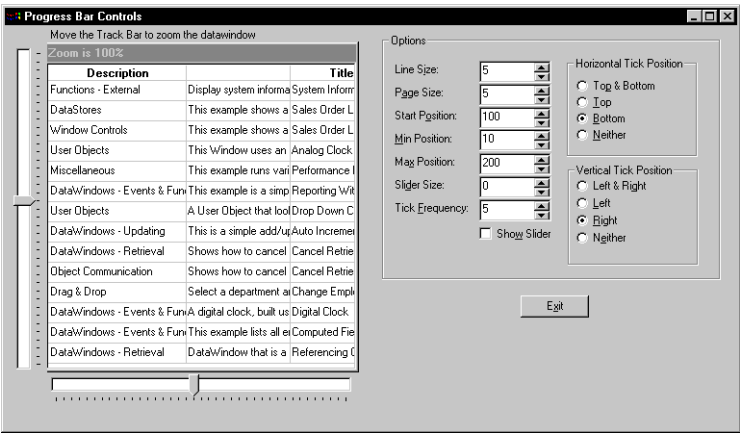
Windows

Windows are the primary interface between the user and a PowerBuilder application. Windows can display information, request information from a user, and respond to the user’s mouse or keyboard actions.

A window consists of:

- Properties that define the window’s appearance and behavior (for example, a window might have a title bar and a Minimize box)
- Events triggered by user actions
- Controls placed in the window

Windows can have various kinds of controls, as illustrated in the following picture:



On the left of the window is a DataWindow control with horizontal and vertical trackbars. On the right is a group box that contains static text controls, edit mask controls with the SpinControl property on, a check box, and two smaller group boxes with radio buttons. Under the group box is a command button.

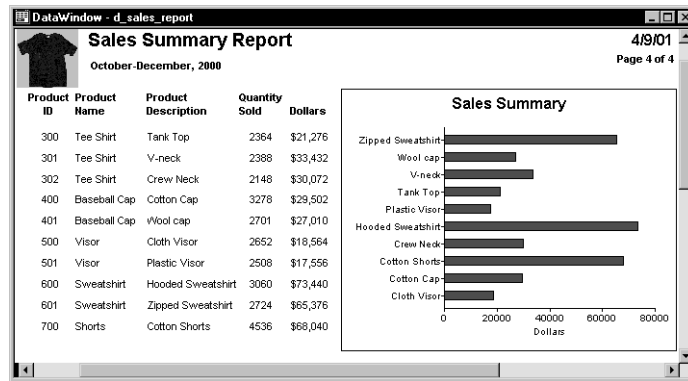
DataWindow objects

A DataWindow object is an object that you use to retrieve and manipulate data from a relational database or other data source (such as an Excel worksheet or dBASE file).

**Presentation styles** DataWindow objects also handle the way data is presented to the user. You can choose from several presentation styles. For example, you can display the data in a Tabular or a Freeform style.



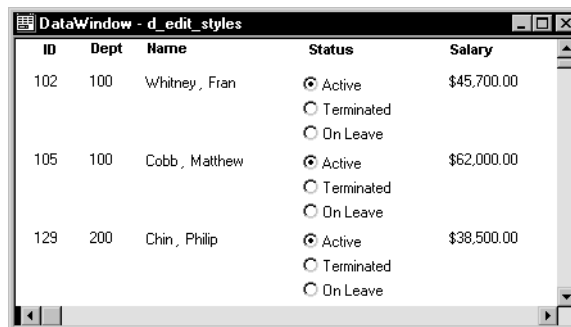
There are many ways to enhance the presentation and manipulation of data in a DataWindow object. For example, you can include computed fields, pictures, and graphs that are tied directly to the data retrieved by the DataWindow.



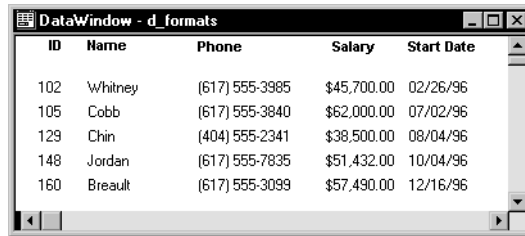
**Display formats, edit styles, and validation** You can specify how to display the values for each column, and you can validate data entered by users in a DataWindow object. You do this by defining display formats, edit styles, and validation rules for columns.

For example:

- If a column can take only a small number of values, you can have the data appear as radio buttons in a DataWindow so users know what their choices are.



- If the data includes phone numbers, salaries, and dates, you can format the display to suit the data.



ID	Name	Phone	Salary	Start Date
102	Whitney	(617) 555-3985	\$45,700.00	02/26/96
105	Cobb	(617) 555-3840	\$62,000.00	07/02/96
129	Chin	(404) 555-2341	\$38,500.00	08/04/96
148	Jordan	(617) 555-7835	\$51,432.00	10/04/96
160	Breault	(617) 555-3099	\$57,490.00	12/16/96

- If a column can take numbers only in a specific range, you can specify a simple validation rule for the data. This can spare you from writing code to make sure users enter valid data.

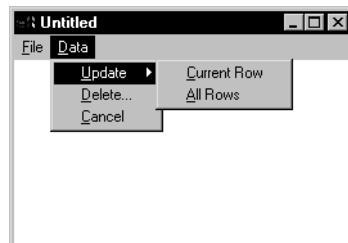
**Web DataWindow** You can generate DataWindow objects in HTML and display them in a browser, using a PowerBuilder component running in either EAServer or MTS to generate the HTML. One of the lessons in the tutorial shows you how to use a Web DataWindow in a Web target.

## Menus

Menus are lists of items that a user can select from a menu bar for the active window. The items on a menu are usually related. They provide the user with commands (such as Open and Save As on the PowerBuilder File menu) or alternate ways of performing a task (for example, the items on the Edit menu in the Window painter correspond to buttons in the PainterBar).

You can select menu items with the mouse or with the keyboard, or use accelerator (mnemonic access) keys defined for the items. You can define your own keyboard shortcuts for any PowerBuilder menu item from a dialog box that you open with the Tools>Keyboard Shortcuts menu item.

A drop-down menu is a menu under an item in the menu bar. A cascading menu is a menu that appears to the side of an item in a drop-down menu.



Each choice in a menu is defined as a Menu object in PowerBuilder. The preceding window shows two Menu objects on the menu bar (File and Data), three Menu objects on the Data menu (Update, Delete, and Cancel), and two Menu objects on the cascading menu beside Update (Current Row and All Rows).

#### Global functions

PowerBuilder lets you define two types of functions:

- Object-level functions are defined for a particular type of window, menu, or other object type and are encapsulated within the object for which they are defined. These are further divided into system functions (functions that are always available for objects of a certain object class) and user-defined functions.
- Global functions are *not* encapsulated within another object, but instead are stored as independent objects.

Unlike object-level functions, global functions do not act on particular instances of an object. Instead, they perform general-purpose processing such as mathematical calculations or string handling.

#### Queries

A query is a SQL statement that is saved with a name so that it can be used repeatedly as the data source for a DataWindow object. Queries enhance developer productivity, because they can be coded once but reused as often as necessary.

#### Structures

A structure is a collection of one or more related variables of the same or different data types grouped under a single name. In some languages, such as Pascal and COBOL, structures are called records.

Structures allow you to refer to related entities as a unit rather than individually. For example, you can define the user's ID, address, access level, and a picture (bitmap) of the employee as a structure called `user_struct`, and then refer to this collection of variables as `user_struct`.

There are two kinds of structures:

- Object-level structures are associated with a particular type of object such as a window or menu. These structures can always be used in scripts for the object itself. You can also choose to make the structures accessible from other scripts.
- Global structures are not associated with any object or type of object in an application. You can declare an instance of the structure and reference it in any script in an application.

### User objects

Applications often have features in common. For example, several applications might have a Close button that performs a certain set of operations and then closes the window, or they might have DataWindow controls that perform the same type of error checking. Several applications might all require a standard file viewer.

If you find yourself using the same application feature repeatedly, you should define a user object. You define the user object once and use it as many times as you need.

User objects can be visual or nonvisual (class). They can be further divided into standard or custom user objects. Standard user objects, whether visual or nonvisual, are system objects that are always available with PowerBuilder. You can also use controls for external visual objects that were created outside PowerBuilder. The main types of user objects are:

- **Visual user objects** These are reusable controls or sets of controls that have a consistent behavior. For example, a visual user object could consist of several buttons that function as a unit. The buttons could have scripts associated with them that perform standard processing. Once the object is defined, you can use it as often as you need.
- **Class user objects** These are reusable processing modules that have no visual component. You typically use class objects to define business rules and other processing that acts as a unit. For example, you might want to calculate commissions or perform statistical analysis in several applications. To do this, you could define a class user object. To use a class user object, you create an instance of the object in a script and call its functions.

Custom class user objects, which define functions and variables, are the foundation of PowerBuilder multitier applications.

### Libraries

You save objects, such as windows and menus, in PowerBuilder libraries (PBL files). When you run an application, PowerBuilder retrieves the objects from the library. Applications can use as many libraries as you want. When you create an application, you specify which libraries it uses.

### Projects

You can create Project objects that build executable applications and components you can deploy to a server, as well as proxy objects you use in EAServer applications.

About this chapter

This chapter describes what you will do in the PowerBuilder tutorial and how to get set up for it.

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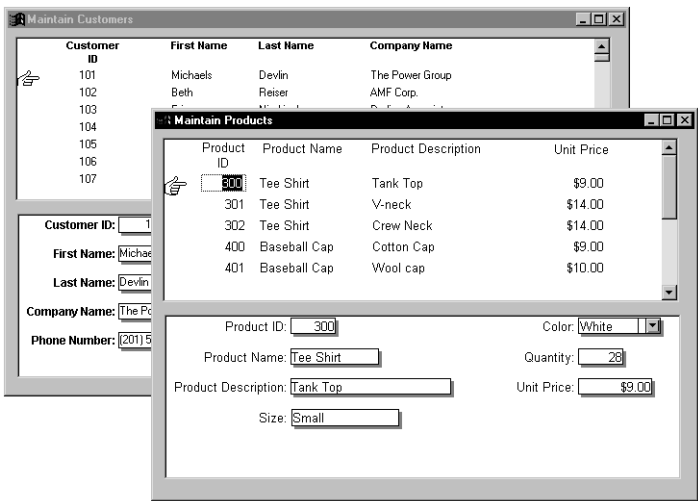
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## Learning to build a client/server application

The PowerBuilder tutorial is divided into parts. The first part of the tutorial is a series of ten exercises in which you build a Multiple Document Interface (MDI) database application for a fictional company called SportsWear, Inc. The application allows you to retrieve customer and product information from the database and perform insert, update, and delete functions against the customer and product data.

Customer and Product windows

The MDI application includes two windows that provide access to the Customer and Product tables in the EAS Demo DB database.



These windows are master/detail windows: each allows you to display a master list of rows in a particular table and also see detailed information for each row in the table. For example, the top half of the Maintain Products window contains a list of products with a pointer to a single product; the bottom half of the window displays extra detail for the current product.

Login window

The MDI application also includes a login window that allows you to connect to the database at start-up time.

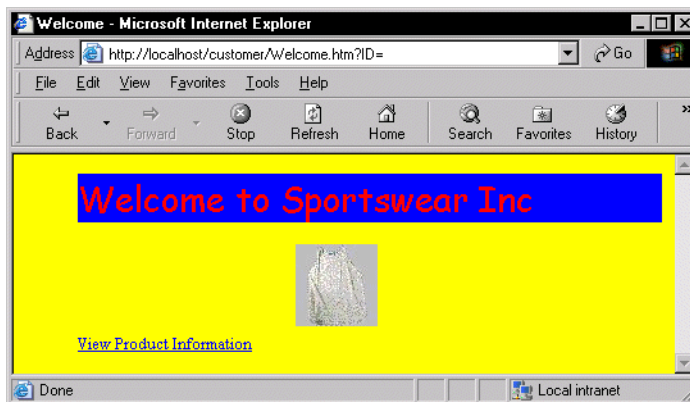


## Learning to build a PowerDynamo Web application

In the second set of exercises, you build a Web interface that allows you to add and retrieve information from the same database, but this time through a browser.

### Tutorial Web pages

The PowerDynamo Web target part of the tutorial has five Web pages that enable the user to log in, access a Welcome page, add products to the database, and view product information. Here is one example, the Welcome page.



The Web pages enable access to the data sources and display the Web DataWindows previously created.

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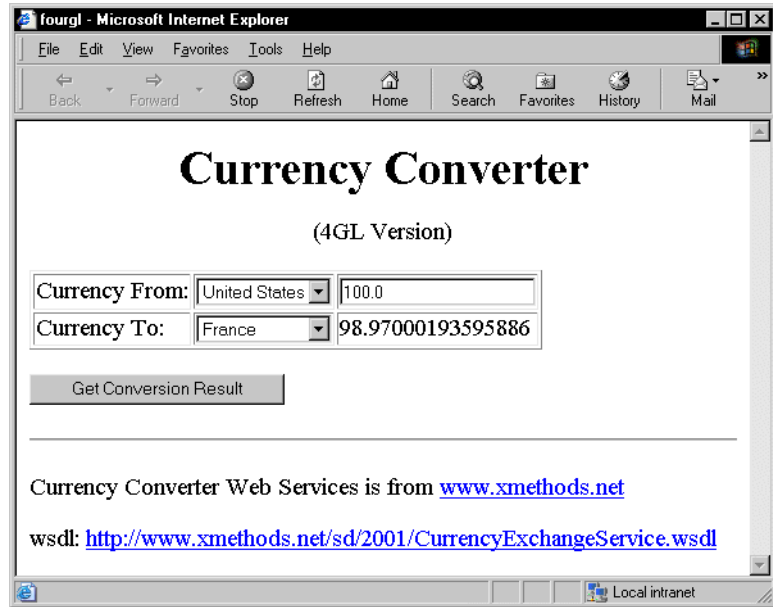
To complete the Web application portion of the tutorial, you must have:

- The Enterprise edition of PowerBuilder
  - The Web Target option of PowerBuilder installed
  - Access to EAServer and PowerDynamo
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## Learning to build a JSP Web services application

In the JSP Web target part of the tutorial, you create 3 JSP pages, including a 4GL JSP Web page. On two of the pages you will call a Web service to calculate currency exchange rates.

The following is a picture of the 4GL Web page that you create in this tutorial:



## How you will proceed

**Table 2-1: Tutorial lessons and what you will accomplish**

Lesson	What you will do
1	Start PowerBuilder; begin familiarizing yourself with the development environment; use the Workspace wizard and the Template Application wizard to create an Application object, windows, and menus in a PowerBuilder workspace and target.
2	Explore the PowerBuilder environment and customize the workspace.
3	Create a login window to allow the user to enter database connection parameters (user ID and password).



Lesson	What you will do
4	Connect to the database using the Transaction object and user-entry parameters; see how database profiles are defined in the PowerBuilder environment.
5	Change the base sheet window by adding master and detail DataWindow controls; add scripts to allow users to retrieve data and perform insert, update, and delete operations against the database.
6	Modify the frame menu and create a new sheet menu for the application.
7-8	Build the DataWindow objects that retrieve customer and product information, then add them to the Customer and Product windows.
9	Run the tutorial application in debug mode; see how to set breakpoints in scripts, step through the code, and display the contents of variables.
10	Create a new window to test exception handling in PowerBuilder.
11	Create an executable file that you can use to run the application outside the PowerBuilder development environment.
12	Create a PowerDynamo Web target, create web pages with hyperlinks and graphics, create a login page using a validation script, and deploy and build the Web pages.
13	Add Web DataWindows to the existing Web pages. Create the ability for the user to add product information to the data source and view information.
14	Create a JSP Web target using 4GL and non-4GL pages and calls to a Web service available through the Internet.

If you want to complete only the PowerDynamo or JSP Web target lessons, you can use the solution provided for the first part of the tutorial as a starting point. The solution is in the Tutorial\Solutions directory.

## How long it will take

You can do the all the tutorials in about five to six hours, or you can stop after any lesson and continue at another time.

## What you will learn

Client/ server  
applications

You will learn basic PowerBuilder techniques and concepts, including:

***Table 2-2: Features demonstrated in the PowerScript tutorial***

How to use the	To
Application painter	Define an Application object and application-level scripts
Window painter	Create SingleLineEdit controls, StaticText controls, CommandButton controls, DataWindow controls, window-level scripts, and control-level scripts
DataWindow painter	Define selection and display options
Menu painter	Define menus, menu items, accelerators, and shortcut keys
Layout view	Design how the windows, menus, and DataWindows will look when you run the application
Script view	Define scripts for applications, windows, window controls, and menus
Debugger	Identify logic errors that may cause problems when you run the application
Project painter	Create an executable version of an application

PowerDynamo or JSP  
Web applications

You will learn basic Web target techniques and concepts, including:

***Table 2-3: Features demonstrated in the Web target tutorial***

How to use the	To
Web target wizards	Design Web pages, add server interaction, and meet other requirements for working in the browser environment
Script view	Define scripts for applications, Web pages, and Web controls
HTML editor	Use the Page and Source views to edit Web pages, and learn the advantages of 4GL page design

This tutorial will not make you an expert in PowerBuilder. Only experience building real-world applications can do that. It will give you hands-on experience and provide a foundation for continued growth.

## Setting up for the tutorial

### Connecting to a database

Before you start the tutorial, you need to make sure that you can connect to a database and that you have the tutorial files.

The tutorial uses the EAS Demo DB V9 database that installs with PowerBuilder. This is an Adaptive Server Anywhere database and requires the Sybase Adaptive Server Anywhere engine.

If you do not already have Adaptive Server Anywhere on your local machine or server, you must install it now. You can install it from the PowerBuilder CD. If you installed PowerBuilder in a nondefault location, you must make sure that the *odbc.ini* registry entry defining the EAS Demo DB as a data source points to the correct location of the Adaptive Server Anywhere engine.

### The Tutorial directory

The tutorial also uses the following files:

**Table 2-4: Files required by the PowerScript tutorial**

File	Contents
<i>tutor_pb.pbl</i>	PowerBuilder library that contains several objects that you use in the tutorial
<i>pbtutor.hlp</i>	A Help file that provides context-sensitive Help to a window that you build in the tutorial
<i>tutsport.bmp</i>	A bitmap
<i>tshirtw.jpg</i>	A graphic
<i>tutorial.ico</i>	An icon

When you install PowerBuilder, these files are installed in the *Tutorial* directory, which is a subdirectory of the PowerBuilder installation directory.

When you have finished the tutorial, you can delete the files.

### The Tutorial\Solutions directory

The *Tutorial\Solutions* directory contains a PowerBuilder library called *pbtutor.pbl* that contains all the objects and scripts that you create in the first part of the tutorial, as well as workspace and target files. You can use this solutions library as a reference while you complete the first part of the tutorial.

You can also use it as a starting point if you want to complete only the Web application part of the tutorial. See “Getting the files you need for the tutorial” on page 234.

### The Web targets tutorials

Before you start the PowerDynamo Web target or JSP Web services tutorial, you must make sure the following tools are installed on your computer:

- EAServer 4.2 or later
- PowerDynamo 3.6 or later (PowerDynamo tutorial only)

- Adaptive Server Anywhere 8.0 or later
- Web targets feature of PowerBuilder
- Internet Explorer 6.0

## PART 2

# Building a Client/Server Application

This part is a tutorial that shows you how to get started with PowerBuilder. It provides step-by-step instructions for creating a simple database application.



# Starting PowerBuilder

This lesson provides the information you need to start PowerBuilder and create an application.

In this lesson you:

- Create a new workspace
- Create a target
- Specify an icon for the application
- Change the size of the main window
- Run the application

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**How long does it take?**

About 15 minutes.

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## Create a new workspace

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### Where you are

- > Create a new workspace
  - Create a target
  - Specify an icon for the application
  - Change the size of the main window
  - Run the application
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The workspace is where you build, edit, debug, and run PowerBuilder targets. You can build several targets within a single workspace, including Web targets covered in Part 3 of this tutorial.

Now you start PowerBuilder and create a new workspace.

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### First read the installation notes for this release

Any last-minute items are documented there. To make sure you have all the files necessary to complete the tutorial, see “Setting up for the tutorial” on page 23.

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- 1 **Double-click the PowerBuilder icon (representing PB90.EXE) in the Sybase>PowerBuilder 9.0 path.**  
or  
**Select Programs>Sybase>PowerBuilder 9.0>PowerBuilder 9.0 from the Windows Start menu.**

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### If the Welcome to PowerBuilder dialog box displays

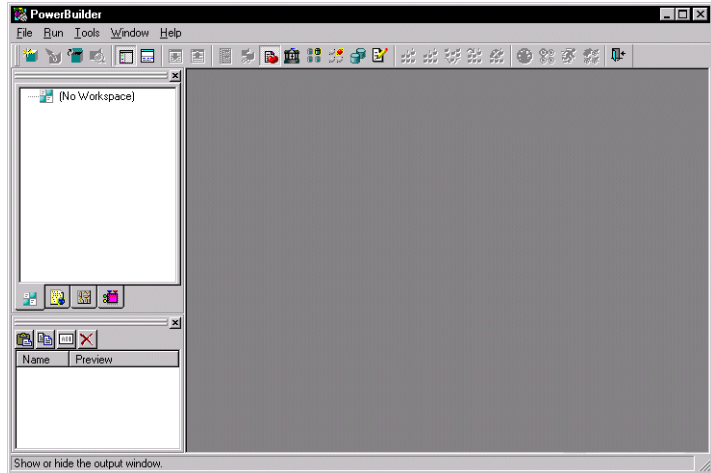
You can select the Don't Show This Dialog Again check box to keep PowerBuilder from displaying the welcome dialog box every time you start PowerBuilder. Select the Reload Last Workspace On Starting PowerBuilder check box to load the most recently used workspace each time you start a PowerBuilder session and click Close This Dialog.

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The PowerBuilder development environment displays.



If this is the first time you are opening PowerBuilder on your machine, you see only a top-level entry in the System Tree to indicate that no workspace is currently open. Otherwise, the System Tree may show a workspace with targets and objects in it.



## 2 Select New from the File menu.

or

Click the New button in the PowerBar.

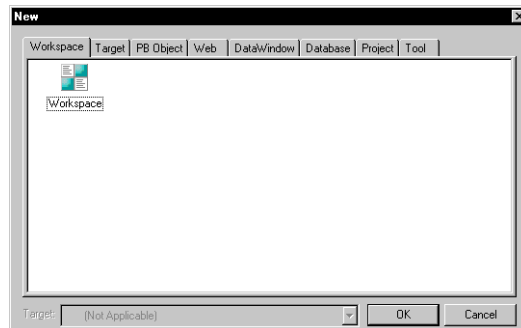
The Workspace page of the New dialog box displays.

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### If the New dialog box displays a different page

PowerBuilder displays the page of the New dialog box that was used before the dialog box was last closed. In this exercise, make sure that the Workspace page displays by clicking the Workspace tab.

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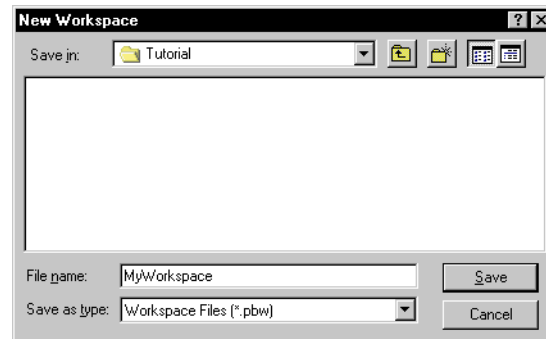


- 3 **Select Workspace from the Workspace page of the New dialog box. Click OK.**

The New Workspace dialog box displays.

- 4 **Navigate to the Tutorial folder.**

The Tutorial folder is located directly under the PowerBuilder 9.0 folder.



- 5 **Type MyWorkspace in the File name text box. Click Save.**

The New Workspace dialog box closes and the workspace you created appears as the first item in the System Tree.

## Create a target

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### Where you are

- Create a new workspace
  - > Create a target
    - Specify an icon for the application
    - Change the size of the main window
    - Run the application
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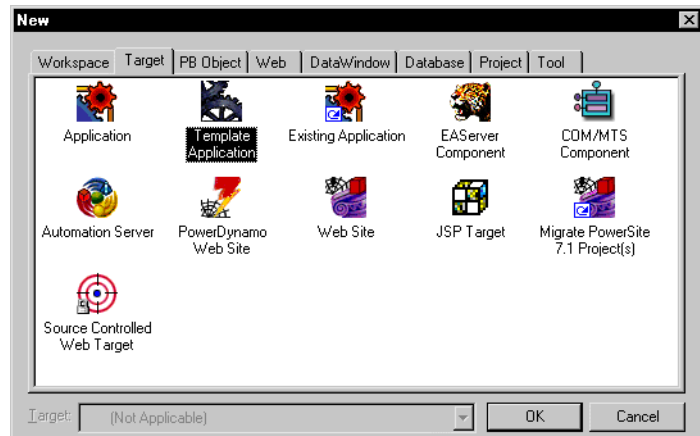
Now you create a new target using the Template Application wizard. Based on the choices you make, the Template Application wizard creates precoded events, menus, windows, and user objects in addition to the application object.

- 1 **Select New from the File menu and click the Target tab.**

*or*

**Right-click MyWorkspace in the System Tree, select New from the pop-up menu, and click the Target tab.**

The Target page of the New dialog box displays.



- 2 **Select the Template Application icon and click OK.**

The Template Application wizard displays. The first page of most wizards explains what the wizard is used for. As you step through the wizard, you can press F1 to get Help on most fields.

- 3 **Click Next until the Specify New Application and Library page displays.**

**4 Type pbtutor in the Application Name text box.**

The wizard automatically assigns file names to a library and target that use this application name. It assigns the library a PBL extension and the target a PBT extension.

**5 Click Next.**

The Specify Template Type page displays. The MDI Application with Microhelp radio button is selected. You will create an MDI template application, so you do not need to change this selection.

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**About MDI**

MDI stands for multiple document interface. In an MDI application, the main window for the application is called the MDI frame. Using the MDI frame menu bar, you can open additional windows known as sheet windows that display inside the frame window.

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**6 Click Next 4 times until the Name Individual Sheets page displays.**

In this tutorial you accept the default application type, library search path, frame and frame menu names, sheet menu and manager service, and MDI base sheet.

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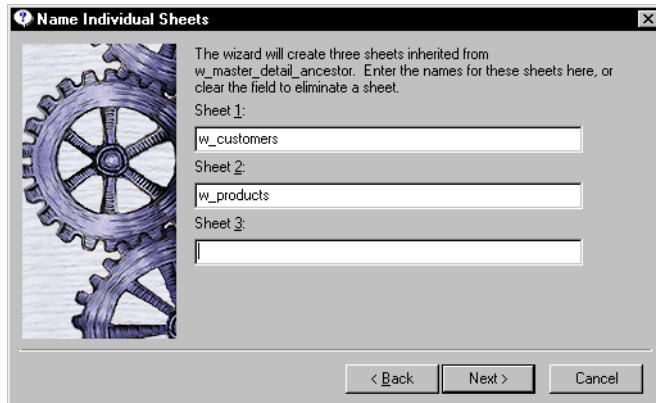
**If you have clicked Next too many times**

You can use the wizard's Back button to navigate back to the correct wizard page.

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- 7 On the **Name Individual Sheets** page, type `w_customers` for Sheet 1, `w_products` for Sheet 2, and clear the Sheet 3 text box.

PowerBuilder will generate two windows based on the default baseheet (`w_pbtutor_base` sheet), one for customers and one for products. You will add a third sheet window later — in the lesson on exception handling.

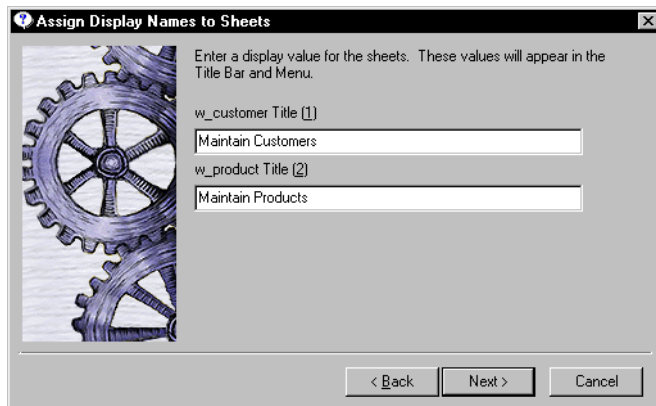


- 8 Click **Next**.

Type `Maintain Customers` as the display name for Sheet 1.

Type `Maintain Products` as the display name for Sheet 2.

The names you type will display in the title bars of these sheet windows.



- 9 Click **Next** twice.

You do not need to change the names of the About and Toolbar windows.

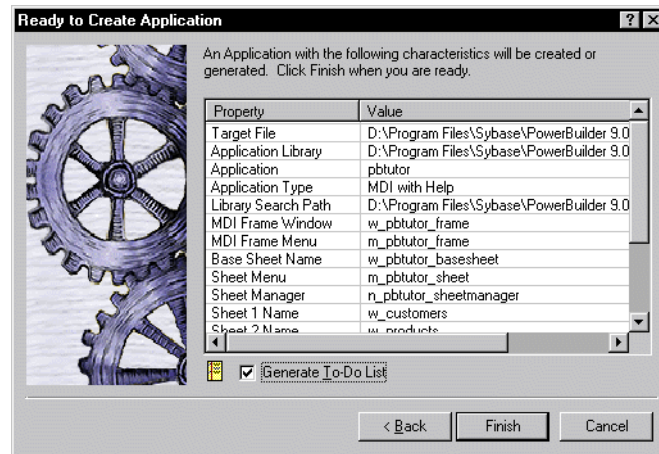
- 10 On the Specify Connectivity page, select None.**

You will add a Connection object later.

- 11 Click Next twice to display the Ready To Create Application page.**

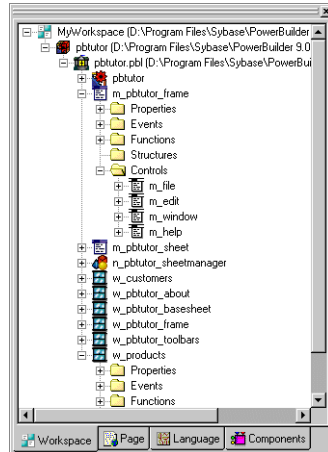
You will create a project later.

This is the last wizard page. It lists your current selections so that you can review them and use the Back button to go back and change them if necessary.



- 12 Make sure the Generate To-Do List check box is selected. Click Finish.**

The Template Application wizard creates the *pbtutor.pbt* target and the *pbtutor.pbl* library, and sets the new pbtutor application as the default application. You can expand the System Tree to view all the objects that have been created by the Template Application wizard.



## Specify an icon for the application

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### Where you are

Create a new workspace

Create a target

> Specify an icon for the application

Change the size of the main window

Run the application

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Now you specify an icon for the application. The icon appears in the workspace when you minimize the application during execution. PowerBuilder includes the icon automatically when you create an executable file. You specify an icon from the Properties view in the Application painter.

#### 1 Double-click the pbtutor application item in the System Tree.

or

**Right-click the pbtutor application item and select Edit from the pop-up menu.**

The pbtutor application item is located under the pbtutor.pbl and the pbtutor target object that you created with the Template Application wizard. Different views of the Application object display in the Application painter.

#### 2 Make sure the Properties view displays in the Application painter.

If the Properties view is not open, you can open it by selecting View>Properties from the Application painter menu bar. The menu item is grayed out if the Properties view is already open.





- 3 Click the **Additional Properties** button in the **Properties** view.

A tabbed Application property sheet displays.

- 4 Select the **Icon** tab.

- 5 Click **Browse**.

Navigate to the **Tutorial** directory.

- 6 Select the **tutorial.ico** file.

Click **Open**.

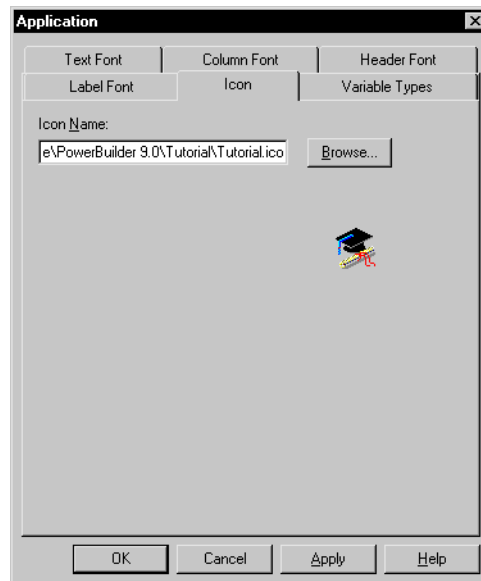
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**If you do not see the ICO file extension**

You do not see ICO file extensions if the **Hide File Extensions for Known File Types** check box is selected in the **Options** dialog box of your **Windows Explorer**.

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The tutorial icon displays on the **Icon** page of the **Application** property sheet.



- 7 Click **OK**.

Click the **Save** button in **PainterBar1** or select **File>Save**.

Click the **Close** button in **PainterBar1** or select **File>Close**.

## Change the size of the main window

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### Where you are

- Create a new workspace
  - Create a target
  - Specify an icon for the application
  - > Change the size of the main window
  - Run the application
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Now you change the size of the application's main window. When you run the application, the main window displays in the position and size that you specify.

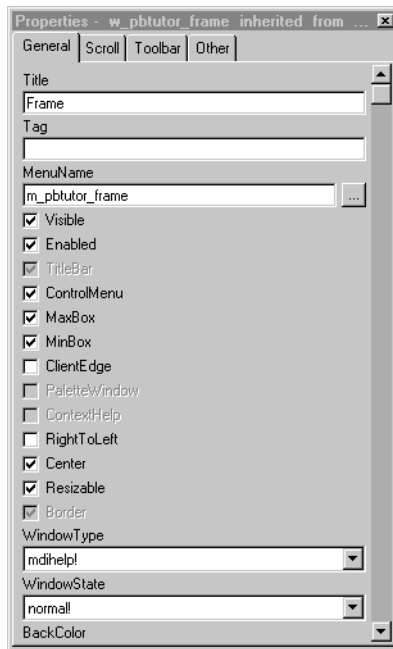
**1 Double-click `w_pbtutor_frame` in the System Tree.**

The Window painter opens the application's frame window.

**2 Check the Center check box on the General page in the Properties view.**

Now when you run the application, the frame window will be centered.

- 3 **Scroll down and select `normal!` in the `WindowState` drop-down list box.**



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**If your Properties view looks different**

You can change the position of Properties view labels by right-clicking the Properties view and selecting a preference from the pop-up menu. You can position the labels either to the left of all fields (as above), or on top of the text fields and to the right of the check boxes.

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- 4 **Click the `Other` tab in the Properties view.  
Type `3000` in the `Width` text box and `2400` in the `Height` text box.  
Press the `Tab` key.**

The size of the window rectangle in the Layout view changes. The values you type are in PowerBuilder Units (PBUs).

- 5 **Select `File>Close` from the PowerBuilder menu.  
Click `Yes` when you are prompted to save your changes.**

The Window painter closes.

Next you run the application. When you run the frame window will be centered and sized as you specified.

## Run the application

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### Where you are

- Create a new workspace
  - Create a target
  - Specify an icon for the application
  - Change the size of the main window
  - > Run the application
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Now you run the application to see how it works. At this point the application does not do very much. By running the application, you can see the windows and menus that were created for you when PowerBuilder generated the application based on your choices. You will modify them later.



#### 1 Click the Run button on the PowerBar.

The MDI frame window displays and is maximized. All MDI applications created using the Wizard have a menu bar and a toolbar with some items already coded for you.

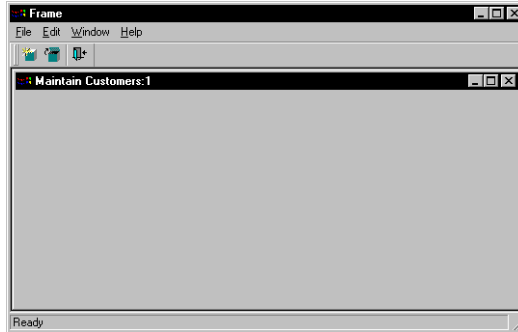
#### 2 Select File>New>Maintain Customers.

The application opens a sheet window. The display name that you typed in the Template Application wizard for Sheet 1 appears in the title bar. The sheet window title has a number after it to indicate the instance of the window that displays.

**About the number in the window title bar**

The number 1 appears following the window title because this is the first instance of the w\_customers sheet window that is open. The code that adds the instance number to the title bar is in the ue\_postopen event of the w\_master\_detail\_ancestor base sheet window.

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**3 Select File>New>Maintain Products.**

A second application sheet window displays.

**4 Select Window>Tile Horizontal.**

The sheet windows are arranged horizontally inside the MDI frame, with the active sheet window at the top.

**5 Select File>Toolbars from the menu bar.**

The application displays the Toolbars dialog box.

**6 Select Floating in the Toolbars dialog box.**

The toolbar floats within the MDI frame. You may need to move the Toolbars dialog box to see the floating toolbar.

**7 Select Top.**

The toolbar is repositioned at the top of the frame.

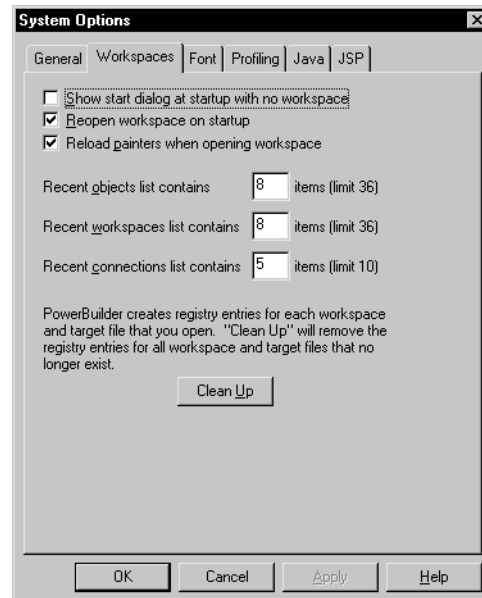
**8 Click Done to close the Toolbars dialog box.**

**9 Select File>Exit.**

The application closes and you return to the PowerBuilder development environment.

When you exit and restart PowerBuilder, you may want to have PowerBuilder in the state it was in when you exited, with the workspace and painters you were working in open.

**10 Select Tools>System Options from the menu bar and then click the Workspaces tab.**



**11 Make sure the Reopen Workspace On Startup and the Reload Painters When Opening Workspace check boxes are selected. Click OK.**

Now when PowerBuilder starts up, it opens the workspace and the painters that were open when you exited. If you were coding in PowerBuilder when you exited, the last script you were working on opens at the last line you edited.

# Customizing the PowerBuilder Environment

This lesson provides the information you need in order to become familiar with the PowerBuilder environment and to customize the workspace. This lesson is optional—you can skip to Lesson 3 if you want to.

In this lesson you:

- Manipulate the System Tree window
- Open an object
- Manipulate views
- Set up the toolbars

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**How long does it take?**

About 10 minutes.

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## Manipulate the System Tree window

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### Where you are

- > Manipulate the System Tree window
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The Workspace page in the System Tree provides you with an overview of your work. (The other pages of the System Tree are relevant for Web targets, but not for PowerScript targets). By expanding the workspace and the objects it contains, you can see the content and structure of your target.

You can work directly with all the objects in the workspace. For example, you can edit, run, search, or regenerate a window using its pop-up menu in the System Tree. In this exercise you reposition, close, and open the System Tree. You can reposition the System Tree in relation to the main window using its drag bar. You can also change the way the System Tree, Clip, and Output windows are arranged.



- 1 **Click the Output window button in the PowerBar to display the Output window.**
- 2 **Select Tools>System Options from the menu bar. Clear the Horizontal Dock Windows Dominate button on the General page.**

The System Tree and Clip windows now occupy the full height of the main window.

- 3 **Click and hold the drag bar at the top of the System Tree. Drag the System Tree to position it above, below, or to the right of the painter workspace.**

When you start dragging, a gray rectangular outline of the System Tree displays. It indicates the area that the System Tree would occupy if you released the mouse button.

- 4 **When the gray rectangular outline is positioned where you want the System Tree to display, release the mouse button.**

The System Tree displays in the new location.





- 5 **Close the System Tree by clicking the SysTree button in the PowerBar.**

The current workspace remains open, but the System Tree closes. Closing the System Tree leaves more space for the painter workspace views.

- 6 **Reopen the System Tree by clicking the SysTree button in the PowerBar again.**

- 7 **Close the Clip and Output windows by clicking their buttons on the PowerBar or by clicking the small x in the corner of each window.**

- 8 **Right-click MyWorkspace and select Close from the pop-up menu.**

The workspace closes. No workspaces display in the System Tree.

## Open an object

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### Where you are

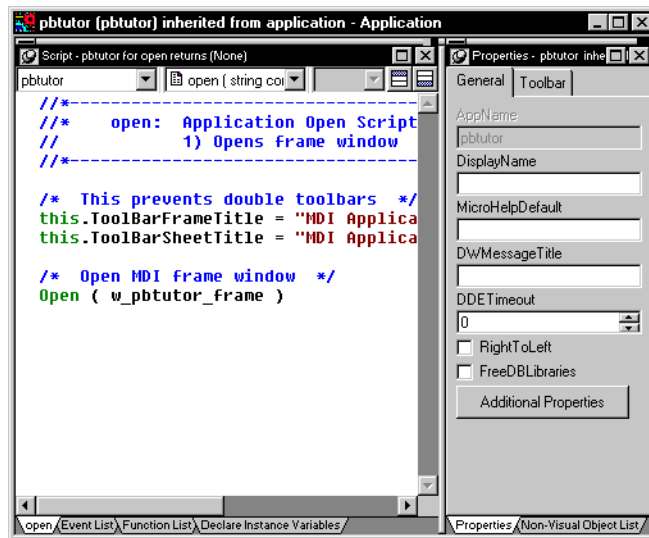
Manipulate the System Tree window

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Now you open an object created by the Template Application wizard.

- 1 **Select File>Recent Workspaces from the menu bar, then MyWorkspace from the cascading menu.**
- 2 **In the System Tree, expand MyWorkspace, the pbtutor target, and pbtutor.pbl.**
- 3 **Double-click the pbtutor application object.**  
*or*  
**Right-click the pbtutor application object and select Edit from the pop-up menu.**

The Application painter displays different views of the pbtutor application object. Your view layout scheme may look different. To display the default layout, select View>Layouts>Default.



The default Application painter layout displays two stacks of tabbed panes. The left stack contains a Script view (Open tab—it is set to the Open event on the Application object), an Event List view, a Function List view, and the Declare Instance Variables view. The right stack contains the Properties view and a Non-Visual Objects List view.

**4 Look at the code in the Open event in the Script view.**

This code, which opens the main window, was automatically generated by the wizard. You will modify this code later in the tutorial.

## Manipulate views

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### Where you are

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Now you learn to control the location and appearance of PowerBuilder painter views. You can add views to a painter workspace by selecting them from the View menu in the workspace menu bar.

You can add multiple views of the same type and you can combine views into a stack of panes with selection tabs at the bottom. You can resize a view by grabbing and dragging the separator bars that surround it or that surround neighboring views in the painter workspace.

These exercises use the Application painter to demonstrate how you can change the appearance of the painter views, but you can manipulate views in all painters in the same way.

Now you:

- Add an extra Script view
- Display view title bars
- Float and dock views
- Manipulate tabbed views
- Save a view layout scheme
- Reset the default view layout scheme

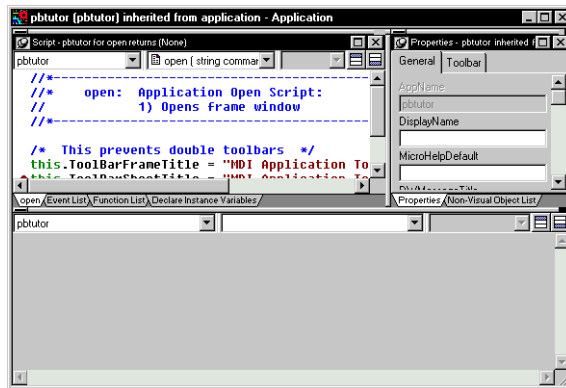
## Add an extra Script view

The default Application painter layout actually has two Script views. One of the Script views displays the script for an Application object event, and the other Script view displays the declared variables for the object instance or the entire application. Both of these Script views are in the same stack of tabbed views (panes).

Now you add a third Script view that is not part of a stack of tabbed panes. You can add multiple Script views to your painter layout, but only one of them can display a specific script.

### 1 Select View>Script from the menu bar.

A new Script view displays. It is not attached to a stack of tabbed panes. It lists the Application object in the first drop-down list box, and the second drop-down list box is empty.



If an existing Script views shows the Open event, a new Script view is empty. Otherwise it displays the Open event.

### 2 Select the Close event from the second drop-down list box.

If another Script view is already open to the Close event, an error message displays in the PowerBuilder status bar.

## Display view title bars

Now you display a view title bar by pinning it to the painter workspace background. You can see an unpinned title bar only when your cursor pauses near the top edge of a view.

- 1 **Move the cursor to the top of the extra Script view you just added.**

The view title bar rolls down. It contains a pushpin button on the left and a maximize/minimize button and a close button on the right. The name of the view displays at the left of the title bar, next to the pushpin button.



- 2 **Click the pushpin in the title bar.**

*or*

**Right-click the view title bar and click Pinned from the pop-up menu.**

The pushpin button and the Pinned menu item are toggle switches. You can click the pushpin button or the pop-up menu item to pin and unpin the view title bars.

## Float and dock views

Now you float and dock a view in the painter workspace. Floating a view enables you to move it around outside the painter frame.

- 1 Right-click the title bar of an unstacked view you want to float.**

*or*

**Right-click the tab of a view in a stack of tabbed panes.**

If the title bar is not pinned, move the cursor over the title bar area and wait until it displays before you right-click it.

- 2 Click Float in the pop-up menu.**

When a view is floated, the Float menu item is not enabled. When a view is docked, the Dock menu item is not enabled.

- 3 Drag the view around the screen.**

Notice that the floating property allows you to move the view outside the painter workspace.

- 4 Right-click the title bar of the floating view.  
Click Dock in the pop-up menu.**

The view returns to its original location.

## Manipulate tabbed views

Now you separate a view from a stack of tabbed panes and place it above the stack. You then return it to the stack and change its position in the stack.

- 1 **Press and hold the mouse button on the Function List tab.  
Drag the tab on to the separator bar that separates the two default stacks in the Application painter.  
Release the mouse button.**

When you release the mouse button, the Function List view is no longer part of a stack. If you drag the tab too far and release it over the right stack with the Properties view and Non-Visual Object List, the Function List becomes part of that stack.

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### **Alternate way to float a view from a stack**

If you hold the Ctrl or Shift key down as you drag a tabbed pane from a stack, the pane becomes a floating view.

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- 2 **Press and hold the mouse button on the Function List title bar.  
Drag it over the stack from which you separated it.  
Release the mouse button when the gray rectangular outline of the Function List view overlaps the stack.**

The Function List view returns to its original stack, but it is added as the last pane in the stack.

- 3 **Press and hold the mouse button on the Function List tab.  
Drag it sideways over the other tabs in the same stack.  
Release the mouse button when the small gray rectangular outline overlaps another tab in the stack of tabbed panes.**

The Function List view moves to the position in the stack where you release the mouse button.



## Save a view layout scheme

You can save view layout schemes for a PowerBuilder painter and use them every time you open the painter.

- 1 **Arrange the views in the painter as you like.**
- 2 **Select View>Layouts>Manage from the menu bar.**
- 3 **Click the New Layout button in the Layout dialog box.**
- 4 **Enter a name for your layout in the text field, click the background of the dialog box, and then click the x button in the upper right corner of the dialog box to close it.**

Your layout scheme is saved. Now, when you select View>Layouts, you see your layout listed on the cascading menu.

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### **Saving the toolbars and System Tree layouts**

PowerBuilder saves the customizations you make to the toolbars and System Tree separately from the view layout. It retains those settings and reapplies them to every workspace you access and every view layout you select.

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## **Reset the default view layout scheme**

Each PowerBuilder painter has a default view layout scheme. You can always reset the layout scheme to this default layout.

- 1 Select View>Layouts from the menu bar.**
- 2 Choose Default from the cascading menu.**

The default view layout scheme displays in the painter workspace.

## Set up the toolbars

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A painter workspace always includes the PowerBar and other PainterBar toolbars that you can use as you work. The buttons in the toolbars change depending on the type of target or object you are working with. You can also customize the toolbars to include additional functionality.

Now you change the appearance of the toolbars to:

- Show labels on toolbar buttons
- Float the toolbars
- Reposition the toolbars

## Show labels on toolbar buttons

You can learn a toolbar button's function by placing the cursor over it to view its PowerTip. A PowerTip is pop-up text that indicates a button's function.

You can also display a label on each toolbar button.

- 1 **Move the pointer to any button on the PowerBar, but do not click.**

The button's PowerTip displays.



- 2 **Select Tools>Toolbars from the menu bar.**

The Toolbars dialog box displays.

- 3 **Select the Show Text check box, then click the Close button.**

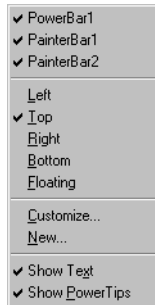
PowerBuilder displays a label on each of the buttons in the PowerBar and the PainterBars.

## Float the toolbars

You can float the toolbars so that you can move them around the painter workspace as you work.

### 1 Right-click anywhere in the PowerBar.

The pop-up menu for the toolbars displays. From the pop-up menu you can set the toolbar's location to the left, top, right, or bottom of the workspace. You can also set it to floating.

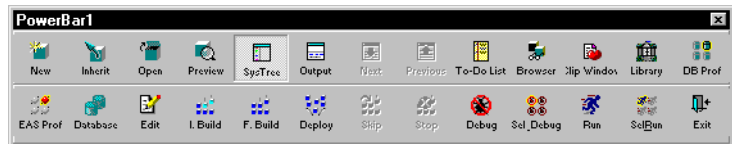


### About pop-up menus

Throughout PowerBuilder, pop-up menus provide a fast way to do things. The menu items available in the pop-up depend on the painter you are using and where you are in the workspace when you click the right mouse button.

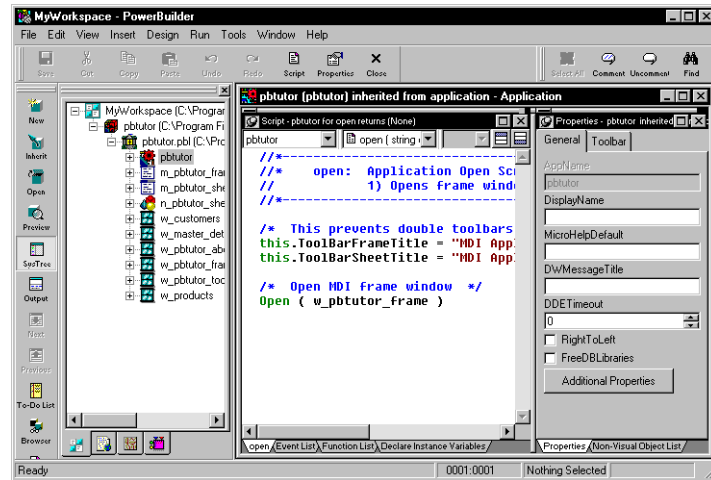
### 2 Select Floating from the pop-up menu.

The PowerBar changes to a floating toolbar. You can adjust its shape.



### 3 Move the pointer to an edge or border area in the PowerBar. Press and drag the PowerBar toward the left side of the workspace.

Release the mouse button when the PowerBar becomes a vertical bar.



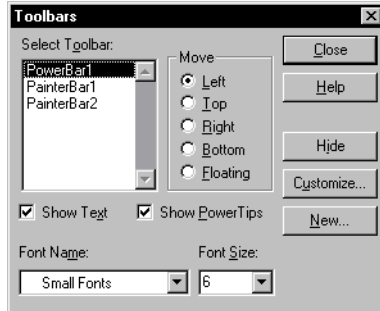
The PowerBar is docked at the left side of the frame.

## Reposition the toolbars

You can customize the position of the toolbars to suit your work style.

### 1 Select Tools>Toolbars from the menu bar.

The Toolbars dialog box displays. The selected Move radio button indicates the position of the currently selected toolbar.



### 2 Click Top.

This repositions the PowerBar at the top of the workspace.

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#### Radio buttons are grayed if a selected toolbar is hidden

If a selected toolbar is hidden (not visible) in the painter, you cannot select where it appears in the workspace. In this case, the radio buttons are grayed and you must first click the Show button before you can select a radio button.

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### 3 Click PainterBar1 in the Select Toolbar list box and select Right. Click Close in the Toolbars dialog box.

### 4 Right-click PainterBar2 and select Left from the pop-up menu.

You have swapped the locations of the two painter bars.

### 5 Arrange the toolbars to suit your preferences.

You can also drag the toolbars to the top, bottom, left, or right of the painter workspace. When a toolbar is in a fixed location, it has a drag bar at the left or top of its buttons. You can click the drag bar and drag the mouse to move the toolbar around the painter workspace.

PowerBuilder applies toolbar configuration properties to all painters and saves them for the next PowerBuilder session.

**6 Close the Application painter.**



# Building a Login Window

Windows are the main interface between users and PowerBuilder applications. Windows can display information, request information from a user, and respond to mouse or keyboard actions.

Windows are separate objects that you create using the Window painter. In PowerBuilder, you can create windows anytime during the application development process.

In this lesson you:

- Create a new window
- Add controls to the window
- Change the tab order on the window
- Code some Help events and preview the window
- Write the script to open the window

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**How long does it take?**

About 20 minutes.

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## Create a new window

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### Where you are

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Now you create a new window for the application. The window you create is a login window that allows the user to enter a user ID and password and connect to the database. The login window is a response window.

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### About response windows

Response windows are dialog boxes that require information from the user. Response windows are application modal. When a response window displays, it is the active window (it has focus) and no other window in the application is accessible until the user responds. The user can go to other applications, but when the user returns to the application, the response window is still active.

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- 1 **Click the New button in the PowerBar.**

The New dialog box displays.



- 2 **Click the PB Object tab.  
Select the Window icon and click OK.**

The Window painter opens. Notice that you have two new toolbars, the StyleBar and PainterBar3.

- 3 **Make sure that the Layout view and the Properties view display in the Window painter.**

You can display these views by selecting them from the View menu. If they are grayed out in the menu, the views are already displayed in the painter.

The default view layout scheme contains both views.

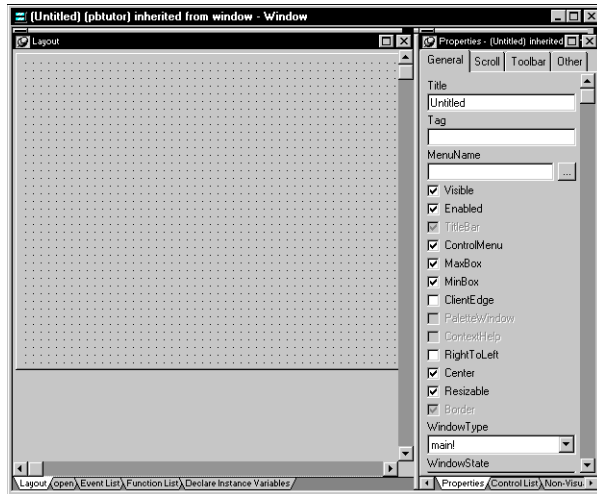
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### To retrieve the default painter layout

Select View>Layouts>Default from the workspace menu bar.

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The rectangle in the Layout view represents the window you are building. The default properties in the Properties view indicate that the window is visible and enabled, and has the Main window type. You may need to scroll down in the Properties view to see the window type.



#### If your window does not have a pegboard look

If the window in your Layout view displays as a solid color, the Show Grid option has been disabled. To enable it, select **Design > Options** from the menu bar. Then select the Show Grid check box on the General page of the Options dialog box. Click Apply, then OK to save the change and close the dialog box.

- 4 **Type `Welcome` in the Title text box on the General page of the Properties view.**  
**Select `response!` in the Window Type drop-down list box.**
- 5 **Make sure the TitleBar and ControlMenu check boxes are selected.**  
**Select the ContextHelp check box.**

The ContextHelp property adds a question-mark button next to the close button in the login window's title bar. A user can click the question-mark button to trigger Help events for the window controls.

- 6 **Click the Other tab in the Properties view.**  
**Type `2300` in the Width text box and `1000` in the Height text box.**  
**Press the Tab key.**

The size of the window rectangle in the Layout view changes. The values you type are in PowerBuilder Units (PBUs). You may need to modify these values later, while you are adding controls to the window.



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**Other methods for entering position properties**

You can use the spin controls to enter values instead of typing them.

Alternatively, you can change the size of the login window in the Layout view by moving the pointer to the bottom or right edge of the window. When it turns into a double-headed arrow, you can drag the arrow to change the window size.

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**7 Select File>Save from the menu bar.**

The Save Window dialog box displays. The only library in the Application Libraries text box is *pbtutor.pbl*, and it is selected.

**8 Type `w_welcome` for the window name.**

The prefix `w_` is standard for windows.

**9 (Optional) Type the following lines in the Comments text box:**

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This is the login window. It requires the application  
user to enter an ID and a password before continuing.
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These comments are visible in the List view of the Library painter.

**10 Click OK.**

PowerBuilder saves the new login window. If you expand MyWorkspace, pbtutor, and pbtutor.pbl in the system tree, you can see `w_welcome` listed under it.

## Add controls to the window







### Where you are



- Create a new window
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Controls allow users to interact with PowerBuilder objects, such as windows and DataWindows. You set properties of these controls and later add script for control events and functions.

**Selecting a control button from the PainterBar** You can add controls from the Insert menu or by selecting a control button in PainterBar1. Unless you customize your toolbars, there is only one control button that appears in the PainterBar. When you first open a painter, PainterBar1 includes the CommandButton control button, which has a down arrow to its right. Clicking the down arrow displays a drop-down list of control buttons.

Some of the controls you can select from the drop-down list are described in the table below:

Button appearance	Control type	Use in tutorial
	CommandButton	Default icon for the control button in PainterBar1. You add command buttons later in this lesson.
	Picture	To add a picture to the login window.
	PictureHyperLink	Not used in tutorial. Its purpose is to provide a link to a Web site.
	PictureButton	Not used in tutorial. It is like a command button, but it displays a picture as well as text.
	StaticText	To add text labels to the login window.
	StaticHyperLink	To provide a link to a Web site.

Button appearance	Control type	Use in tutorial
	SingleLineEdit	To add user entry text boxes to the login window.
	MultiLineEdit	Not used in tutorial. Its purpose is to add a multiline edit text box.

After you select a control, it appears in place of the CommandButton button on PainterBar1.

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#### Adding controls with a 3D appearance

To make your controls look three dimensional, select Design>Options from the menu bar and make sure that the Default To 3D check box is selected on the General page of the Options dialog box. You can change the window background color from the default color of ButtonFace gray from the Properties view in the Window painter.

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Now you modify the login window you just created by adding controls and changing some of their properties. You:

- Add a Picture control
- Add StaticText controls
- Specify properties of the StaticText controls
- Add SingleLineEdit controls
- Specify properties of the SingleLineEdit controls
- Add CommandButton controls
- Specify properties of the CommandButton controls

## Add a Picture control

Now you add a Picture control to the login window.



- 1 **Select the Picture button from the drop-down list of controls.**  
*or*  
**Select Insert>Control>Picture from the menu bar.**

- 2 **Click inside the rectangular window in the Layout view.**

A Picture control displays at the selected location. At the same time you add the control, the Properties view switches from displaying the window properties to displaying the control properties.

If you do not see the Properties view, select View>Properties from the menu bar. If the Properties view does not display the control properties, click the picture control in the Layout view.

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### How to delete controls

If you add a control to the window and later decide you do not want it, select the control and press the Delete key. This deletes the control and its scripts.

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- 3 **Select the text p\_1 in the Name text box on the General tab of the Properties view.**  
**Type p\_sports in the Name text box.**

This names the Picture control. The prefix p\_ is standard for Picture controls.

- 4 **Click the ellipsis button next to the PictureName text box.**

The Select Picture dialog box displays.

- 5 **Navigate to the Tutorial directory if it is not already selected.**  
**Select the tutsport.bmp file and click Open.**

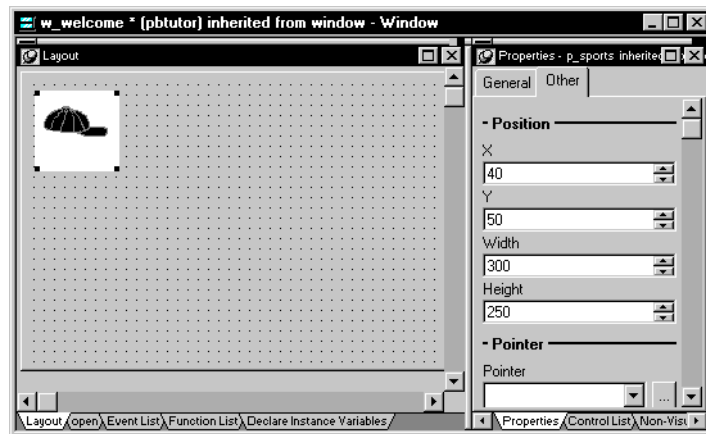
The bitmap you selected appears in the control you added to the Layout view. The Visible, Enabled, and OriginalSize check boxes are selected by default in the Properties view.

- 6 **Make sure the picture control is selected in the Layout view. Click the Other tab in the Properties view. Type 40 in the X text box and 50 in the Y text box.**

You can use the spin controls in the X and Y text boxes to enter these values. You may want to adjust the position of the picture control again after you preview the window at the end of this lesson.

- 7 **Type 300 in the Width text box and 250 in the Height text box.**

You change the size of the picture control. You may want to adjust the picture size again after you preview the window.





## Add StaticText controls

Now you add StaticText controls to the login window.



- 1 **Select the Text button from the drop-down list of controls.**  
*or*  
**Select Insert>Control>StaticText from the menu bar.**
- 2 **Click to the right of the Picture control you added in the Layout view.**  
A StaticText control displays at the selected location.
- 3 **Right-click the StaticText control and select Duplicate from the pop-up menu.**  
PowerBuilder creates a duplicate of the selected control.
- 4 **Select Duplicate from the StaticText control's pop-up menu again.**  
PowerBuilder creates another duplicate.  
  
You now have three StaticText controls arranged vertically at the top of the window.
- 5 **Adjust the location of the Static Text controls so that there is plenty of space between them.**

## Specify properties of the StaticText controls

Now you specify the properties of the StaticText controls (label text boxes) to define how they should appear on the login window.

**1 Select the first StaticText control you added.**

The Properties view displays properties of the StaticText control. If you do not see the Properties view, select View>Properties from the menu bar.

**2 Select the text st\_1 in the Name text box on the General page of the Properties view.**

**Type** st\_welcome **in the Name text box.**

Now the control has a more descriptive name. The prefix st\_ is standard for StaticText controls.

**3 Select the text none in the Text text box.**

**Type** Welcome to SportsWear, Inc.

If you press enter, tab to another page in the Properties view, or click in a different view, the text you typed replaces *none* in the Layout view.

**4 Click the Font tab in the Properties view.**

**Change the TextSize property for this control to 18 points.**

The size of the text in the control changes.

The default typeface is Arial TrueType. You can select a different typeface and font size if this one is not available on your system.

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### Using the StyleBar

You can also use the StyleBar to change fonts. If you do not see the StyleBar, select Tools>Toolbars from the menu bar, click StyleBar in the Select Toolbar list box, and click Show.

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**5 Adjust the size of the StaticText control to fit the text you entered. Keep adjusting the size until you see all of the text you entered.**

To adjust the size, drag the upper-right corner of the control toward the upper-right corner of the window in the Layout view.

You can also adjust the size by entering appropriate values on the Other page of the Properties view for this control.

- 6 **Select the second StaticText control you added in the Layout view.**  
**Type `st_userid` in the Name text box on the Properties view General page.**  
**Type `User ID:` in the Text text box and press the Tab key.**

The text that displays in the control changes.

- 7 **Select the third StaticText control you added in the Layout view.**  
**Type `st_password` in the Name text box on the Properties view General page.**  
**Type `Password:` in the Text text box and press the Tab key.**

Your changes display in the Layout view.



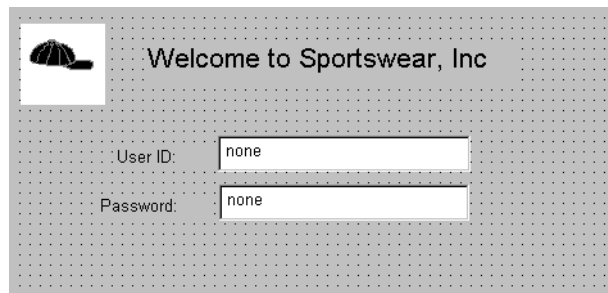
## Add SingleLineEdit controls

Now you add two SingleLineEdit controls to the window to allow the user to enter a user ID and password for connecting to the database. A SingleLineEdit control is a text box in which the user can enter a single line of text. SingleLineEdit controls are typically used for the input and output of data.



- 1 **Select the SingleLineEdit button from the drop-down list of controls.**  
*or*  
**Select Insert>Control>SingleLineEdit from the menu bar.**
- 2 **Click to the right of the st\_userid StaticText control in the Layout view.**  
A SingleLineEdit control displays where you clicked.
- 3 **Adjust the size of the SingleLineEdit control to make it wider.**
- 4 **Right-click the SingleLineEdit control and select Duplicate from the pop-up menu.**  
**Adjust the position of this SingleLineEdit control so that it is just to the right of the st\_password StaticText control.**

You should now have two SingleLineEdit controls arranged vertically to the right of the StaticText controls.



## Specify properties of the SingleLineEdit controls

Now you define the properties of the SingleLineEdit controls you just added to the login window.

**1 Select the first SingleLineEdit control you added.**

The General page of the Properties view displays properties of the SingleLineEdit control. If you do not see the Properties view, select View>Properties from the menu bar.

**2 Select the text sle\_1 in the Name text box.**

**Type sle\_userid in the Name text box.**

**Clear the default text none in the Text text box.**

The prefix sle\_ is standard for SingleLineEdit controls.

**3 Select the second SingleLineEdit control you added.**

**Type sle\_password in the Name text box.**

**Clear the default text none in the Text text box.**

**Select the Password check box.**

Because you checked the Password check box, the password the user types at runtime will display as a string of asterisks.

## Add CommandButton controls

Now you add CommandButton controls. Later you define scripts that execute when users click these buttons.



- 1 **Select the CommandButton button from the drop-down list of controls.**  
*or*  
**Select Insert>Control>CommandButton from the menu bar.**
- 2 **Click to the right of the sle\_userid SingleLineEdit control.**  
A CommandButton control displays where you clicked.
- 3 **Right-click the CommandButton control and select Duplicate from the pop-up menu.**  
PowerBuilder creates a duplicate of the selected control.
- 4 **Adjust the location of the controls as needed so that there is some space between them.**

## Specify properties of the CommandButton controls

Now you define the properties of the CommandButton controls.

**1 Select the top CommandButton control.**

The General page of the Properties view displays properties of the CommandButton control.

**2 Type `cb_ok` in the Name text box on the Properties view General page.  
Type `OK` in the Text text box.  
Select the Default check box.**

You change the default name of the control to something more descriptive and add a label to the button. Because you selected the Default check box, the Enter key triggers the Clicked event for this button.

**3 Select the bottom CommandButton control.  
Type `cb_cancel` in the Name text box.  
Type `Cancel` in the Text text box.  
Select the Cancel check box.**

Because you selected the Cancel check box, the Esc key triggers the Clicked event for this button.



## Change the tab order on the window

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### Where you are

- Create a new window
  - Add controls to the window
  - > Change the tab order on the window
  - Code some Help events and preview the window
  - Write the script to open the window
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When you place controls in a window, PowerBuilder assigns them a default tab order. The tab order determines the sequence in which focus moves from control to control when the user presses the Tab key.

Now you change the tab order for the window you created.

#### 1 Select **Format>Tab Order** from the menu bar.

PowerBuilder displays the default tab order. The number in red at the right of each control shows the control's relative position in the tab order. Controls with the number zero are skipped when the user tabs in the window.

#### 2 Click the tab order number for the `sle_userid` control. Type 10 as the tab order value for this control.

You can type a new tab order number only when the old number turns blue against a red background.

#### 3 Make sure the other controls have these values:

Click this control	Control name	Has this value
SingleLineEdit control for entering a password	sle_password	20
CommandButton control for the OK button	cb_ok	30
CommandButton control for the Cancel button	cb_cancel	40

#### 4 Select **Format>Tab Order** from the menu bar.

This is a toggle switch. Selecting this menu item a second time saves your changes and clears the tab order numbers from the login window. You can also use the Tab Order button on the PainterBar.



## Code some Help events and preview the window

### Where you are

- Create a new window
- Add controls to the window
- Change the tab order on the window
- > Code some Help events and preview the window
- Write the script to open the window

Now you use the Script view to add context-sensitive Help messages to the `SingleLineEdit` controls that you placed on the login window and you preview the window. If the Script view is not currently displayed in your Window painter, you can open it by double-clicking an object in the Layout view.

**Using the Script view** The Script view has three drop-down list boxes. The first drop-down list box displays the list of available controls for the current object plus the special entries, Functions and Declare. The contents of the second drop-down list box depend on the selection in the first drop-down list box. The third drop-down list box contains all ancestor objects of the current object, if any.

Selection in first drop-down list box	Contents of second drop-down list box	Contents of third drop-down list box
An object or control name	List of events for the selected object or control.	Current object and all its ancestor objects
Functions	List of editable functions. Displays (New Function) if no editable functions exist.	All ancestor objects with functions having the same signature as selected function
Declare	List of declaration types: global, shared, and instance variables, and global and local external functions.	Empty

### 1 Double-click the top `SingleLineEdit` control in the Layout view.

The object name, `sle_userid`, appears in the first drop-down list box in the Script view.

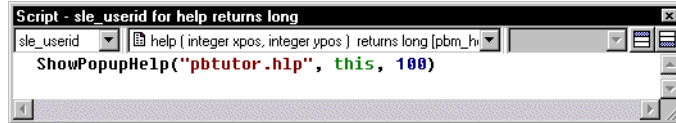
### 2 Select the Help event in the second drop-down list box in the Script view.

The Help event has the prototype: `help (integer xpos, integer ypos) returns long [pbm_help]`

**3 Type the following lines in the script area:**

```
ShowPopupHelp("pbtutor.hlp", this, 100)
```

You can find the *pbtutor.hlp* file in the Tutorial directory. The second argument refers to the current SingleLineEdit control, and the last argument to a context ID in the pbtutor.hlp file.



As you type text in the Script view, notice that PowerBuilder changes the text colors to show what kind of syntax element you have entered (such as keywords, variables, and comments).

**4 Select sle\_password from the first drop-down list box in the Script view.**

**Select the Help event in the second drop-down list box.**

PowerBuilder compiles the code you typed for the Help event of the sle\_userid SingleLineEdit text box. You now add a Help event for the sle\_password SingleLineEdit text box.

**5 Type the following lines in the script area:**

```
ShowPopupHelp("pbtutor.hlp", this, 200)
```

**6 Select File>Run/Preview from the menu bar.**

*or*

**Click the Run/Preview Object in the PowerBar.**

The Run dialog box displays. Be sure the Objects of Type list box displays Windows and the w\_welcome object is selected.

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**Previewing the window**

You can preview the window without running scripts by selecting Design>Preview on the menu bar or the Preview button in PainterBar1 (which uses the same icon as the Run/Preview Object button in the PowerBar). However, do not use either of these methods if you want to view the results of the Help event scripts you just entered.

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**7 Click OK.**

A message box prompts you to save your changes.

**8 Click Yes.**

The login window appears as it would at runtime. If you do not like the window layout, you can change the size, location, and fonts of the window controls when you go back to the Window painter workspace.

**9 Click the question-mark button in the login window title bar.  
Click inside the sle\_userid SingleLineEdit text box.**

A message displays: `Type your user ID here.` This text is associated with context ID `100` in the `pbtutor.hlp` file. You entered the context ID as an argument of the `ShowPopupHelp` call for the `sle_userid` Help event.

**10 Click anywhere in the window to close the message.  
Click inside the sle\_password SingleLineEdit text box and press F1.**

A message displays: `Type your password here.` This text is associated with context ID `200` in the `pbtutor.hlp` file.

**11 Click anywhere in the window to close the message.  
Click the close window button in the login window title bar.**

You return to the Window painter workspace.

Later you add code to the `Clicked` event for the `Cancel` button that closes the application.

**12 Close the Window painter.**

## Write the script to open the window

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### **Where you are**

Create a new window

Add controls to the window

Change the tab order on the window

Code some Help events and preview the window

> Write the script to open the window

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Now you add a one-line script to open the login window as soon as the application starts executing. You add this script to the Open event of the MDI frame window. This window (`w_pbtutor_frame`) was created by the Template Application wizard.

The MDI frame is called by the application Open event. However, because the login window is a response window, if you call the login from the frame window, the login window still displays before the frame window.

In this exercise you:

- Modify the frame window Open event
- Compile the script

## Modify the frame window Open event

The frame window is called by the application object Open event. Now you modify the frame window Open event script to open the login window. The login window still opens before the frame window because it is a response window, and therefore it (temporarily) blocks execution of the remainder of the frame window Open event script.

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### Wizard-generated script

The frame window Open event already has a script associated with it that was generated by the Template Application wizard. The script creates an instance of a wizard-generated user object that serves as a sheet (window) manager. The Open script then calls the ue\_postopen event.

The ue\_postopen event registers sheet windows with the sheet manager. The event is posted to the end of the messaging queue for the window and is not processed until the remainder of the Open script (that you add in this lesson) is executed.

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#### 1 Select File>Open from the menu bar.

**Make or verify the following item selections in the Open dialog box:**

Open dialog box item	Selection to make (or verify)
Target	pbtutor—currently your only target
Libraries	pbtutor.pbl—currently your only library
Objects of Type	Windows
Object Name	w_pbtutor_frame
Using	Painter

The w\_pbtutor\_frame object is the main application window created by the Template Application wizard.

#### 2 Click OK.

The Window painter opens and displays views of the main application window in the painter workspace.

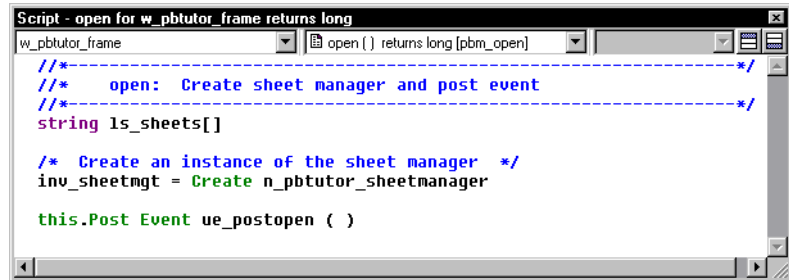
If the Script view is not open, you can open it by selecting View>Script in the workspace menu bar or by double-clicking inside the Layout view.

#### 3 Make sure the Open event displays in the Script view.

**Display the Script view title bar by pinning it to the painter background.**

The title bar of the Script view reads:

Script - w\_pbtutor\_frame for open returns long



The PowerScript code in the Script view is preceded by comments.

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### Using comments

A comment in PowerScript is indicated by either two forward slashes (//) at the start of a single-line comment, or a slash and an asterisk (/\*) at the start and an asterisk and a slash (\*/) at the end of a single-line or multiline comment. Comments are not parsed by the script compiler.

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You now modify the Open event script to cause the login window to display.

**4 Click after the parentheses in the line that reads:**

```
this.Post Event ue_postopen ( )
```

The ue\_postopen event does not take any arguments.

**5 Press Enter twice.**

You add a blank line in the Script view for legibility. The cursor moves to a new line following the blank line.

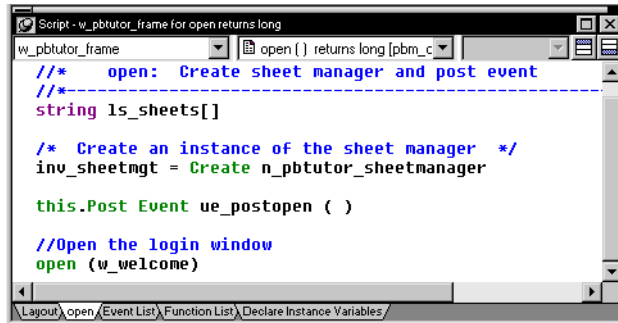
**6 Type Open the login window on the new line in the Script view. Click the Comment button in PainterBar2.**

Two slashes appear in front of the line you typed—it is changed into a comment.

**7 Press Enter to add a new line.**

Type `open (w_welcome)` on the new line in the Script view.

This calls the Open function to display the login window you created.

**Accessing context-sensitive Help**

To access context-sensitive Help for a function or reserved word (such as Open), select the function or reserved word in the Script view and press Shift+F1. You can always open the main Help screen by pressing F1.

## Compile the script

Now you compile the script you just typed. PowerBuilder compiles a script when you close the Script view or when you select a different object, event, or function for display in the Script view.

In this exercise, you use a pop-up menu item to compile the script without closing the Script view or changing to a different script.

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### Handling errors in scripts

When there is an error in a script, an error window displays at the bottom of the Script view with the line number of the error and the error message.

**To find an error** Click on an error message to move the cursor to the line that contains that error. After you correct the error, you can try to compile the script again.

**Commenting out errors** PowerBuilder does not save a script that has errors. If you want to save a script that has errors, select the entire script and click the Comment button. You can come back later, uncomment the code, and fix the problem.

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- 1 **Right-click anywhere in the Script view script area.**  
**Select Compile from the pop-up menu.**

The script compiles. You do not leave the Script view or the Window painter workspace.

- 2 **Select File>Save from the menu bar.**  
**Select File>Close from the menu bar.**

The Window painter closes.



# Connecting to the Database

This lesson shows you how to make the application connect to the Enterprise Application Sample (EAS Demo DB) database at execution time and how to use the Database painter to look at the table definitions and database profile for this database.

In this lesson you:

- Look at the EAS Demo DB database
- Run the Connection Object wizard
- Declare a global variable
- Modify the connection information
- Complete the login and logout scripts
- Run the application

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**How long does it take?**

About 25 minutes.

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## Look at the EAS Demo DB database

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### Where you are

- > Look at the EAS Demo DB database
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In many organizations, database specialists maintain the database. If this is true in your organization, you may not need to create and maintain tables within the database. However, to take full advantage of PowerBuilder, you should know how to work with databases.

**Defining a data source** You can define a database as a data source using the ODBC administrator or other database connection utilities. You can access the ODBC Administrator from the DataBase Profile dialog box. The definitions of ODBC data sources are stored in the *odbc.ini* registry key.

**Using database profiles to connect** Once you define a data source, you can create a database profile for it. A database profile is a named set of parameters that specifies a connection to a particular data source or database. Database profiles provide an easy way for you to manage database connections that you use frequently. When you are developing an application, you can change database profiles to connect to a different data source.

**When database connections occur** PowerBuilder can establish a connection to the database in either the design-time or runtime environment. PowerBuilder connects to a database when you open certain painters, when you compile or save a PowerBuilder script that contains embedded SQL statements, or when you run a PowerBuilder application that accesses the database.

To maintain database definitions with PowerBuilder, you do most of your work using the Database painter. The Database painter allows you to:

- Create, alter, and drop tables
- Create, alter, and drop primary and foreign keys
- Create and drop indexes
- Define and modify extended attributes for columns
- Drop views

In this exercise you:

- Look at the database profile for the EAS Demo DB database
- Look at table definitions in the EAS Demo DB database

## Look at the database profile for the EAS Demo DB database

If you installed PowerBuilder with standard options, you already have a data source and a database profile defined for the EAS Demo DB database. You use the EAS Demo DB database in this tutorial.

The EAS Demo DB database is an Adaptive Server Anywhere database that is accessed through ODBC. In this lesson you look at the database profile for the EAS Demo DB database. PowerBuilder stores database profile parameters in the registry.



- 1 **Click the Database Profile button in the PowerBar.**  
*or*  
**Select Tools>Database Profile from the menu bar.**

PowerBuilder displays the Database Profiles dialog box, which includes a tree view of the installed database interfaces and defined database profiles for each interface.

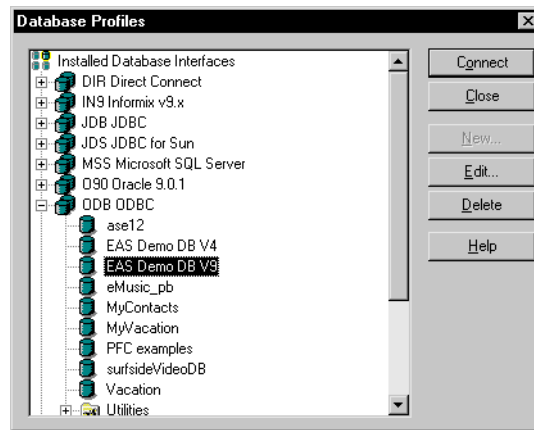
- 2 **Select EAS Demo DB V9.**

PowerBuilder creates this profile during installation.

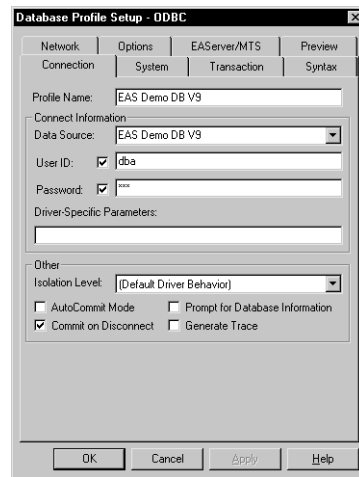
**If you do not see the EAS Demo DB V9 database profile**

If there is no profile for the EAS Demo DB V9 database, you may not have installed the database. You can install it now from the product CD.

If you did install the database and it is defined as a data source in the ODBC Administrator, select ODBC in the tree view of the Database Profile painter and click New. In the Database Profile Setup dialog box, select the data source from the Data Source drop-down list box and type EAS Demo DB V9 in the Profile Name text box. Type dba for the user ID and sql for the password, then click OK to return to the painter.

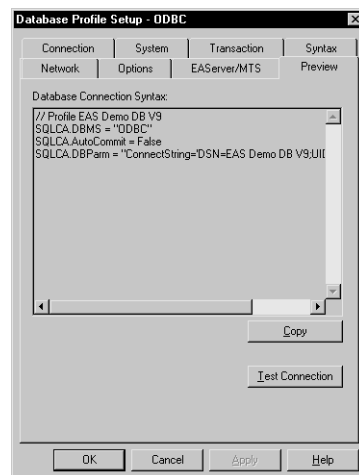
**3 Click Edit.**

PowerBuilder displays the Connection page of the Database Profile Setup dialog box.



**4 Select the Preview tab.**

The PowerScript connection syntax for each selected option is shown on the Preview tab. If you change any options, the syntax changes.



**5 Click the Test Connection button.**

A message box tells you that the connection has been successful.

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**If the message box tells you the connection is not successful**

Close the message box and verify that the information on the Connection page of the Database Profile Setup dialog box is correct. Then check the configuration of the data source in the ODBC Administrator.

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- 6 **Click OK to close the message box.**  
**Click Cancel to close the Database Profile Setup dialog box.**  
**Click Close to close the Database Profiles dialog box.**

## Look at table definitions in the EAS Demo DB database

Now you look at the definitions for the Customer and Product tables in the EAS Demo DB database. This helps you become familiar with the Database painter and the tables you will use in the tutorial.

**What happens when you connect** To look at the table definitions, you have to connect to the database. When you connect to a database in the development environment, PowerBuilder writes the connection parameters to the Windows registry.

Each time you connect to a different database, PowerBuilder overwrites the existing parameters in the registry with those for the new database connection. When you open a PowerBuilder painter that accesses the database, you automatically connect to the last database used. PowerBuilder determines which database this is by reading the registry.



### 1 Click the Database button in the PowerBar.

PowerBuilder connects to the database and the Database painter opens. The Database painter title bar identifies the active database connection.

The Objects view of the Database painter displays all existing database profiles in a tree view under the Installed Database Interfaces heading. You can click the + signs or double-click the icons next to items in the tree view to expand or contract tree view nodes. The EAS Demo DB V9 database is visible under the ODBC node in the tree view.

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#### **If the Objects view is not open**

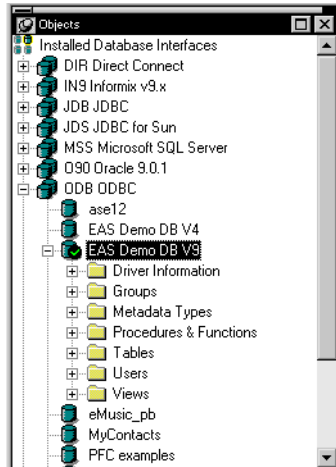
The Objects view is part of the default view layout scheme. To reset to this scheme, select View>Layouts>Default. You can also open an Objects view by selecting View>Objects from the menu bar.

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### 2 Expand the EAS Demo DB V9 database node in the Objects view.



Notice the folders under the EAS Demo DB V9 database node.



**3 Expand the Tables folder.**

You see the list of tables in the database.

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**Table names may have a prefix**

The table names in the Select Tables dialog box may have a prefix such as *dba* or *dbo*. This depends on the login ID you are using. You can ignore the prefix.

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**4 Right-click the customer table and select Add To Layout from the pop-up menu.**

*or*

**Drag the customer table from the Objects view to the Object Layout view.**

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**Dragging an object from one view to another**

When you start dragging an object from the Objects view to another view, the pointer changes to a barred circle. If you continue moving the cursor to a view that can accept the object, the barred circle changes back to a pointer with an additional arrow symbol in a small box. When you see this symbol, you can release the object.

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**5 Repeat step 4 for the product table.**

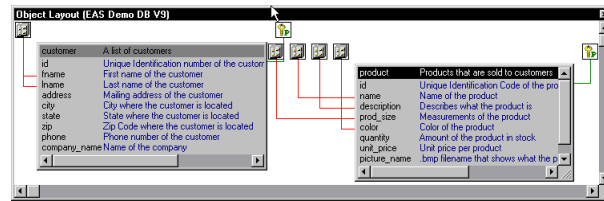
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**Widening the Object Layout view**

You can widen the Object Layout view by dragging its separator bars toward the painter frame. If the Object Layout view is part of a stack, you may find it easier to separate it from the stack before you change its size.

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The Object Layout view shows the two tables you selected.



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**Viewing table data types, comments, keys, and indexes**

In the Object Layout view, you can see a description for each column, as well as icons for keys and indexes. If you do not see this, right-click a blank area inside the view and select Show Comments, Show Referential Integrity, and then Show Index Keys from the pop-up menu. If you select Show Datatypes, you also see the data type for each column in the selected tables.

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**6 Right-click the title bar of the customer table in the Object Layout view and select Alter Table from the pop-up menu.**

*or*

**Right-click the customer table in the Objects view and select Alter Table from the pop-up menu.**

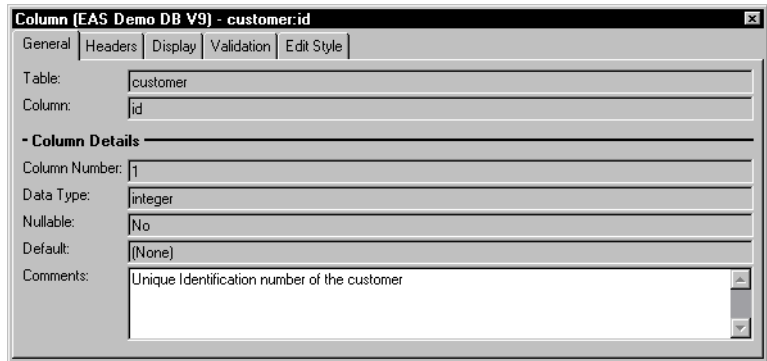
The Columns view displays the column definitions for the table.

**7 Right-click a column of the customer table in the Object Layout view. Select Properties from the pop-up menu.**

The Properties view in the Database painter is also called the Object Details view.

The title bar and tab headings for the Object Details view change dynamically depending on the current object selection. The title bar gives the object type, the database connection, and the object identifier.

The Object Details view for a column has five tabs, one for general database properties, one for column header information, and the others for column extended attributes.



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#### About extended attributes

PowerBuilder stores extended attribute information in system tables of the database. Extended attributes include headers and labels for columns, initial values for columns, validation rules, and display formats.

You can define new extended attributes or change the definitions of existing extended attributes from the pop-up menus of items in the Extended Attributes view of the Database painter.

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#### 8 Close the Database painter.

## Run the Connection Object wizard

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### Where you are

- Look at the EAS Demo DB database
  - > Run the Connection Object wizard
  - Declare a global variable
  - Modify the connection information
  - Complete the login and logout scripts
  - Run the application
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Now you run the Connection Object wizard to create a connection service manager that you use to establish the runtime database connection.

The connection service manager is a nonvisual user object. It is nonvisual because it does not have a graphic representation in the runtime application; it is a user object because it is a customized object. You use it to perform database connection processing in a PowerBuilder application.

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### Why you run a second wizard

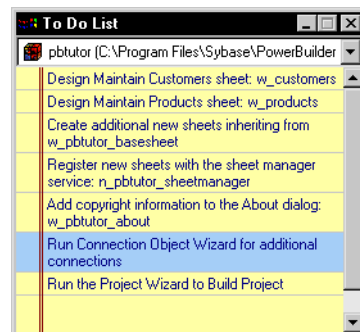
If you had specified connection information in the Template Application wizard, you would have created the connection service manager when you generated the application. You can use multiple wizards in building your application.

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#### 1 Click the To-Do List button in the PowerBar.

The To-Do List was generated by the Template Application wizard.



- 2 **Double-click the Run Connection Object Wizard item in the list.**  
*or*  
**Right-click the Run Connection Object Wizard item.**  
**Select Go To Link from the pop-up menu.**

This is the next-to-last item in the list. The To-Do List lists what you need to do to complete the application. You can also use the list to make comments to yourself or other developers working on the application.

You could also run the Connection Object wizard from the PB Object page of the New dialog box. You used the New dialog box to run the Template Application wizard in Lesson 1, “Starting PowerBuilder”.

The first page of the wizard tells you what it can do.

- 3 **Click Next until the Choose Database Profile page displays.**

You accept the wizard’s default selections for the destination library (*pbtutor.pbl*) and the database connectivity options (SQL). The Choose Database Connection Profile page lists all the database profiles stored in the registry.

- 4 **Select EAS Demo DB V9 in the Database Profiles list box if it is not already selected.**

If you just installed PowerBuilder, this is the only database profile listed.

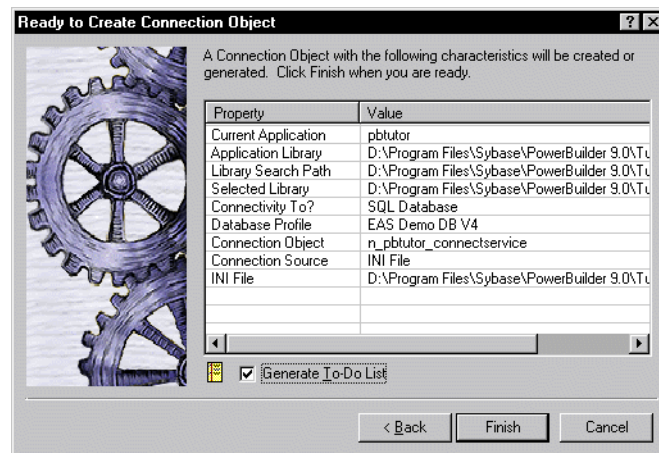
- 5 **Click Next until the Ready To Create Connection Object page displays.**

You accept the default settings for the following items:

Wizard page	Option	Default selection
Specify Connectivity Source Info	Source of Connection Information	Application INI File
	Connection Service Object	n_pbtutor_connectservice
Name Application INI File	Application INI File	<i>pbtutor.ini</i>

The wizard creates the `n_pbtutor_connectservice` user object to manage your database connections. If you change an instance variable in this connection service object, you can change the source of connection information to the registry or to a script file. Otherwise, the *pbtutor.ini* file—created by the wizard—is used for application connection information.

The last wizard page contains a summary of your choices, including the default selections.



**6 Click Finish.**

The wizard creates the connection service object and opens it. It also creates the application INI file. The To-Do List is still open.

**7 Close the To-Do List.**

## Declare a global variable

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**Where you are**

Look at the EAS Demo DB database

Run the Connection Object wizard

> Declare a global variable

Modify the connection information

Complete the login and logout scripts

Run the application

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You will next examine the new connection service manager and create a global variable to reference it. A global variable is available to all objects in the application.

In more complex applications, you might prefer to reference the connection service manager with local variables. This would release more memory as soon as the local variable went out of scope. But in the tutorial, you should keep an instance of the connection service manager available as long as the database connection is open.

**Establishing a connection** To make it possible for an application to connect to the database at execution time, the connection service manager calls a wizard-generated function to set properties for a Transaction object that serves as a communications area between the application and the database.

**SQLCA Transaction object** The connection service manager uses a built-in nonvisual system object, the SQL Communications Area (SQLCA) object, as the default Transaction object. The SQLCA object has several default properties (including database name, login ID, and password) that are populated by the connection service manager.

If an application communicates with multiple databases, you can create additional Transaction objects as needed, one for each database connection.

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**What is required and what is not**

You must have a Transaction object to connect to a database. The connection service manager is not required, but is used in the tutorial because it generates Transaction object properties you would otherwise have to type in an application script.

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- 1 **Make sure `n_pbtutor_connectservice` is open in the User Object painter.**

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#### Opening the connection service manager

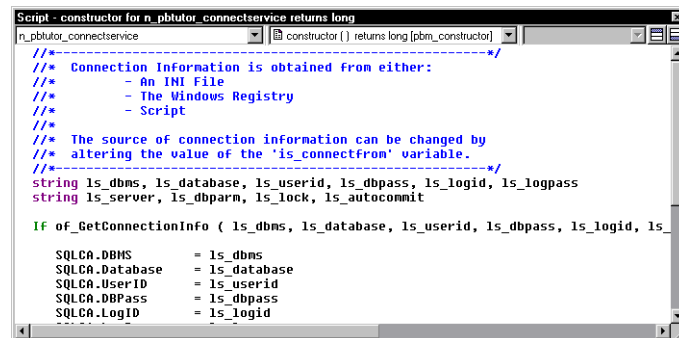
If the `n_pbtutor_connectservice` object is not open in the User Object painter, double-click `n_pbtutor_connectservice` in the System Tree.

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The default view layout scheme for this painter includes a Script view and a Declare Instance Variables view as part of a stack of tabbed panes.

- 2 **Make sure `n_pbtutor_connectservice` is selected in the first drop-down list box of a Script view. Make sure the Constructor event is selected in the second drop-down list box.**

The Script view displays the script created by the Connection Object wizard for the Constructor event.



```
Script - constructor for n_pbtutor_connectservice returns long
n_pbtutor_connectservice
constructor () returns long [pbm_constructor]

/*-----*/
/* Connection information is obtained from either:
/*   - An INI file
/*   - The Windows Registry
/*   - Script
/*
/* The source of connection information can be changed by
/* altering the value of the 'is_connectfrom' variable.
/*-----*/
string ls_dbms, ls_database, ls_userid, ls_dbpass, ls_logid, ls_logpass
string ls_server, ls_dbparm, ls_lock, ls_autocommit

IF of_GetConnectionInfo ( ls_dbms, ls_database, ls_userid, ls_dbpass, ls_logid, ls_

    SQLCA.DBMS      = ls_dbms
    SQLCA.Database   = ls_database
    SQLCA.UserID     = ls_userid
    SQLCA.DBPass     = ls_dbpass
    SQLCA.LogID      = ls_logid
```

The script calls the function of `_GetConnectionInfo` to obtain connection information. You will next look at the script for this function.

- 3 **Select Functions in the first drop-down list box in a Script view. Select `of_GetConnectionInfo` in the second drop-down list box.**

The script for this function passes database connection information to the Constructor event of the connection service manager. The information passed depends on an instance variable. In this case, the value of the `is_connectfrom` variable is 1. You verify this in a moment. The instance variable is available to all functions and events of the `n_pbtutor_connectservice` object.



Because the `is_connectfrom` variable is 1, the connection service manager looks to the Database section of the named INI file to get database connection information using `ProfileString` function calls. In this case, the named INI file is *pbtutor.ini*. You created this file with the Connection Object wizard.

Later you modify the *pbtutor.ini* file and the `_GetConnectionInfo` function to make sure that user ID and password information comes from the login window instead of the INI file.

#### 4 Select of `_ConnectDB` in the second drop-down list box.

This is the connection service manager function that actually connects to the database using the `SQLCA` Transaction object. You call this function from the login window you created in Lesson 3, “Building a Login Window”.

Notice that the wizard-generated script for this function also opens a message box if the database connection fails.

#### 5 Select of `_DisconnectDB` in the second drop-down list box.

This is the connection service manager function that disconnects from the database. You call this function from the application Close event.

#### 6 Click the **Declare Instance Variables** tab. Make sure **Instance Variables** is selected in the second drop-down list box.

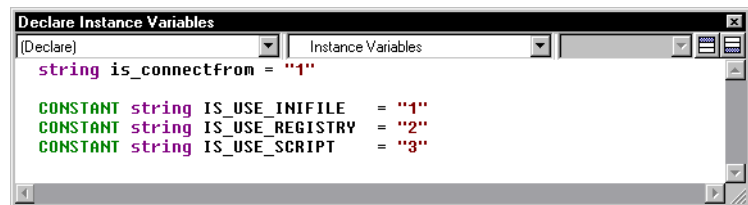
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##### Selecting Declare in Script views

The **Declare Instance Variables** view is a special instance of the Script view. It displays when you select **Declare** in the first drop-down list box of the Script view. However, you cannot select **Declare** if a second Script view already displays instance variables.

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You can now verify that the value of the `is_connectfrom` variable is 1.



- 7 Select Global Variables in the second drop-down list box.**  
**Drag n\_pbtutor\_connectservice from the System Tree to the Script view.**

Dragging object and function names from the System Tree to the Script view saves time and helps avoid typing errors.

- 8 Complete the line by typing the variable name after the object name:**

```
n_pbtutor_connectservice gnv_connect
```

Although you declare this object in the Script view for the n\_pbtutor\_connectservice user object, it is available everywhere in the application.

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#### **Naming conventions for variables**

To make scripts easier to read, it is best to follow a standard naming convention. The recommended standard is to give each variable a 2-letter or 3-letter prefix followed by an underscore ( \_ ). The first letter of the prefix identifies the scope of the variable (for example: g for global, l for local) and the next letter or letters identify the data type (for example: s for string, l for long, or nv for nonvisual object).

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- 9 Click the Save button in the PainterBar.**

*or*

**Select File>Save from the menu bar.**

PowerBuilder compiles the script and saves it. If you had typed the global variable data type (instead of dragging it from the System Tree) and you made a typing error, an error message would display. You would then correct the error and select Save again.

## Modify the connection information

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**Where you are**

- Look at the EAS Demo DB database
  - Run the Connection Object wizard
  - Declare a global variable
  - > Modify the connection information
  - Complete the login and logout scripts
  - Run the application
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You can now call the connection service manager to establish a database connection, but you should open a database connection only if the user enters a valid ID and password in the login window. You will therefore add the connection service call to the Clicked event of the OK button on this window, substituting user-entered information for information from the *pbtutor.ini* file.

Before you do that though, you remove or comment out the ProfileString calls that the connection service manager makes to get user ID and password information from the INI file. Then you modify the DBParm parameter in the *pbtutor.ini* file, because it includes hard-coded user ID and password values that were copied from the *pb.ini* file.

In this exercise you:

- Modify the of\_GetConnectionInfo function
- Call the connection service manager

## Modify the of\_GetConnectionInfo function

You looked at the of\_GetConnectionInfo function in the last exercise. Now you comment out the information that the function returns for the user ID and password information.

If you closed the User Object painter, you must open it again for the n\_pbtutor\_connectservice user object. You can use the File>Recent Objects menu to redisplay it.

- 1 **Select Functions in the first drop-down list box in the Script view. Select of\_GetConnectionInfo in the second drop-down list box.**

- 2 **Select the two ProfileString assignment lines that begin:**

```
as_userid = ProfileString (...)  
as_dbpass = ProfileString (...)
```

The four arguments of a ProfileString call are the INI file name or variable, the INI file section, the INI file key, and the default value to be used if the INI file name, section, or key is incorrect. These lines are part of the IS\_USE\_INIFILE case of the CHOOSE CASE statement for the of\_GetConnectionInfo function.



- 3 **Click the Comment button in PainterBar2.**

By commenting out these lines, you make sure that the user ID and password information do not come from the *pbtutor.ini* file.

- 4 **Click anywhere in the line that begins:**

```
as_dbparm = ProfileString ( ... )
```

- 5 **Click the Comment button in PainterBar2.**

The DBParm parameter in the *ptutor.ini* file includes hard-coded values for the user ID and password as well as the database name. You do not use these values. Instead, you assign values to the DBParm parameter from user-entry information for user ID and password.

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**The SQLCA DBParm parameter**

Although the user ID and password are not required for the DBParm ConnectString, assigning them to the ConnectString overwrites user ID and password values in the data source definition for an Adaptive Server Anywhere database. For this DBMS, the DBParm parameter also takes precedence over the SQLCA UserID and DBPass parameters.

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- 6 **Click the Save button in PainterBar1.  
Click the Close button in PainterBar1.**

## Call the connection service manager

You will next call the connection service manager to connect to the database. Because you eventually need to add user-entry information from the login window, you add the call to the Clicked event for the OK button on this window.

An object is considered to be the parent of the controls that are added to it. The login window is therefore the parent of the OK button.

When referring to a parent object in a script, it is usually better practice to use the qualifier parent than to name the object explicitly. This allows the code to be more easily reused for controls placed on a different object. In the script for the Clicked event, you refer to the login window as parent.

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### Using a single wizard to create the application and connection

If you had created the connection service user object with the Template Application wizard, the code you enter in this exercise to call the connection service manager would have been generated automatically, but it would have been added to the application Open event, not to a Clicked event in a login window. It would also have used a local variable, not a global variable.

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#### 1 Double-click w\_welcome in the System Tree.

The Window painter opens.

#### 2 Select cb\_ok in the first drop-down list box of the Script view.

or

Double-click the OK button in the Layout view.

The Clicked event should be the selected event in the second drop-down list box. If it is not, select it. The Clicked event script is empty.

#### 3 Type these lines:

```
// 1) Instantiate the Transaction object
// 2) Close login window if connection successful
```

These lines explain the code you add to the Clicked event. Adding double slash marks at the front of a line turns it into a comment.

#### 4 Type the following assignment statement below the comments:

```
gnv_connect = CREATE &
               n_pbtutor_connectservice
```

Do not type the ampersand (&) if you combine the lines of the script into a single line. The ampersand character indicates that a line of script is continued on the next line.

The CREATE statement instantiates the SQLCA Transaction object with all the values retrieved by the of\_GetConnectionInfo function from the *pbtutor.ini* file. Because you previously commented out the lines for the user ID and password, this information is not retrieved.

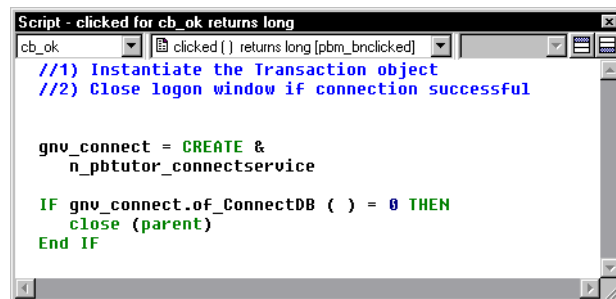
For ease of reading, you can add blank lines between the comments and the assignment statement for the global variable gnv\_connect.

##### 5 Type the following lines below the CREATE statement:

```
IF gnv_connect.of_ConnectDB ( ) = 0 THEN
    Close (parent)
END IF
```

The of\_ConnectDB function connects the application to the database. As you saw earlier in this lesson, if the connection fails (the SQLCode is not 0), a message box opens and displays the SQL error text.

If of\_ConnectDB returns a zero (the SQLCode for a successful connection), the lines that follow the IF-THEN statement line are parsed. In this case, the parent window for the cb\_ok control (w\_welcome) closes.



##### 6 Click the Compile button in PainterBar2.

or

Right-click inside the Script view and click Compile in the pop-up menu.

The script should compile without error. If you get an error message, make sure you have typed object and function names correctly and saved gnv\_connect as a global variable.

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**Toggling the Error window of the Script view**

You can show or hide the Error window by clicking the icon at the far right of the Script view just under the title bar.

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You still need to code the Clicked event to instantiate the Transaction object with user-entered connection information.



## Complete the login and logout scripts

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**Where you are**

- Look at the EAS Demo DB database
  - Run the Connection Object wizard
  - Declare a global variable
  - Modify the connection information
  - > Complete the login and logout scripts
  - Run the application
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Earlier in this lesson, you called the connection service manager from the Clicked event for the login window OK button. Next you add code to the same Clicked event to instantiate the Transaction object with information entered by the user.

You also add code to the login window Cancel button Clicked event and to the application Closed event.

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**Minimizing typing errors in the Script view**

If you right-click inside the scripting area, you open a pop-up menu that includes Paste Special commands. You can use these commands to paste statements, objects, functions or even the contents of text files into the event script. This reduces the risk of typing errors. You can also use AutoScript to complete code, as you will see in this lesson.

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In this exercise you:

- Set up shortcuts for AutoScript
- Add code to the OK button Clicked event
- Add code to the Cancel button Clicked event
- Add code to the application Close event

## Set up shortcuts for AutoScript

When you are coding scripts, AutoScript provides help by completing the statement you are typing or displaying a list of language elements that are appropriate to insert in the script at the cursor location.

- 1 **Select Design>Options from the menu bar and click the AutoScript tab.**
- 2 **Make sure all the check boxes in the first three group boxes are selected.  
Make sure the Activate Only After A Dot and Automatic Popup check boxes are cleared and click OK.**

With these settings, AutoScript provides Help wherever it has enough information to determine what code to insert, but it does not pop up automatically when you pause. By selecting the Statement Templates check box (not selected by default), you can use AutoScript to enter structures for a multiple line PowerScript statement.

- 3 **Select Tools>Keyboard Shortcuts from the menu bar.  
Expand the Edit node in the tree.**
- 4 **Scroll down and select Activate AutoScript.  
With your cursor in the Press Keys For Shortcut box, press Ctrl+space.**
- 5 **Expand the Go To node in the Edit menu and select Next Marker.  
Type Ctrl+M in the shortcut box.  
Click OK.**

Now whenever you want help completing code, you can press Ctrl+space to pop up a list of possible completions. If you paste in a statement or function with comments, you can press Ctrl+M to move to the next comment.

## Add code to the OK button Clicked event

As is often the case when you are developing production applications, you get some of the connection properties from an initialization file and some from user input.

For the tutorial application, you should not get the user ID and password from the tutorial INI file. Get them directly from the user in the login window and you provide the database information in a script.

### 1 Make sure you are looking at the Clicked event script for the cb\_ok control.

This is the script in which you added the call to the Connection Service object.

### 2 Click before the IF-THEN statement. Type the following lines:

```
//Local variable declarations
string ls_database, ls_userid, ls_password

//Assignment statements
ls_userid = Trim ( sle_userid.text )
ls_password = Trim ( sle_password.text )
ls_database = "ConnectionString='DSN=EAS Demo DB V9;"
```

You declare local variables here and assign them values. Do not use blank spaces around the = signs in the ConnectString text.

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#### Using AutoScript to help code the assignment statements

When you type the assignment statements, if you type the letters before the underscore in a variable name and then press Ctrl+space, AutoScript pops up a list of possible completions. Use the arrow keys to move to the correct completion and the Tab key to paste it into your script. If you type the underscore and the first letter after the underscore and then press Ctrl+space, AutoScript pastes the completion directly into your script, as long as there is a unique completion.

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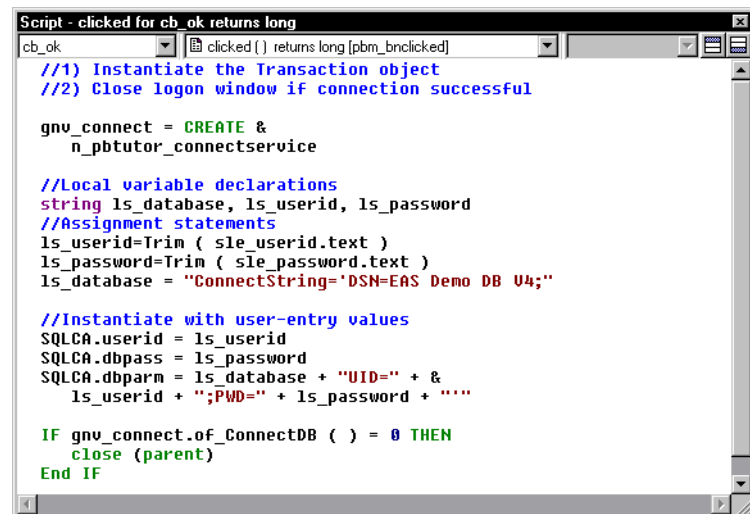
The Trim function removes leading and trailing spaces from the user ID and password values passed as arguments to the function from the SingleLineEdit boxes on the login window.

- 3 Click after the lines you just added (and after the CREATE statement) but before the IF-THEN statement.  
Type the following lines:

```
//Instantiate with user-entry values
SQLCA.userid = ls_userid
SQLCA.dbpass = ls_password
SQLCA.dbparm = ls_database + "UID=" + &
    ls_userid + ";PWD=" + ls_password + "'"
```

These lines instantiate SQLCA parameters with values from the SingleLineEdit text boxes.

The lines must be added to the script after the CREATE statement to keep them from being overwritten with blank values from the Constructor event of the connection service manager. They must be added before the IF-THEN statement or their values are not used by the Transaction object when it is called by the of\_ConnectDB function of the connection service manager.



- 4 Click the Compile button in PainterBar2.  
or  
Right-click inside the Script view and click Compile in the pop-up menu.

The script should compile without error. If you get an error message, make sure you have typed object and function names correctly.

## Add code to the Cancel button Clicked event

Now you add code to the Cancel button to stop the application when this button is clicked.

- 1 **Double-click the Cancel button in the Layout view.**

*or*

**Select cb\_cancel in the first drop-down list box of the Script view.**

The script area for the Cancel button is blank.

- 2 **Type this one-line script for the Clicked event:**

`HALT`

This statement terminates the application immediately when the user clicks Cancel on the login window.

- 3 **Click the Save button in the PainterBar.**

*or*

**Select File>Save from the menu bar.**

PowerBuilder compiles the script.

- 4 **Click the Close button in the PainterBar.**

*or*

**Select File>Close from the menu bar.**

The Window painter closes.

## Add code to the application Close event

Because the connection service manager was called by a global variable, it is still available to the application and does not need to be instantiated again (as it would if you had used a local variable).

Now you call the connection service manager disconnect function to close the database connection.

**1 Double-click the pbtutor application icon in the System Tree.**

The Application painter displays different views of the tutorial application object. The Script view is part of a stack in the default layout, but you may find it easier to detach it from the stack or open a second Script view.

**2 Select `close ( ) returns (none)` in the second drop-down list box of the Script view.**

There is no code yet for the application Close event.

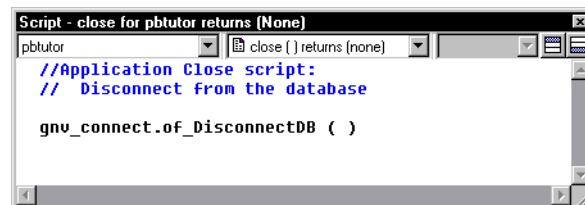
**3 Type the following lines for the Close event comment:**

```
Application Close script:  
Disconnect from the database
```

**4 Select all or part of the lines you just added.  
Click the Comment button.**

**5 Type the following line below the comment you typed (you can use AutoScript to complete the variable name and the function name):**

```
gnv_connect.of_DisconnectDB ( )
```



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**Releasing memory by setting global variables to null**

If this were not the application Close event and you no longer needed an instance of the global connection variable, you could release the memory it occupies by calling the SetNull function.

PowerBuilder also provides a DESTROY statement to destroy object instances. Do not use the DESTROY statement for local or global variables for nonvisual objects. PowerBuilder garbage collection removes any local variables that go out of scope.

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- 6 Right-click anywhere in the script area of the Script view. Click Compile in the pop-up menu.**

PowerBuilder compiles the Close script. If you get an error message, look carefully at the lines you typed to make sure there is no mistyped variable or object name.

- 7 Click the Close button in PainterBar1.**

A message box asks if you want to save your changes to the Application object in the application library file.

- 8 Click Yes.**

You save your changes and close the Application painter.

## Run the application

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### Where you are

Look at the EAS Demo DB database  
Run the Connection Object wizard  
Declare a global variable  
Modify the connection information  
Complete the login and logout scripts  
> Run the application

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Now you run the application.



- 1 Click the Run button in the PowerBar.**  
**If a message box prompts you to save changes, click Yes to save them.**

The workspace closes and your application runs.

- 2 Type dba in the User ID box.**  
**Type sql in the Password box.**

The password text is displayed as asterisks. Because you set the tab order for this window, you can tab from the User ID box to the Password box, and then to the OK button.

- 3 Click OK.**

The database connection is established and the MDI frame for your application displays.

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### If you enter an invalid user ID or password

If you mistyped the user ID or password, the ODBC Configuration dialog box displays. You get a second chance to enter a valid user ID and password on the Login page of this dialog box. If you click the Test Connection button on the ODBC page of the dialog box without changing this information, a message box tells you that your user ID or password is not valid.

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- 4 Select File>Exit from the menu bar.**

The application terminates and you return to the development environment.



# Modifying the Ancestor Window

In this lesson you create a window that inherits from the basesheet window that you generated with the Application Template wizard. You add predefined user objects containing DataWindow controls to the inherited window. You then create new w\_customers and w\_products windows that inherit from this extension layer window instead of from the original basesheet. Finally you make sure that the sheet windows open at runtime with the size you set at design time.

But first you add a library to the library list that contains the predefined user objects with DataWindow controls. In this lesson you:

- Add a library to the search path
- Create a new ancestor sheet window
- Add user events and event scripts
- Add scripts to retrieve data for the DataWindow controls
- Adjust a runtime setting for sheet window size

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**How long does it take?**

About 25 minutes.

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## Add a library to the search path

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### Where you are

- > Add a library to the search path
    - Create a new ancestor sheet window
    - Add user events and event scripts
    - Add scripts to retrieve data for the DataWindow controls
    - Adjust a runtime setting for sheet window size
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Next you add a library to the tutorial application search path. You must add all libraries on which an application depends.

The library you add to the current application contains some precoded objects, including the user object (u\_dwstandard) that you will later add to the base sheet window.

- 1 Right-click the pbtutor target in the System Tree.  
Select Properties from the pop-up menu.**

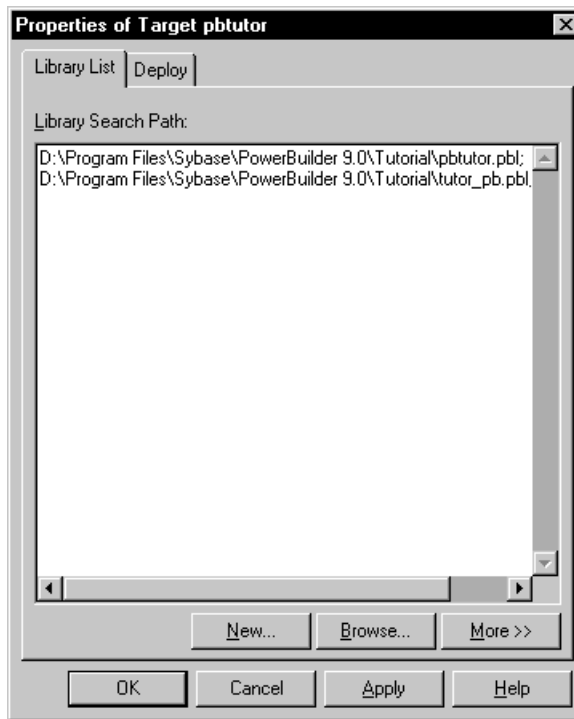
The pbtutor target properties dialog box displays.

- 2 Make sure the Library List page displays.  
Click Browse.**

The Select Library dialog box displays.

- 3 Navigate to the Tutorial folder.  
Select tutor\_pb.pbl and click Open.**

You return to the Library List page. The *tutor\_pb.pbl* file is now included in the search path for the tutorial application.



4 Click OK.

## Create a new ancestor sheet window

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### Where you are

- Add a library to the search path
  - > Create a new ancestor sheet window
    - Add user events and event scripts
    - Add scripts to retrieve data for the DataWindow controls
    - Adjust a runtime setting for sheet window size
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Now you create a window that inherits from the basesheet window you generated with the Template Application wizard and add DataWindow controls to it. In the Source editor, you change the inheritance of the generated sheet windows (w\_customers and w\_products) to use the new window.

The DataWindow controls you add to the new ancestor window inherit their definitions from a user object that was created for the tutorial application. The user object is provided in the PBL file that you just added to the target library list. The user object is a customized DataWindow control that includes scripts to perform standard database error checking.

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### Why use a user object

You can build a user object in PowerBuilder to perform processing that you use frequently in applications. Once you have defined a user object, you can reuse it as many times as you need without any additional work.

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In this exercise you:

- Create a new sheet window inheritance hierarchy
- Add a DataWindow control for the master DataWindow
- Add a DataWindow control for the detail DataWindow
- View the scripts inherited from the user object

## Create a new sheet window inheritance hierarchy

Now you create a new window that inherits from the basesheet window. In this tutorial, you use the new window as an extension layer between the basesheet window and application sheet windows. Later in this lesson you make changes to the extension layer window. The changes you make are automatically extended to any new sheet windows that you inherit from the extension layer window.

In the current tutorial application, the `w_customers` and `w_products` windows already inherit from the `w_pbtutor_basesheet` window. Because you have not yet added any non-generic property values or functions to these sheet windows (other than their names and display text), you can write over these wizard-generated windows without having to transfer any code to the replacement windows. In this lesson you overwrite these windows with new windows that inherit from the extension layer window.

**1 Select File>Inherit from the PowerBuilder menu.**

The Inherit From Object dialog box displays.

**2 Make sure that `pbtutor.pbl` is selected in the Libraries list box and that Windows is selected in the Objects Of Type drop-down list box. Select `w_pbtutor_basesheet` and click OK.**

**3 Select File>Save and type `w_master_detail_ancestor` for the new window name.**

**4 (Optional) Type the following text in the Comments box:**

```
New ancestor basesheet for the w_customers and  
w_products sheet windows.
```

**5 Make sure that `pbtutor.pbl` is selected in the Application Libraries list box and click OK.  
Select File>Close to close the new ancestor basesheet.**

You cannot create descendant windows if an ancestor window is open in the Window painter.

**6 Select File>Inherit from the PowerBuilder menu.**

- 7 **Make sure that pbtutor.pbl is selected in the Libraries list box and that Windows is selected in the Objects Of Type drop-down list box. Select w\_master\_detail\_ancestor and click OK.**

- 8 **Type Maintain Customers in the Tag text box on the General page of the Properties view. Select File>Save As from the PowerBuilder menu and select w\_customers in the Windows list box.**

- 9 **Change the Comments text to:**

Customer sheet window inheriting from  
w\_master\_detail\_ancestor.

- 10 **Click OK, then click Yes in the Save Window message box that asks if you want to replace the existing w\_customers window.**

The new sheet window inherits from w\_master\_detail\_ancestor instead of from w\_pbtutor\_basesheet.

- 11 **Repeat steps 6-10, with the following modifications:**

Step	Modified instruction
8	Type Maintain Products in the Tag text box on the General page of the Properties view. Select File>Save As from the PowerBuilder menu and select w_products in the Windows list box.
9	Change the Comments text to: Product sheet window inheriting from w_master_detail_ancestor.

- 12 **Close the new w\_customers and w\_products windows.**

You cannot open an ancestor window in the Window painter if any of its descendants are already displayed in the painter.

- 13 **Select Run>Full Build Workspace from the PowerBuilder menu.**

You should rebuild the workspace after changing the inheritance hierarchy and before making modifications to the new ancestor window. You can see the status of the build in the Output window which displays below the System Tree at the bottom of the PowerBuilder main window. The build is finished when the Output window displays Finished Full build of workspace MyWorkspace.

## Add a DataWindow control for the master DataWindow

Now you add a DataWindow control (saved as the user object, `u_dwstandard`) to the `w_master_detail_ancestor` window. It serves as the master DataWindow for the ancestor window and its descendants.

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### How to create a user object like `u_dwstandard`

You can create a user object based on a DataWindow control by clicking the New button and selecting Standard Visual from the PB Object page of the New dialog box. This opens the Select Standard Visual Type dialog box. You can then select DataWindow in the Types text box and add user events as needed. You see how to add user events later in this tutorial.

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#### 1 Double-click `w_master_detail_ancestor` in the System Tree.

The `w_master_detail_ancestor` window opens in the Window painter. You generated this window with the Template Application wizard. The wizard also created and attached a menu to this window, `m_pbtutor_sheet`. The menu is indicated in the Properties view for the window. You change this property later.

#### 2 Make sure the Layout view is visible in the Window painter.

#### 3 Expand `tutor_pb.pbl` in the System Tree.

Drag `u_dwstandard` from the System Tree to the `w_master_detail_ancestor` window in the Layout view.

#### 4 Lengthen the window so that the control is completely visible inside the window.

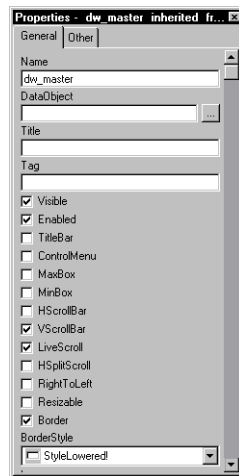
PowerBuilder creates a DataWindow control that inherits its definition from the user object.



**5 Make sure the new control is selected in the Layout view.**

Small black squares at the corners indicate that the control is selected. The Properties view displays the properties of the selected control.

**6 Select the text dw\_1 in the Name text box in the Properties view.  
Type dw\_master in the Name text box.  
Select the VScrollBar check box.**



PowerBuilder adds a vertical scroll bar to the control. It also changes its name to dw\_master.

The prefix dw\_ is standard for DataWindow controls.



## Add a DataWindow control for the detail DataWindow

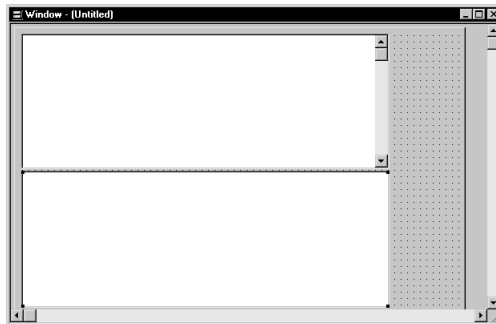
Now you add a second DataWindow control that is the detail DataWindow in the application.

- 1 Resize the window so that there is room for a second DataWindow control below the first.**  
Drag `u_dwstandard` from the System Tree to below the `dw_master` control in the Layout view.

PowerBuilder creates another DataWindow control that inherits its definition from the user object `u_dwstandard`.

- 2 Move the DataWindow control so that it is completely visible inside the window.**

If you need to, you can maximize the Layout view and enlarge the window object inside it to make more room for the DataWindow controls.



- 3 Make sure that the new control is selected in the Layout view.**  
The Properties view displays the properties of the selected control.
- 4 Select the text `dw_1` in the Name text box in the Properties view.**  
**Type `dw_detail` in the Name text box.**

PowerBuilder changes the name of the control to `dw_detail`.

## View the scripts inherited from the user object

Now you view the scripts the DataWindow controls inherited from u\_dwstandard.

- 1 **Double-click the dw\_detail DataWindow in the Layout view.**

*or*

**Select dw\_detail from the first drop-down list box in the Script view if it is not already selected.**

The Script view opens to the script for the dw\_detail control's ItemChanged event. This script is empty.

Unscripted events are alphabetized separately from scripted events.

Scripted events are listed at the top of the drop-down list box. You now look at the dberror event that contains an ancestor script (so you need to scroll up in the event drop-down list box to find it).

- 2 **Select dberror from the second drop-down list box in the Script view.**

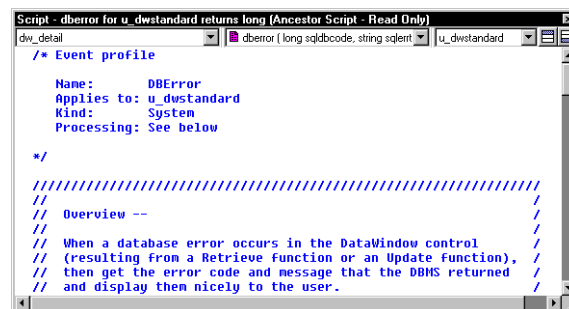
This script is also empty, but a script icon next to the event name is purple. This indicates that the ancestor control (u\_dwstandard) has an associated script.

- 3 **Select Edit>Go To>Ancestor Script from the menu bar.**

*or*

**Select u\_dwstandard in the third drop-down list box.**

PowerBuilder displays the script for the DBError event in the Script view. The ancestor script is read-only when it is accessed from the Script view for one of its descendants.



The screenshot shows a window titled "Script - dberror for u\_dwstandard returns long (Ancestor Script - Read Only)". The window has three drop-down menus: "dw\_detail", "dberror ( long sqldbcode, string sqldt)", and "u\_dwstandard". The script content is as follows:

```
/* Event profile
Name:      DBError
Applies to: u_dwstandard
Kind:      System
Processing: See below
*/

/////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
// Overview --
//
// When a database error occurs in the DataWindow control
// (resulting from a Retrieve function or an Update function),
// then get the error code and message that the DBMS returned
// and display them nicely to the user.
```

- 4 **Scroll through the window to view the database error-handling logic defined for the DBError event.**

The script suppresses the default error message that the DBError event normally displays. Instead, it causes an appropriate message to be displayed for each database error that might occur. The script makes calls to user events that were declared for the user object.

Because you used the `u_dwstandard` object to define both DataWindow controls in the window, this logic is automatically reused in both controls.

- 5 **Select Edit>Go To>Descendant Script from the menu bar.**  
*or*  
**Right-click inside the script area of the Script view.**  
**Select Go To>Descendant Script from the pop-up menu.**

The third drop-down list box again displays `w_master_detail_ancestor`, the identifier of the object that contains the current control. The script for the DBError event of this control (`dw_detail`) is still blank.

## Add user events and event scripts

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### Where you are

- Add a library to the search path
  - Create a new ancestor sheet window
  - > Add user events and event scripts
    - Add scripts to retrieve data for the DataWindow controls
    - Adjust a runtime setting for sheet window size
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Windows, user objects, and controls have predefined events associated with them. Most of the time, the predefined events are all you need, but there are times when you want to declare your own events. Events that you define are called user events.

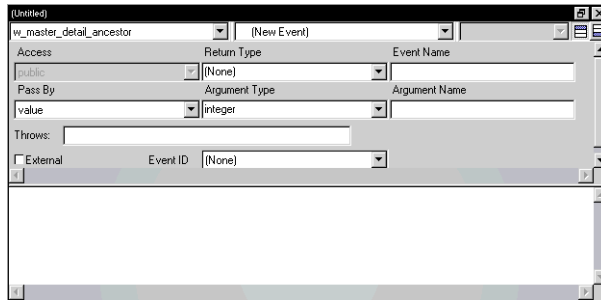
**Purpose of user events** One reason to define a user event is to reduce coding in situations where an application provides several ways to perform a particular task. For example, a task like updating the database can be performed by clicking a button, selecting a menu item, or closing a window. Instead of writing the code to update the database in each of these places, you can define a user event, then trigger that user event in each place you update the database.

Now you define some user events to handle retrieval, insert, update, and delete operations against the tutorial database. You make these changes in the Script view of the Window painter. Later in the tutorial, you add code in the Menu painter to trigger these events.

- 1 **Select w\_master\_detail\_ancestor in the first drop-down list box of the Script view.**
- 2 **Select Insert>Event from the menu bar.**  
*or*  
**Select New Event in the second drop-down list box of the Script view.**

The Script view displays the Prototype window for defining a new event.

The first button to the right of the third drop-down list box is a toggle switch that displays or hides the Prototype window.



### 3 Type `ue_retrieve` in the Event Name text box in the Prototype window.

Click inside the Script view below the Prototype window.

Type these lines (or use AutoScript as described below):

```
IF dw_master.Retrieve() <> -1 THEN
    dw_master.SetFocus()
    dw_master.SetRowFocusIndicator(Hand!)
END IF
```

#### Using AutoScript instead of typing

You can use AutoScript to paste in the IF THEN template as well as the variables and function names:

Type IF, then press Ctrl+space.

Press Tab to paste an IF THEN statement.

Type dw\_m, then press Ctrl+space.

Place the cursor after dw\_master, type a dot, then type Ctrl+space.

Scroll and select retrieve( ), press Tab, and type the rest of the line.

Press Ctrl+M to jump to the next comment.

Enter the other function calls by typing them or using AutoScript.

As soon as you click in the script area, the text in the second drop-down list box of the Script view changes from New Event to `ue_retrieve`. It has no arguments, does not return a value, and does not throw user-defined exceptions. For information on throwing user-defined exceptions, see Lesson 10, “Exception Handling”.

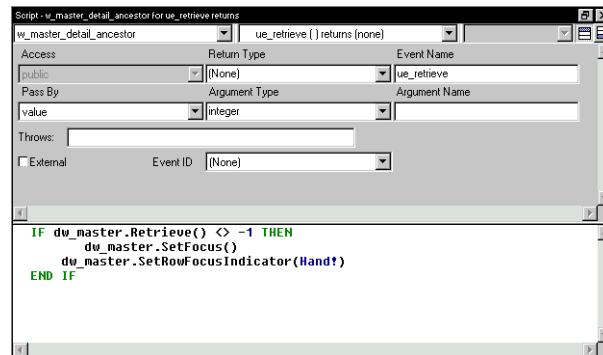
The script lines you enter execute the Retrieve function and place the retrieved rows in the dw\_master DataWindow control. If the retrieval operation succeeds, the script sets the focus to the first row in the DataWindow control and establishes the hand pointer as the current row indicator.

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#### If the retrieve fails

If the retrieval operation does not succeed, PowerBuilder triggers the DBError event. The logic for the DBError event is handled in the user object u\_dwstandard. You looked at this script in the previous exercise.

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- 4 **Select File>Save from the menu bar.**  
**Right-click the Prototype window and select New Event from the pop-up menu.**

PowerBuilder compiles the script you entered for the ue\_retrieve event. The Script view displays the Prototype window for another new user event.

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#### If you get an error message

Mistyped or incomplete script entries generate compiler errors. If you select No when prompted to ignore compilation errors, a compiler error area displays at the bottom of the Script view, identifying your error. If this happens, retype the script for the ue\_retrieve event.

You can display or hide the compiler error area by clicking the second toggle switch at the top right of the Script view.

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**5 Repeat steps 3 and 4 for the following entries:**

Event name	Script
ue_insert	<pre>dw_detail.Reset() dw_detail.InsertRow(0) dw_detail.SetFocus()</pre>
ue_update	<pre>IF dw_detail.Update() = 1 THEN     COMMIT using SQLCA;     MessageBox("Save", "Save succeeded") ELSE     ROLLBACK using SQLCA; END IF</pre>
ue_delete	<pre>dw_detail.DeleteRow(0)</pre>

**What the scripts do** The first line of the script for the ue\_insert event clears the dw\_detail DataWindow control. The second line inserts a new row after the last row in the DataWindow (the argument zero specifies the last row). The third line positions the cursor in the dw\_detail control.

The ue\_insert and ue\_delete events operate on the DataWindow buffer, not on the database. When these events are triggered, a row is not inserted or deleted from the database unless the Update function is also called (the ue\_update event calls this function). If the Update function returns the integer 1, changes made to the buffer are committed to the database. If it returns a different integer, changes to the buffer are rolled back.

In the script for the ue\_delete event, the argument zero in the DeleteRow function specifies that the current row in the dw\_detail control be deleted.

**6 Click the Save button.**

## Add scripts to retrieve data for the DataWindow controls

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### Where you are

- Add a library to the search path
  - Create a new ancestor sheet window
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  - > Add scripts to retrieve data for the DataWindow controls
  - Adjust a runtime setting for sheet window size
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The scripts you just typed have no effect on the `dw_master` DataWindow control, but now that you have a script for the `ue_retrieve` event, you need only trigger this event to retrieve data into the `dw_master` DataWindow.

You trigger the `ue_retrieve` event from the sheet window Open event. This retrieves data into the `dw_master` DataWindow as soon as the window (or one of its descendent windows) opens. Then you add a script for the `RowFocusChanged` event of `dw_master` to retrieve data into the `dw_detail` DataWindow. The `RowFocusChanged` event is triggered each time the focus is changed inside the `dw_master` DataWindow.

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### RowFocusChanged occurs upon DataWindow display

The `RowFocusChanged` event also occurs when the `w_master` DataWindow is first displayed. This allows the application to retrieve and display detail information for the first row retrieved in the master DataWindow.

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Here is how the script works for the `w_master_detail_ancestor` window and its descendants when you are done:

- When a sheet window first opens, a list (of all customers or products) displays in the top DataWindow control. Detail information for the first item in the list displays in the bottom DataWindow control.
- When a user moves through the list in the top DataWindow control using the up arrow and down arrow keys or by clicking in a row, the details for the current row display in the bottom DataWindow control.

### 1 Select open from the second drop-down list box in the Script view for `w_master_detail_ancestor`.

The Open event has a purple script icon indicating it has an ancestor script. If you check the ancestor script, you see that it calls the `ue_postopen` event and posts it to the end of the window's message queue.



- 2 Type these new lines in the script area for the w\_master\_detail\_ancestor Open event:**

```
dw_master.settransobject ( sqlca )  
dw_detail.settransobject ( sqlca )  
this.EVENT ue_retrieve()
```

The first two lines tell the dw\_master and dw\_detail DataWindows to look in the SQLCA Transaction object for the values of the database variables. The third line triggers the ue\_retrieve event. The pronoun *This* refers to the current object. In this example, the w\_master\_detail\_ancestor window is the current object.

- 3 Select dw\_master in the first drop-down list box of the Script view. Select rowfocuschanged in the second drop-down list box.**

You now add a script for the RowFocusChanged event of the dw\_master DataWindow control. This script sends a retrieval request and the ID number of the selected row to the dw\_detail DataWindow control.

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**Read the event name carefully**

Make sure you select the RowFocusChanged event, and not the RowFocusChanging event.

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- 4 Type this line in the script area for the RowFocusChanged event:**

```
long ll_itemnum
```

This line declares the local variable ll\_itemnum (l is a letter, not a number), which has the long data type.

- 5 Type this line below the variable declaration line you just typed:**

```
ll_itemnum = this.object.data[currentrow, 1]
```

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**Use square brackets**

The expression shown above requires square brackets, not parentheses.

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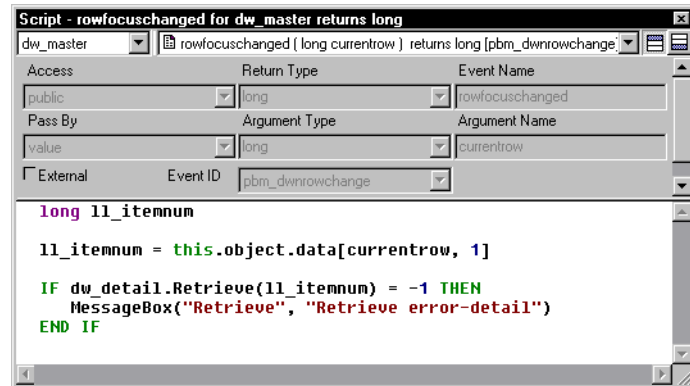
This line uses a DataWindow data expression to obtain the item number in column 1 of the currently selected row of dw\_master. It stores the number in the variable ll\_itemnum.

CurrentRow is an argument passed to the RowFocusChanged event that specifies the current row in the DataWindow control. The current row is the row the user has selected by clicking or by scrolling with the arrow or tab keys.

**6 Type these lines below the data expression line you just typed:**

```
IF dw_detail.Retrieve(ll_itemnum) = -1 THEN
    MessageBox("Retrieve", "Retrieve error-detail")
END IF
```

This group of lines sends a retrieval request to the dw\_detail DataWindow along with the argument the DataWindow expects (an ID number stored in the ll\_itemnum variable). The IF statement that encloses the Retrieve function checks for successful completion. If the retrieval operation fails, it displays an error message box.



**7 Click the Save button in PainterBar1.  
Click the Close button in PainterBar1.**

PowerBuilder compiles the script you typed and saves it.

**8 Click the Full Build Workspace button in the PowerBar.**

It is a good idea to rebuild all your objects after modifying an ancestor object.

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# Adjust a runtime setting for sheet window size

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## Where you are

- Add a library to the search path
  - Create a new ancestor sheet window
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  - Add scripts to retrieve data for the DataWindow controls
  - > Adjust a runtime setting for sheet window size
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The Template Application wizard creates a sheet manager that makes the `OpenSheet` function call to open a sheet window. The `OpenSheet` function has an argument that can affect the sheet window size at runtime. By default the wizard sets this argument to the `Cascaded!` value that overrides the sheet window size you set at design time. Now you change this value to allow the runtime window size to be the same as the design time size.

- 1 **Double-click `n_pbtutor_sheetmanager` in the System Tree.**  
*or*  
**Right-click `n_pbtutor_sheetmanager` in the System Tree and select Edit from the pop-up menu.**
- 2 **In the Script view, select (Functions) in the first drop-down list box. Select `of_opensheet` in the second drop-down list box.**

- 3 **Go to the following line in the script:**

```
li_rc = OpenSheet ( lw_sheet, as_sheetname, w_pbtutor_frame, 0, Cascaded! )
```

- 4 **Change the `Cascaded!` argument to `Original!`:**

```
li_rc = OpenSheet ( lw_sheet, as_sheetname, w_pbtutor_frame, 0, Original! )
```

- 5 **Click the Save button in PainterBar1.**  
**Click the Close button in PainterBar1.**

The next time you run the tutorial application, the sheet windows will open in the size you set at design time. They will still be cascaded relative to other open sheets.



## Setting Up the Menus

In this lesson you set up the menus for the application. You:

- Modify the frame menu
- Create a new sheet menu
- Add menu scripts to trigger user events
- Attach the new menu and run the application

Menus are separate objects that you create using the Menu painter. After you create a menu, you can attach it to as many windows as you want. You can create menus at any time during the application development process.

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**How long does it take?**

About 25 minutes.

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## Modify the frame menu

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### Where you are

- > Modify the frame menu
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The frame menu was created automatically by the Template Application wizard. The `m_pbtutor_frame` menu is the ancestor of all the other menus you work with in the tutorial. Changes you make to this menu are automatically propagated to descendent menus.

In the WYSIWYG (What You See Is What You Get) view of the Menu painter, you see menus as they appear when the application is running. In this tutorial, you use the WYSIWYG view to make changes to the application menus, but you can make the same changes from the Tree Menu view. You use the Properties view to change a toolbar button.

In this exercise you:

- Modify the File menu
- Enable Help menu items

## Modify the File menu

Now you modify the File cascading menu of the `m_pbtutor_frame` menu.

### 1 Double-click `m_pbtutor_frame` in the System Tree.

The Menu painter displays the menu associated with the MDI frame window in the application. Because `m_pbtutor_sheet` inherits from `m_pbtutor_frame`, changes you make to the frame menu are propagated to the sheet menu.

If a WYSIWYG view is not open, you can select it from the View menu in the Menu painter menu bar.

### 2 Click the File menu in the WYSIWYG view of `m_pbtutor_frame`.

When you click a menu item in the WYSIWYG view, its menu items appear just as they would at runtime.

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#### **If the File menu does not display its menu items**

The File menu is selected when you display the WYSIWYG view. You may need to click one of the other menus (Edit, Window, or Help) and then click again on the File menu to display its menu items.

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### 3 Right-click **New** under the File menu. **Select Edit Menu Item Text in the pop-up menu.** **Type `&Report` and press Enter.**

You change the display name of the New menu item to Report. The menu name remains `m_new` and its purpose (to open new sheet windows) remains the same.

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#### **Define accelerator keys with the ampersand character**

The character following the ampersand is used as an accelerator key (mnemonic) and appears with an underscore in the WYSIWYG display. In the runtime application, the user can access the File>Report menu by pressing `Alt+F+R`.

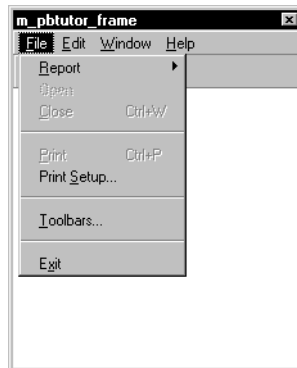
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- 4 **Make sure that &Report appears in the Text text box in the Properties view.  
Click the Toolbar tab in the Properties view.**

The toolbar item text is `New, Open New Sheet`. There is no selection in the `ToolbarItemName` box, so no toolbar button appears at runtime for the Report menu item. You do not add a toolbar button here, because you use the Report menu item to access cascading menu items rather than as a command to open a new sheet.

- 5 **Click the Open menu item under the File menu in the WYSIWYG view.  
Click the General tab in the Properties view.  
Clear the Visible check box on the General page of the Properties view.  
Clear the Enabled check box on the General page of the Properties view.**

You hide this item in all runtime menus. When you clear the Visible property, the WYSIWYG view displays the menu item with a dithered appearance. It is not visible at runtime.



- 6 **Click the Toolbar tab of the Properties view.  
Clear the ToolbarItemVisible check box.**

This prevents the toolbar button for this menu item from appearing in the frame menu toolbar (a button can be included in a toolbar even if its corresponding menu item is not visible or enabled).



**7 Click Exit under the File menu in the WYSIWYG view.**

The Toolbar page of the Properties view remains open. The ToolbarItemText and ToolbarItemName values change to show the values for the m\_exit menu item.

## Enable Help menu items

The Help menu has three items, but only one, Help>About, is enabled. Now you enable the other menu items, using commented-out code that was provided by the Template Application wizard and the *pbtutor.hlp* file in the Tutorial directory.

You call application Help topics with the ShowHelp function, passing it an enumerated value that identifies whether you want the Help contents or index to display, or a specific topic or keyword. ShowHelp can open Windows Help or compiled HTML Help (CHM) files.

- 1 Double-click the Help Index menu item in the Help menu in the WYSIWYG view.**

You can double-click the Help Index item even though it is not currently enabled. The full name of the Help Index menu item displays in the Script view. It includes the m\_help prefix to indicate that it is in the Help menu.

- 2 Select Clicked in the second drop-down box if it is not already selected.**

- 3 Position the cursor in the line that contains the ShowHelp function and click the Uncomment button in the PowerBar.  
Change myapp.hlp to pbtutor.hlp:**

```
ShowHelp ("pbtutor.hlp", Index!)
```

This displays the default topic in the Help file.

- 4 Select the Enabled box on the General page of the Properties view for the m\_helpindex menu item.**

- 5 Repeat the preceding steps for the Search For Help On menu item.**

The ShowHelp call looks like this:

```
ShowHelp ("pbtutor.hlp", Keyword!, "")
```

If the third argument in this call contained a string that was a keyword in the Help file, the associated topic would display. Because the argument is an empty string, the Help Search window displays.

- 6 Select File>Save from the main PowerBuilder menu bar.  
Select File>Close from the main PowerBuilder menu bar.**

## Create a new sheet menu

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**Where you are**

Modify the frame menu

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Add menu scripts to trigger user events

Attach the new menu and run the application

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Now you create a new menu that displays whenever the user opens an MDI sheet to look at customer or product information. The menu you create is a descendant of the `m_pbtutor_sheet` menu that was generated by the Template Application wizard.

The `m_pbtutor_sheet` menu inherits in turn from `m_pbtutor_frame`, but has some additional menu items enabled. In the menu you create, you add menu items that are not present in the ancestor menus.

In this exercise you:

- Inherit and save a new menu
- Add items to the new menu
- Add a new toolbar for the new menu items

## Inherit and save a new menu

By inheriting from the application sheet menu, you retain the sheet menu characteristics without modifying the ancestor menu. It is good practice to save the new menu immediately, then save it again after you modify it.



- 1 **Click the Inherit button in the PowerBar.**

The Inherit From Object dialog box displays.

- 2 **Make sure Menus is selected in the Objects of Type drop-down list box.  
Select m\_pbtutor\_sheet in the Object list box and click OK.**

PowerBuilder displays an untitled menu that has all the characteristics of m\_pbtutor\_sheet.

On the inherited sheet menu, the Window menu items are enabled to allow for tiling and cascading windows, just as they are for the m\_pbtutor\_sheet menu. These items are disabled on the m\_pbtutor\_frame menu.

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### Changes made to the MDI frame menu

If you click the File menu in the WYSIWYG view, you see that the first item is now Report. The Open item is dithered to indicate that it is not visible and is grayed to indicate that it is disabled. These characteristics were propagated through the inheritance chain from m\_pbtutor\_frame.

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- 3 **Select File>Save from the menu bar.**

The Save Menu dialog box displays.

- 4 **Type m\_my\_sheet as the menu name in the Menus box.  
Type the following line in the Comments box:**

```
New sheet menu for w_master_detail_ancestor and its  
descendants.
```

- 5 **Click OK.**

This names the menu. The prefix m\_ is standard for menus.

The name you just assigned to the new menu displays in the title bar of the Menu painter workspace and the m\_my\_sheet menu appears in the system tree.

## Add items to the new menu

Next you add items to the Edit menu of the menu you just inherited from `m_pbtutor_sheet`. You use the WYSIWYG and Properties views.

**1 Click the Edit menu in the WYSIWYG view for the new menu.**

The list of Edit menu items appears just as it would in a runtime application. All items of the Edit menu are visible but disabled (they appear gray—but not dithered—in the WYSIWYG view).

**2 Right-click a menu item under the Edit menu in the WYSIWYG view. Select Insert Menu Item At End from the pop-up menu.**

The cursor moves into a blank box that appears at the end of the Edit menu list.

**3 Type - (hyphen) and press Enter.**

The hyphen changes into a separator line. In the Properties view, the menu item name changes to `m_-`. Even the separator lines between menu items must have unique names. Other separator lines in the menu have a unique index number preceded by the prefix `m_dash`.

**4 Clear the Enabled check box in the Properties view for the new separator line.**

**5 Right-click the new separator line in the WYSIWYG view. Select Insert Menu Item At End from the pop-up menu. Type &Insert in the box that appears under the new separator and press Enter.**

The menu item name is set automatically to `m_insert`. If PowerBuilder displays a message that the default name is incorrect, it suggests an alternative name. In this case, click OK to accept the suggested name.

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### Alternative method of inserting menu item names

You can type `&Insert` in the Text box in the Properties view instead of typing it in the box that appears in the WYSIWYG view. In this case, you do not need to press Enter afterwards. First however, you have to clear the Lock Name check box if the Name box is grayed (otherwise, the menu name does not reset to `m_insert`).

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6 Type `Insert a row` in the Microhelp box in the Properties view.

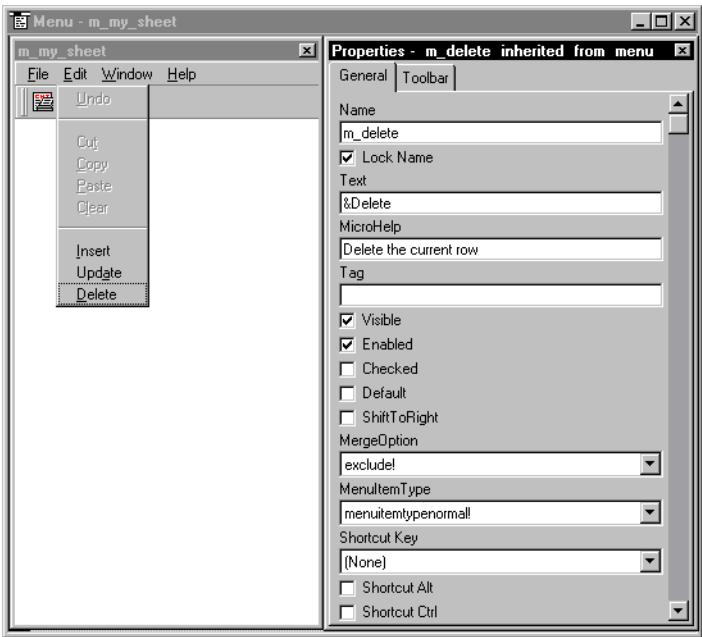
The new menu item is visible and enabled by default.

The text `Insert a row` displays in the Microhelp line at the bottom of the application window whenever the user selects the menu item.

7 Repeat steps 5 and 6 for the following menu items:

Menu item	Microhelp text
Upd&ate	Update the database
&Delete	Delete the current row

You add Edit menu items for updating and deleting database records. Even though it is not enabled, the Undo item already uses the letter U as an accelerator key, so you should not use the same accelerator key for the Update menu item. Instead, you use the letter A for this purpose.



## Add a new toolbar for the new menu items

Now you add toolbar buttons for the menu items you just defined and then place them in a second toolbar.

- 1 Click the new **Insert** menu item in the WYSIWYG view **Edit** menu.
- 2 Click the **Toolbar** tab in the **Properties** view.  
Type **Insert** in the **ToolbarItemText** box.  
Type or select **Insert!** in the **ToolbarItemName** drop-down list box.

This defines a toolbar button for the **Insert** menu item that uses the stock picture called **Insert!**. When the **Show Text** option in the runtime application is enabled for toolbars, the text **Insert** appears on the button.

- 3 Type **1** in the **ToolbarItemSpace** spin control.  
Type **1** in the **ToolbarItemOrder** spin control.  
Type **2** in the **ToolbarItemBarIndex** spin control.

You start a new toolbar for the added menu items and make the **Insert** button the first item in this toolbar.

- 4 Click the new **Update** menu item in the WYSIWYG view **Edit** menu.  
Make sure it is also selected in the **Properties** view.
- 5 Click the **Toolbar** tab if the **Toolbar** page is not already open.  
Type **Update** in the **ToolbarItemText** box.  
Type or select **Update!** in the **ToolbarItemName** drop-down list box.

This defines a toolbar button for the **Update** menu item that uses the stock picture called **Update!**. The button text is **Update**.

- 6 Type **2** in the **ToolbarItemOrder** spin control.  
Type **2** in the **ToolbarItemBarIndex** spin control.

You add the **Update** button after the **Insert** button in the new toolbar.

- 7 Click the new **Delete** menu item in the WYSIWYG view **Edit** menu.  
Make sure it is also selected in the **Properties** view.
- 8 Click the **Toolbar** tab if the **Toolbar** page is not already open.  
Type **Delete** in the **ToolbarItemText** box.  
Type or select **DeleteRow!** in the **ToolbarItemName** drop-down list box.

This defines a toolbar button for the Delete menu item that uses the stock picture called DeleteRow!. The button text is Delete.

- 9   Type 3 in the ToolbarItemOrder spin control.  
Type 2 in the ToolbarItemBarIndex spin control.**

You add the Delete button after the Update button in the new toolbar.

- 10   Select File>Save from the PowerBuilder menu bar.**



## Add menu scripts to trigger user events

### Where you are

Modify the frame menu

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Attach the new menu and run the application

Now you add scripts to trigger user events from the sheet window menu bar. You added these user events in Lesson 5, “Modifying the Ancestor Window”. The Menu painter should still be open for the `m_my_sheet` menu. If it is not, you can open it using the Open button in the PowerBar.

**1 Select `m_edit.m_insert` in the first list box in the Script view.**

*or*

**Double-click the Insert menu item in the WYSIWYG view.**

The full name of the Insert menu item displays in the Script view. It includes the `m_edit` prefix to indicate that it is in the Edit menu.

**2 Select Clicked in the second drop-down box if it is not already selected.**

**Type these lines for the Clicked event:**

```
w_master_detail_ancestor lw_activesheet
lw_activesheet = w_pbtutor_frame.GetActiveSheet()
lw_activesheet.EVENT ue_insert()
```

The first two lines determine which sheet in the MDI frame is currently active. The third line triggers the user event `ue_insert` for the active sheet.

**3 Repeat steps 1 and 2 for the following menu items and scripts:**

Menu name	Script for Clicked event
<code>m_edit.m_update</code>	<pre>w_master_detail_ancestor lw_activesheet lw_activesheet=w_pbtutor_frame.GetActiveSheet() lw_activesheet.EVENT ue_update()</pre>
<code>m_edit.m_delete</code>	<pre>w_master_detail_ancestor lw_activesheet lw_activesheet = w_pbtutor_frame.GetActiveSheet() lw_activesheet.EVENT ue_delete()</pre>

- 4 **Select File>Save from the PowerBuilder menu bar.**

PowerBuilder compiles and saves the menu scripts.

- 5 **Click the Close button in PainterBar1.**

*or*

**Select File>Close from the PowerBuilder menu bar.**

## Attach the new menu and run the application

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### Where you are

- Modify the frame menu
  - Create a new sheet menu
  - Add menu scripts to trigger user events
  - > Attach the new menu and run the application
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Now you attach the new sheet menu and run the application again.

### 1 Double-click `w_master_detail_ancestor` in the System Tree.

The menu listed in the MenuName box in the Properties view of the Window painter is still `m_pbtutor_sheet`.

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### If you cannot see the Properties view

Select View>Properties from the menu bar.

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### 2 Click the ellipsis button next to the MenuName box.

The Select Object dialog box displays.

### 3 Select `m_my_sheet` in the Menus list box and click OK.

This is the sheet menu you modified after inheriting it from `m_pbtutor_sheet`. It is now listed as the menu in the Properties view.

You must now change some code in the Script view. The first drop-down list box in the Script view displays the window name, `w_master_detail_ancestor`.

### 4 Click the Save button in PainterBar1. Click the Run button in the PowerBar.

The application login window displays.

### 5 Type `dba` in the User ID box. Type `sql` in the Password box and click OK.

The database connection is established, and the MDI frame for the application displays. The File menu now includes a Report cascading menu in place of the New menu item. The Open menu item is no longer visible.

**6 Select File>Report>Maintain Customers from the menu bar.**

Notice that a second toolbar appears and the Edit and Window cascading menus include enabled menu items.

**7 Select the Edit menu.**

The Edit menu has the Insert, Update, and Delete options you added. These options do not function yet, because the DataWindow controls in the Customer window do not have DataWindow objects associated with them.

**8 Select the Window menu.**

Notice that a new menu item has been added for the sheet you just opened.

**9 Select File>Report>Maintain Products from the menu bar.**

A second MDI sheet opens. This sheet cascades relative to the first sheet. The menu bar does not change. That is because `m_my_sheet` is the menu for both `w_customers` and `w_products`.

**10 Select the Edit menu.**

Because the `w_products` window uses the `m_my_sheet` menu, the Insert, Update, and Delete options are also available when the Product window is open.

**11 Select the Window menu.**

Another menu item has been added for the second sheet you opened. The checkmark next to this menu item indicates that it is the active sheet.

**12 Select File>Exit from the menu bar.**

The application terminates and you return to the Window painter workspace.

**13 Close the Window painter.**

# Building DataWindow Objects

The DataWindow object is one of the most powerful and useful features of PowerBuilder. A DataWindow object can connect to a database, retrieve rows, display the rows in various presentation styles, and update the database.

In this lesson you:

- Create and preview a new DataWindow object
- Make cosmetic changes to the first DataWindow object
- Create a second DataWindow object
- Make cosmetic changes to the second DataWindow object

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**How long does it take?**

About 20 minutes.

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## Create and preview a new DataWindow object

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### Where you are

- > Create and preview a new DataWindow object
  - Save the DataWindow object
  - Make cosmetic changes to the first DataWindow object
  - Create a second DataWindow object
  - Make cosmetic changes to the second DataWindow object
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Next you create a new DataWindow object and display it in the DataWindow painter. Like other painters, the DataWindow painter has an assortment of views that you can open simultaneously.

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### About the Design view of the DataWindow painter

The Design view in the DataWindow painter is similar to the Layout view in other painters. You can open only one Design view at a time.

The Design view is divided into four areas called bands: header, detail, summary, and footer. You can modify the contents of these bands. For example, you can change their sizes, add objects (controls, text, lines, boxes, or ovals), and change colors and fonts.

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In the Preview view of the DataWindow painter, you can see how the object looks in an application at runtime, complete with table data.



**1 Click the New button in the PowerBar.**

The New dialog box displays.

**2 Click the DataWindow tab.**

**Select Tabular from the list of presentation styles and click OK.**

The Choose Data Source for Tabular Data Window page of the DataWindow wizard displays.

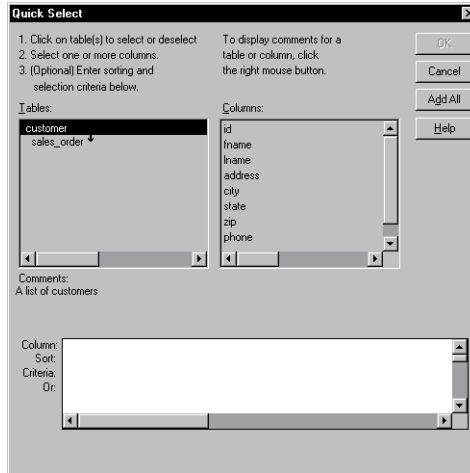
**3 Select Quick Select as the data source.**

**Select the Retrieve On Preview check box if it is not already selected. Click Next.**

PowerBuilder connects to the EAS Demo DB Database, and the Quick Select dialog box displays.

**4 Click the customer table in the Tables list box.**

This opens the table and lists its columns. For this DataWindow, you select four columns.



**5 Click id, fname, and lname in the Columns list box in the order listed. Scroll down the list and click company\_name.**

PowerBuilder displays the selected columns in a grid at the bottom of the Quick Select dialog box.

**Selection order determines display order**

The order in which you select the columns determines their left-to-right display order in the DataWindow object. If you clicked a column by mistake, you can click it again to clear the selection.

You can use the grid area at the bottom of the dialog box to specify sort criteria (for the SQL ORDER BY clause) and selection criteria (for the SQL WHERE clause). Now you specify sort criteria only. You sort the id column in ascending order.

**6 In the grid area of the Quick Select dialog box, click in the cell next to Sort and below Id.**

A drop-down list box displays.

**7 Select Ascending from the drop-down list box.**

This specifies that the id column is to be sorted in ascending order.

Column:	Id
Sort:	
Criteria:	Ascending
Or:	

**8 Click OK.**

The DataWindow wizard asks you to select the colors and borders for the new DataWindow object. By default, there are no borders for text or for columns.

**9 Click Next.**

You accept the border and color defaults. The DataWindow wizard summarizes your selections.

**10 Click Finish.**

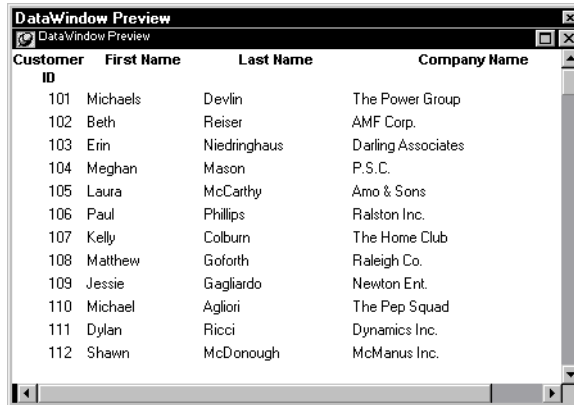
PowerBuilder creates the new DataWindow object and opens the DataWindow painter.

In the Design view, PowerBuilder displays a Heading band with default headings and a Detail band with the columns you selected:

The screenshot shows the 'DataWindow Design - (untitled)' window. It displays a table with four columns: 'Customer ID', 'First Name', 'Last Name', and 'Company Name'. The table is organized into four horizontal bands: 'Header', 'Detail', 'Summary', and 'Footer'. The 'Header' band contains the column headings. The 'Detail' band contains the data columns, with the first column labeled 'id' and the others 'fname', 'lname', and 'company\_name'. The 'Summary' and 'Footer' bands are currently empty.



The Preview view displays the DataWindow as it appears during execution. PowerBuilder displays data for all customers. The data is sorted in ascending order by customer ID, just as you specified.



The screenshot shows a window titled "DataWindow Preview" with a standard Windows-style title bar (minimize, maximize, close buttons). Inside the window is a table with four columns: "Customer ID", "First Name", "Last Name", and "Company Name". The table contains 12 rows of data, sorted by Customer ID in ascending order. The data is as follows:

Customer ID	First Name	Last Name	Company Name
101	Michaels	Devlin	The Power Group
102	Beth	Reiser	AMF Corp.
103	Eirin	Niedringhaus	Darling Associates
104	Meghan	Mason	P.S.C.
105	Laura	McCarthy	Amo & Sons
106	Paul	Phillips	Ralston Inc.
107	Kelly	Colburn	The Home Club
108	Matthew	Goforth	Raleigh Co.
109	Jessie	Gagliardo	Newton Ent.
110	Michael	Agliori	The Pep Squad
111	Dylan	Ricci	Dynamics Inc.
112	Shawn	McDonough	McManus Inc.

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#### Displaying the Preview view

If the Preview view is not displayed, select View>Preview from the menu bar. If Preview is grayed out, it is already displayed and you cannot select it. You can open only one Preview view at a time.

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## Save the DataWindow object

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### Where you are

Create and preview a new DataWindow object

> Save the DataWindow object

Make cosmetic changes to the first DataWindow object

Create a second DataWindow object

Make cosmetic changes to the second DataWindow object

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Now you name the DataWindow object and save it in the *pbtutor.pbl* library.

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### Saving to another library

You can save objects to different application libraries, but to avoid complications, you save all your new tutorial objects in one library. You can also copy or move objects from one library to another using the Library painter.

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**1 Select File>Save from the menu bar.**

The Save DataWindow dialog box displays with the insertion point in the DataWindows box.

**2 Make sure pbtutor.pbl is selected in the Application Libraries box.  
Type d\_custlist in the DataWindows box.**

This names the DataWindow object. The prefix d\_ is standard for DataWindow objects.

**3 (Optional) Type the following comments in the Comments box:**

This DataWindow object retrieves customer names and company associations.

**4 Click OK.**

PowerBuilder saves the DataWindow object and closes the Save DataWindow dialog box.

## Make cosmetic changes to the first DataWindow object

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### Where you are

- Create and preview a new DataWindow object
  - Save the DataWindow object
  - > Make cosmetic changes to the first DataWindow object
    - Create a second DataWindow object
    - Make cosmetic changes to the second DataWindow object
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Now you can make cosmetic changes to the DataWindow. You reposition the columns and column headings to make room for the hand pointer, which displays to the left of the currently selected row. You also move some of the columns to make them line up with their headings.

You make these changes in the Design view. You can keep the Preview view open at the same time to see how the changes you make affect the appearance of the DataWindow at runtime.

### 1 Select **Edit>Select>Select All** from the menu bar.

or

**Press Ctrl+A.**

All of the controls in the DataWindow object are selected in the Design view.

### 2 Position the mouse pointer over one of the selected objects.

**Drag the object to the right about one inch.**

All of the selected objects move together.

### 3 Click in a blank area in the Design view.

You clear the object selection.

### 4 Click the Customer ID header above the Header band.

**Hold down the Ctrl key and click the id column.**

**Drag the id column to the left about one-half inch.**

The column and its header move together.



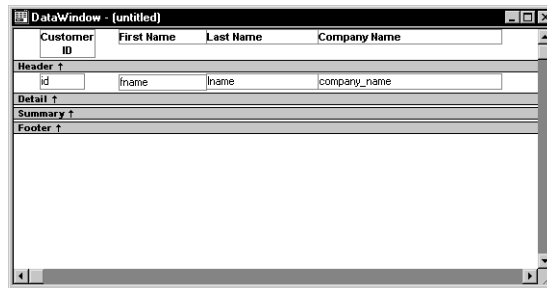
- 5 Click the Center button in the StyleBar.  
Click in a blank area in the Design view.

After centering the column header text and the column data, you clear the object selection.



- 6 Click the First Name header.  
Hold down the Ctrl key and click the Last Name and Company Name headers.  
Click the Left button in the StyleBar.

When you have finished, the Design view should look something like this:



- 7 Select File>Close from the menu bar.

A message box asks if you want to save your changes.

- 8 Click Yes.

PowerBuilder saves the DataWindow object and closes the DataWindow painter.

## Create a second DataWindow object

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**Where you are**

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When you built the first DataWindow object, you used Quick Select to specify the table and columns. This let you retrieve all the customers without having to use the Select painter.

To build the second DataWindow object, you use the Select painter. You need to define a retrieval argument and WHERE criteria so you can pass an argument to the DataWindow object during execution. In this case, you will pass the customer ID.

Now you:

- Select the data source and style
- Select the table and columns
- Define a retrieval argument
- Specify a WHERE clause
- View the DataWindow in the DataWindow painter
- Save the DataWindow object

## Select the data source and style

Now you select a data source and define how the data is to be presented.



- 1 **Click the New button in the PowerBar.**

The New dialog box appears.

- 2 **Click the DataWindow tab if it is not already selected.  
Select Freeform from the list of presentation styles and click OK.**

- 3 **Select SQL Select as the data source.  
Select the Retrieve On Preview if it is not already selected.  
Click Next.**

Since the data source is SQL Select, you go to the Select painter and the Select Tables dialog box displays.

Selecting the Retrieve On Preview check box allows you to view the data returned by a query in the development environment, but you need to provide initial values for any retrieval arguments that you specify.

## Select the table and columns

Now you select the table and the columns from that table to use in the DataWindow object.

### 1 Select customer in the list of tables and click Open.

The Select painter displays the customer table and its columns.

#### Alternative method

If you double-click the customer table instead of selecting it and clicking Open, the Select Tables dialog box remains open. In this case, you must click Cancel to continue.

### 2 Right-click the header area of the Customer table in the Table Layout view.

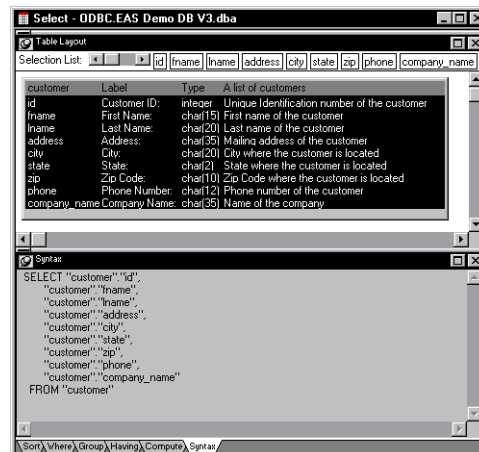
Select **Select All** from the pop-up menu.

The column names appear in the Selection List area above the table in the Table Layout view.

The column order in the Selection List reflects the order in which columns are selected. Since you selected all the columns at once, the order displayed is the original order of the columns in the database. You change the column presentation order later.

You can also see the order of selection in the Syntax view. Display the Syntax view by clicking the Syntax tab at the bottom of a stack of tabbed panes.

The Syntax view displays the generated Select statement.



## Define a retrieval argument

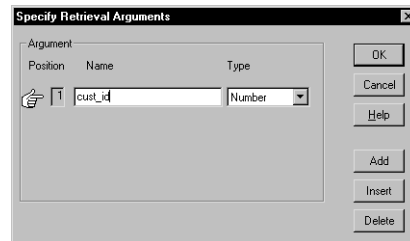
Now you define a retrieval argument.

- 1 **Select Design>Retrieval Arguments from the menu bar.**

The Specify Retrieval Arguments dialog box displays.

- 2 **Type `cust_id` in the Name box.**

The default data type is Number, which is what you want.



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### About retrieval argument names

You can choose any name you want for the retrieval argument; it is just a placeholder for the value you pass during execution. Nonetheless, it is a good idea to make the name meaningful.

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- 3 **Click OK.**

The retrieval argument is defined.



## Specify a WHERE clause

Now you specify a WHERE clause using the retrieval argument to retrieve a specific customer.

- 1 Click the **Where** tab in the stack.

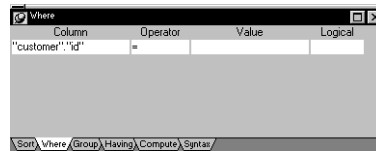
The Where view displays.

- 2 Click in the box below **Column** in the Where view.

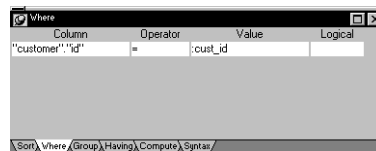
A down arrow displays, and the box becomes a drop-down list box.

- 3 Click the down arrow.  
Select **"customer"."id"**.

Your selection displays immediately below the Column heading. An equal sign (=) appears in the Operator box. This is correct, so do not change it.



- 4 Right-click in the box below the **Value** column header in the Where view.  
Select **Arguments from the pop-up menu**, select **:cust\_id**, and click **Paste**.



- 5 Click the **Syntax** tab in the stack.

The Syntax view displays the modified SELECT statement.

- 6 Scroll down until you see the generated WHERE clause.

You have now created a complete SQL SELECT statement that retrieves data from several columns in the customer table where the id column is equal to an argument that will be supplied during execution.

## View the DataWindow in the DataWindow painter

Now you view the DataWindow in the DataWindow painter using the Design and the Preview views.

- 1 **Click the Return button in the PainterBar.**

*or*

**Select File>Return To DataWindow Painter from the menu bar.**

The DataWindow wizard asks you to select the borders and colors for the new DataWindow object.

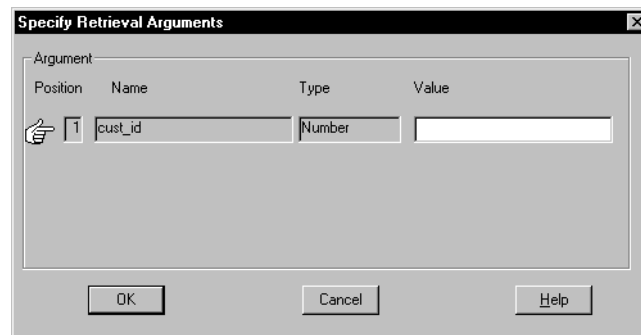
- 2 **Select Raised from the Border drop-down list box for columns. Click Next.**

You add raised borders to the columns, but not to the labels in the DataWindow object. The DataWindow wizard summarizes your selections.

- 3 **Click Finish.**

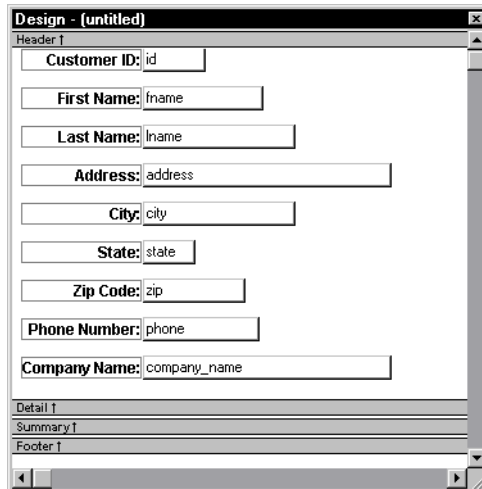
Because you selected the Retrieve On Preview check box and because the Preview view is part of the default layout scheme for the DataWindow painter, the Specify Retrieval Arguments dialog box appears.

This dialog box prompts you for an argument value. When you put this DataWindow object into the tutorial application, you write a script that passes the required argument to the DataWindow object automatically.



- 4 Type a customer ID (such as 101, 102, or 103) in the Value field. Click OK.

The DataWindow painter opens. The Design view displays the new DataWindow object.



The screenshot shows the 'Design - (untitled)' window in the DataWindow painter. It displays a form layout with the following fields:

- Header 1
  - Customer ID: id
  - First Name: fname
  - Last Name: lname
  - Address: address
  - City: city
  - State: state
  - Zip Code: zip
  - Phone Number: phone
  - Company Name: company\_name
- Detail 1
- Summary 1
- Footer 1

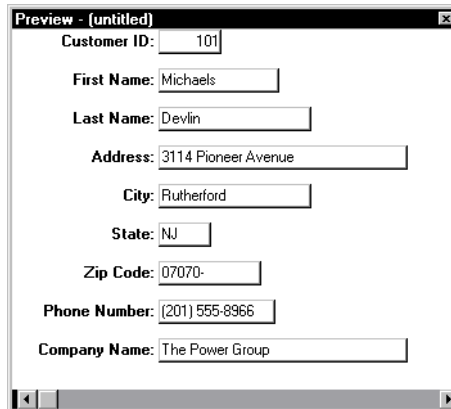
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### Changing font sizes

If you cannot see all letters in a label, press Ctrl+A to select all the items in the DataWindow, then select a smaller font size in the StyleBar.

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The DataWindow Preview view retrieves the requested customer data.



The screenshot shows the 'Preview - (untitled)' window, displaying the customer data retrieved for Customer ID 101. The fields are populated with the following values:

- Customer ID: 101
- First Name: Michaels
- Last Name: Devlin
- Address: 3114 Pioneer Avenue
- City: Rutherford
- State: NJ
- Zip Code: 07070-
- Phone Number: (201) 555-8966
- Company Name: The Power Group

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**Retrieving other records**

If you want to preview the record for another customer, you can right-click inside the DataWindow Preview view, select Retrieve from the pop-up menu, then specify a different customer ID in the Specify Retrieval Arguments dialog box.

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## Save the DataWindow object

Now you name the DataWindow object and save it. You could wait to save it until you leave the painter, but it is good practice to save your work frequently.

- 1 Select File>Save from the menu bar.**

The Save DataWindow dialog box displays.

- 2 Make sure pbtutor.pbl is selected in the Application Libraries box. Type d\_customer in the DataWindows box.**

Earlier you saved a DataWindow object as d\_custlist.

- 3 (Optional) Type the following comments in the Comments box.**

This DataWindow retrieves all columns for the  
Customer table. It is useful as a detail DataWindow.

- 4 Click OK.**

You return to the DataWindow painter.

## Make cosmetic changes to the second DataWindow object

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### **Where you are**

Create and preview a new DataWindow object

Save the DataWindow object

Make cosmetic changes to the first DataWindow object

Create a second DataWindow object

> Make cosmetic changes to the second DataWindow object

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Now you modify the DataWindow object. You:

- Rearrange the columns and labels
  - Align the columns and labels
  - Display the arrow for a drop-down DataWindow edit style
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### **Columns on freeform DataWindows**

Data fields on freeform DataWindow objects are still called columns, even though they are shown in a nontabular display.

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## Rearrange the columns and labels

Now you rearrange the columns and labels in the new DataWindow object. You can maximize the Design view for greater ease in manipulating the columns and their labels.

- 1 **Click the Address: label in the Design view.**  
**Hold the Ctrl key and click the address column.**

The two items are selected.

- 2 **Keep the Ctrl key pressed and click the following column labels and column controls:**

Label	Column
City:	city
State:	state
Zip Code:	zip

- 3 **Release the Ctrl key.**  
**Position the cursor on one of the selected objects and drag it to the top-right corner of the DataWindow object.**

The objects move together.

- 4 **Use the Ctrl+click technique to move the following label and column controls to the location indicated:**

Label	Move with column	Move under
Company Name:	company_name	Last Name:
Phone Number:	phone	Company Name:

If necessary, scroll down until you can see all the columns in the DataWindow.

- 5 **Drag the Detail band up below the last column label.**

You remove any extra space in the detail area.

Some of the fields may overlap others. You fix this in the next exercise. The DataWindow should now look like this in the Design view:

Design - d\_customer

Header 1

Customer ID:	id	Address:	address
First Name:	fname	City:	city
Last Name:	lname	State:	state
Company Name:	company_name	Zip Code:	zip
Phone Number:	phone		

Detail 1

Summary 1

Footer 1

The DataWindow Preview view looks like this:

Preview - d\_customer

Customer ID:	101	Address:	3114 Pioneer Avenue
First Name:	Michaels	City:	Rutherford
Last Name:	Devlin	State:	NJ
Company Name:	The Power Group	Zip Code:	07070-
Phone Number:	(201) 555-8966		



## Align the columns and labels

Now you align the columns and labels on the new DataWindow.

- 1 **Select the Zip Code: label in the Design view.**  
Move the Zip Code: label as close as possible to the company\_name column.

A narrow space should separate the left edge of the label box from the right edge of the column box.

- 2 **While the Zip Code: label is still selected, use the Ctrl+click technique to select the Address:, City:, and State: labels.**

- 3 **Select Format>Align from the menu bar.**

A cascading menu of align options displays.



- 4 **Select the first option (Align left edges).**

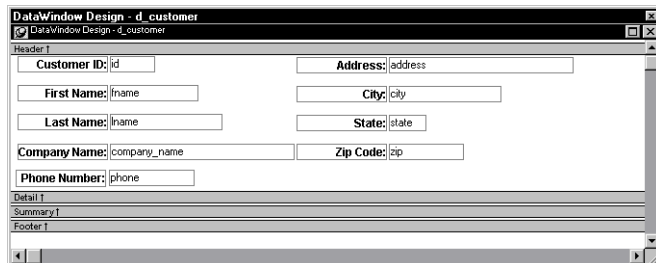
PowerBuilder aligns the left edges of the selected objects with the left edge of the first item you selected (the Zip Code: label).



### Selecting an alignment tool from the PainterBar

You can access a drop-down list of alignment tools by clicking the Align button on PainterBar2.

- 5 **Move the zip column so that it is next to the Zip Code: label.**  
**Align the address, city, and state columns with the zip column, just as you aligned the column labels.**



## Display the arrow for a drop-down DataWindow edit style

The column for the customer state of residence has a DropdownDataWindow edit style. This is an extended attribute associated with the State column in the EAS Demo DB database. The (drop-down) DataWindow with which the column is associated has a list of states and their two-letter postal codes.

You can make the state selection list visible at all times in your application or you can display an arrow at all times to indicate that a selection list is available. Now you change the property for the state column to show the arrow at all times.

- 1 Click the state column in the Design view.  
Make sure the Properties view displays.**

The Properties view displays properties of the column.

- 2 Click the Edit tab in the Properties view.**

You may need to click the arrow keys near the top of the Properties view to display the Edit tab before you can click it. Notice the Style Type selection is DropDownDW.

- 3 Select the Always Show Arrow check box.  
Make sure the state column in the Design view is wide enough to display two characters plus the arrow symbol.**

An arrow appears next to the state column in the Design and Preview views.

- 4 Click the Save button in PainterBar1.  
Click the Close button in PainterBar1.**

## Attaching the DataWindow Objects

After you create and save a DataWindow object, you can use it in a window. You have already created the d\_custlist and the d\_customer DataWindow objects. Now you associate each of these DataWindow objects with a DataWindow control in the w\_customers window.

In this lesson you:

- Attach a DataWindow object to the master DataWindow control
- Attach the DataWindow object to the detail DataWindow control
- Run the application
- Attach DataWindow objects to the Product window
- Run the application again

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**How long does it take?**  
About 15 minutes.

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## Attach a DataWindow object to the master DataWindow control

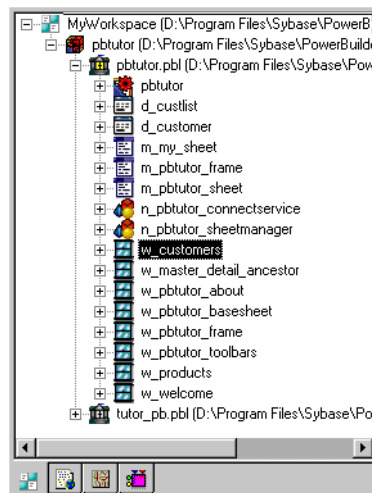
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### Where you are

- > Attach a DataWindow object to the master DataWindow control
  - Attach the DataWindow object to the detail DataWindow control
  - Run the application
  - Attach DataWindow objects to the Product window
  - Run the application again
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Now you attach the DataWindow object to a DataWindow control in the w\_customers window.

### 1 Expand the pbtutor.pbl branch in the System Tree.



### 2 Right-click w\_customers and select Edit from the pop-up menu.

or

Double-click w\_customers in the System Tree.

The Window painter displays the w\_customers window.

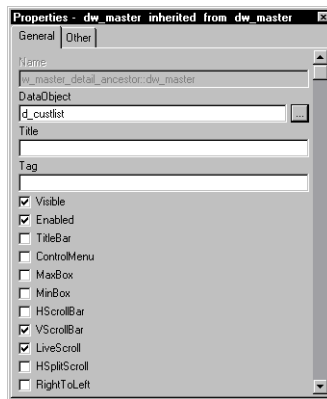
- 3 Right-click the `dw_master` DataWindow control in the Layout view. Select Properties from the pop-up menu. Click the ellipsis button next to the DataObject box in the Properties view.

The Select Object dialog box displays.

- 4 Select `d_custlist` in the DataWindows list box and click OK.

PowerBuilder associates the `d_custlist` DataWindow object with the `dw_master` DataWindow control.

The Layout view now shows the `d_custlist` DataWindow headings inside the `dw_master` control, but you do not see any data yet. The DataWindow does not execute its SELECT statement until you run the application.



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### Adding DataWindow objects to the window using drag and drop

In this tutorial, you use a custom DataWindow control that has built-in error handling. If you want to use the standard DataWindow control, you do not need to add the control to the window and then attach a DataWindow object to it as you did in this lesson. You can simply select the DataWindow object you want from the System Tree and drag it onto the window in the Layout view. PowerBuilder creates the DataWindow control for you.

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## Attach the DataWindow object to the detail DataWindow control

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### Where you are

- Attach a DataWindow object to the master DataWindow control
  - > Attach the DataWindow object to the detail DataWindow control
  - Run the application
  - Attach DataWindow objects to the Product window
  - Run the application again
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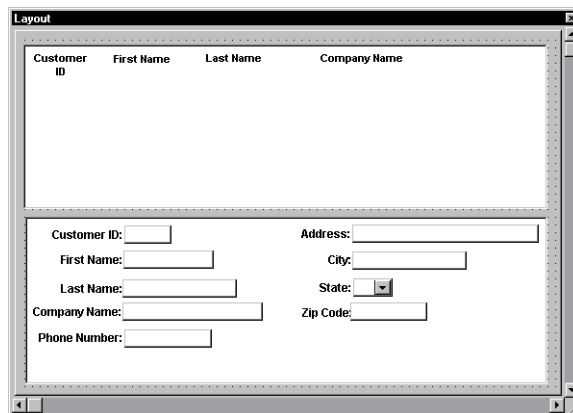
Now you attach a DataWindow object to the detail DataWindow control. The Window painter should still be open for the w\_customers window.

- 1 **Select the dw\_detail control in the Layout view.**  
**Click the ellipsis button next to the DataObject box in the Properties view.**  
**Select d\_customer in the Select Object dialog box and click OK.**

PowerBuilder associates the d\_customer DataWindow object with the dw\_detail DataWindow control. The Window painter workspace now shows the d\_customer DataWindow object inside the dw\_detail control.

- 2 **In the Layout view, make the dw\_detail control larger so that you can see all of the columns you added to the DataWindow object.**

If you need to, you can also enlarge the window to make more room. If you make the dw\_detail control wider, you may also want to make the dw\_master control the same width.



## Run the application

### Where you are

- Attach a DataWindow object to the master DataWindow control
- Attach the DataWindow object to the detail DataWindow control
- > Run the application
  - Attach DataWindow objects to the Product window
  - Run the application again

Now you run the application again to test the insert, update, and delete capabilities of the second DataWindow.



#### 1 Click the Run button in the PowerBar.

PowerBuilder prompts you to save your changes.

#### 2 Click Yes.

The application begins running, and the login window displays.

#### 3 Type `dba` in the User ID box. Type `sql` in the Password box and click OK.

The database connection is established, and the MDI frame for the application displays.

#### 4 Select File>Report>Maintain Customers from the menu bar.

The Customer window displays.

Customer ID	First Name	Last Name	Company Name
101	Michaels	Devlin	The Power Group
102	Beth	Reiser	AMF Corp.
103	Erin	Niedringhaus	Darling Associates
104	Meghan	Mason	P.S.C.
105	Laura	McCarthy	Amo & Sons

Customer ID:  Address:

First Name:  City:

Last Name:  State:

Company Name:  Zip Code:

Phone Number:

The top DataWindow control (dw\_master) shows all of the rows retrieved from the Customer table. The hand pointer shows which row is selected.

The bottom DataWindow control (dw\_detail) shows further information about the selected customer.

**5 Click the Insert button in the toolbar.**

*or*

**Select Edit>Insert from the menu bar.**

This clears (resets) the dw\_detail DataWindow and adds a new row to the DataWindow. The cursor is in the Customer ID box in the dw\_detail control.

**6 Add a new customer row by entering information in the boxes in the detail DataWindow.**

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**Typing information for a new customer**

The Customer ID number must be unique. To avoid duplicate numbers, use a four-digit number for your new database entry, or scroll down the list of customers in the master DataWindow and select an ID number that does not appear in the list.

The phone number and zip code use edit masks to display the information you type. You must enter numbers only for these data fields. To specify the state in which the customer resides, you must click the arrow next to the state column and select an entry from the drop-down list box.

The database allows null values only for the company name field. You must enter values for all other fields before clicking the Update button for a new customer.

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**7 Click the Update button in the toolbar.**

*or*

**Select Edit>Update from the menu bar.**

This sends the new customer data to the database and displays a confirmation message, as coded in the script for the ue\_update event.

The new customer does not yet display in the master DataWindow. (You could add code to include this feature). However, if you open another instance of the w\_customers sheet, the new customer data is visible in both the master and detail DataWindow controls.



- 8 **Click OK in the message box.**  
**Click a customer in the master DataWindow.**

That customer data displays in the lower DataWindow.

- 9 **Change the customer address in the detail DataWindow.**

- 10 **Click the Update button in the toolbar.**

*or*

**Select Edit>Update from the menu bar.**

This sends the revised customer data to the database and displays another confirmation message.

- 11 **Click OK in the message box.**  
**Select another customer in the master DataWindow.**

That customer data displays in the detail DataWindow.

- 12 **Click the Delete button in the toolbar.**

*or*

**Select Edit>Delete from the menu bar.**

The customer is deleted from the DataWindow immediately but is not deleted from the database unless you select the Update option on the Edit menu. In this particular situation, the Update operation may fail, because rows in other tables in the EAS Demo DB database may refer to the row that you are trying to delete.

You should be able to delete any row that you have added to the database.

- 13 **Select File>Exit from the menu bar.**

The application terminates and you return to the Window painter.

- 14 **Close the Window painter.**

## Attach DataWindow objects to the Product window

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### Where you are

Attach a DataWindow object to the master DataWindow control

Attach the DataWindow object to the detail DataWindow control

Run the application

> Attach DataWindow objects to the Product window

Run the application again

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Now you add two DataWindow objects to the w\_products window. These DataWindow objects are provided for you in the *tutor\_pb.pbl* library.

- 1 **Right-click w\_products in the System Tree and select Edit from the pop-up menu.**

or

**Double-click w\_products in the System Tree.**

The Window painter displays the w\_products window.

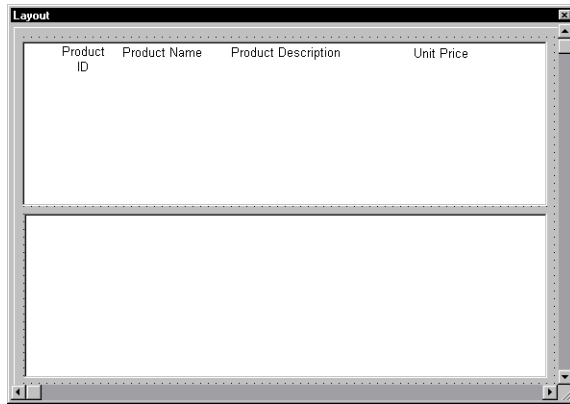
- 2 **Select the dw\_master DataWindow control in the Control List view. Click the ellipsis button next to the DataObject box in the Properties view.**

PowerBuilder displays the Select Object dialog box.

- 3 **Select tutor\_pb.pbl in the Application Libraries box. Select d\_prodlist in the DataWindows box and click OK.**

The Data Object box in the Properties view of the Window painter now displays d\_prodlist.

PowerBuilder associates the `d_prodlst` DataWindow object with the `dw_master` DataWindow control in the `w_products` window. You see the headings for the DataWindow object in the Layout view. You may need to resize the control and/or the window.



- 4 Click the `dw_detail` DataWindow control in the Control List view. Click the ellipsis button next to the DataObject box in the Properties view.

The Select Object dialog box displays.

- 5 Select `tutor_pb.pbl` in the Application Libraries box. Select `d_product` in the DataWindows list box and click OK.

You return to the Window painter.

PowerBuilder associates the `d_product` DataWindow object with the `dw_detail` DataWindow control. The Layout view now shows the `d_product` DataWindow object inside the `dw_detail` control. The `d_product` DataWindow object has seven columns labeled Product ID, Product Name, Product Description, Size, Color, Quantity, and Unit Price.

If necessary, in the Layout view, make the `dw_detail` control larger so that you can see all of the columns in the DataWindow object. You can also enlarge the window to make more room.

## Run the application again

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### Where you are

- Attach a DataWindow object to the master DataWindow control
  - Attach the DataWindow object to the detail DataWindow control
  - Run the application
  - Attach DataWindow objects to the Product window
  - > Run the application again
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Now you run the application again to test the Product window.

At this point the Product window should have all of the capabilities of the Customer window. Like the Customer window, the Product window functions as a master/detail window, providing support for retrieval, insert, update, and delete operations against the database.



**1 Click the Run button in the PowerBar.**

PowerBuilder prompts you to save your changes.

**2 Click Yes.**

The application begins running, and the login window displays.

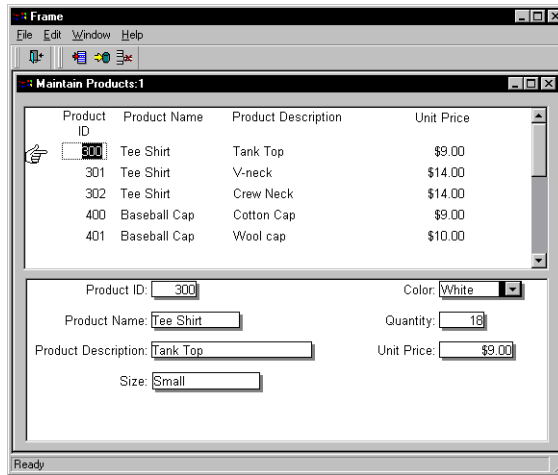
**3 Type dba in the User ID box.  
Type sql in the Password box and click OK.**

The database connection is established, and the MDI frame for the application displays.

**4 Select File>Report>Maintain Products from the menu bar.**

The Product window displays. The top DataWindow control shows all of the rows retrieved from the Product table.

The bottom DataWindow control shows information about the product selection in the top DataWindow control.



**5 Select Edit>Insert from the menu bar.**

This clears the dw\_detail DataWindow and allows you to add a new row to the DataWindow. The cursor is in the Product ID box in the dw\_detail control.

**6 Add a new product row by entering information in the boxes in the lower DataWindow.**

Use the Tab key to move from box to box.

**7 Select Edit>Update from the menu bar.**

This sends the new product data to the database and displays a confirmation message, as coded in the script for the ue\_update event.

The new product does not display yet in the top DataWindow, but if you open another product sheet, the new information displays. If you want, you can add code to the Clicked event of the update button to automatically refresh the data in the master DataWindow control.

**8 Click OK in the message box.  
Click a product in the master DataWindow.**

That product data displays in the detail DataWindow.

- 9 Change the product's unit price.  
Select Edit>Update from the menu bar.**

This sends the revised product data to the database and displays another confirmation message.

- 10 Click OK in the message box.  
Select another product in the master DataWindow.**

That product's data displays in the detail DataWindow.

- 11 Select Edit>Delete from the menu bar.**

The product is deleted from the DataWindow immediately but is not deleted from the database until you select the Update option on the Edit menu.

- 12 Select File>Exit from the menu bar.**

The application closes and you return to the Window painter.

- 13 Close the Window painter.**

# Running the Debugger

Sometimes your application does not behave the way you think it will. Perhaps a variable is not being assigned the value you expect, or a script does not do what you want it to. In these situations, you can closely examine your application by running it in debug mode.

In debug mode, you can set breakpoints (stops) in scripts and functions, step through the code line by line, and display the contents of variables to locate logic errors and mistakes that result in errors during execution. When you run your application in debug mode, PowerBuilder suspends execution just before it hits a line containing a breakpoint. You can then look at and change the values of variables.

In this lesson you:

- Add breakpoints in application scripts
- Run in debug mode
- Set a watch and a conditional breakpoint

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**How long does it take?**

About 15 minutes.

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## Add breakpoints in application scripts

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### Where you are

- > Add breakpoints in application scripts
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Now you open the Debugger and add breakpoints to examine the behavior of the login and Customer windows. When PowerBuilder runs the application in debug mode, it stops just before executing a line containing a breakpoint.

When you insert breakpoints in a script, you should select lines that contain executable statements. If you try to set a breakpoint in variable-declaration lines, comment lines, or blank lines, PowerBuilder sets the breakpoint at the next executable line.



#### 1 Click the Debug button in the PowerBar.

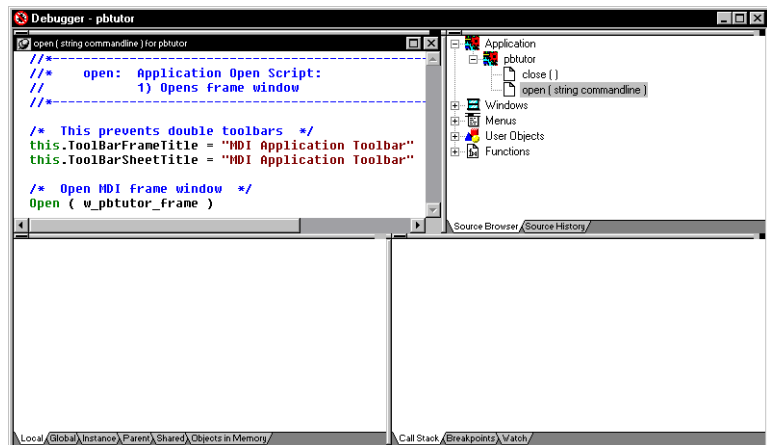
PowerBuilder opens the Debugger. There are three stacks of tabbed panes in the default view layout scheme. The Source view is visible in a single pane at the top left of the Debug window.

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#### If the Debug window looks different

If you have opened the Debug window before and opened, moved, or closed any views, your display may look different. To restore the default view layout scheme, select View>Layouts>Default from the menu bar.

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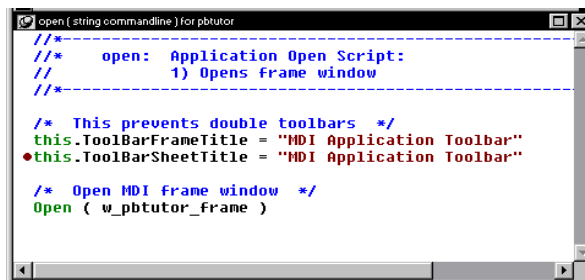


The source code for the application Open event displays in the Source view at top left. If it does not display, expand the Application node in the Source Browser view's tree view and double-click the Open event under the pbtutor application.

- 2 In the Source view, double-click the line containing the following assignment statement:

```
this.ToolBarSheetTitle = "MDI Application Toolbar"
```

A red symbol displays at the start of the line to show that a breakpoint has been set on the statement.



- 3 Expand the following node in the Source Browser view:  
Windows>w\_welcome>cb\_ok

The Source Browser view lists only events which have been coded. The only event for the login window OK button is the Clicked event.

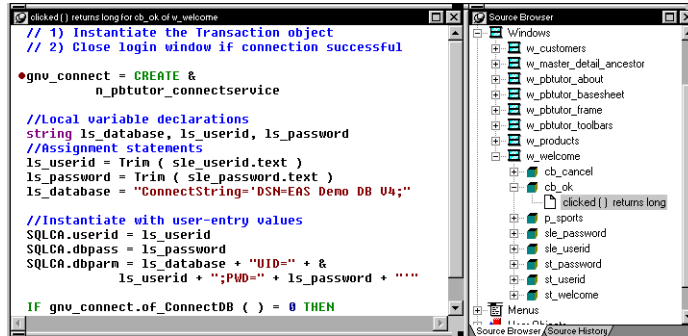
- 4 Double-click the Clicked event for the cb\_ok button in the Source Browser view.

The code for the Clicked event displays in the Source view.

- 5 Double-click the following line:

```
gmv_connect = CREATE &
n_pbtutor_connectservice
```

A breakpoint symbol displays at the start of the line.



- 6 Double-click `w_master_detail_ancestor` in the Source Browser view. Double-click `dw_master`, then `rowfocuschanged`.

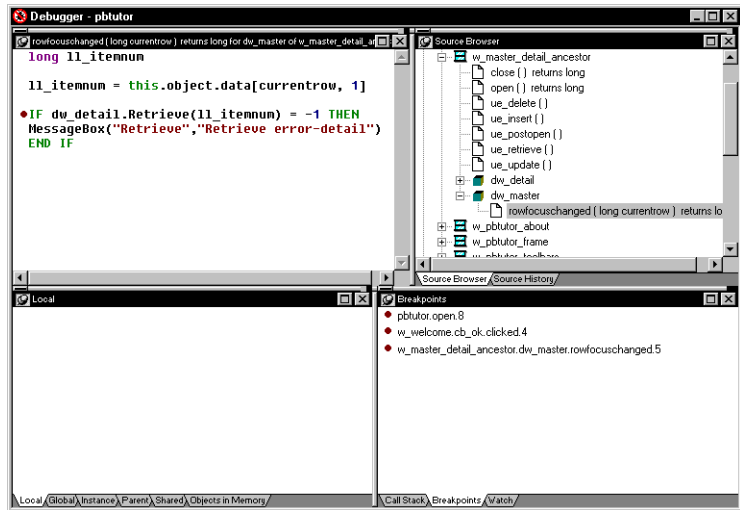
PowerBuilder displays the script for the `RowFocusChanged` event of the `dw_master` DataWindow control in the Source view.

- 7 Double-click this line:

```
IF dw_detail.Retrieve(ll_itemnum) = -1 THEN
```

A breakpoint symbol displays at the start of the line.

## 8 Select the Breakpoints tab in the lower-right stack.



You should see the breakpoints you set in the Breakpoints view. To complete this lesson, you need to have these breakpoints set correctly.

### If you have additional breakpoints

You can clear any excess breakpoints using the pop-up menu in the Breakpoints view.

## Run in debug mode

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- Add breakpoints in application scripts
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  - Set a watch and a conditional breakpoint
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Now you run the application in debug mode. You step through the code line by line.

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### About the Step buttons

You can use either Step In or Step Over to step through an application one statement at a time. They have the same result except when the next statement contains a call to a function.

Use Step Over to execute the function as a single statement.

Use Step In if you want to step into a function and examine the effects of each statement in the function. If you have stepped into a function, you can use Step Out to execute the rest of the function as a single step. You return to the next statement in the script that called the function.

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- 1 **Click the Start button in PainterBar1.**  
*or*  
**Select Debug>Start from the menu bar.**

The application starts and runs until it hits a breakpoint (in this case, the call to the assignment statement for the toolbar title for sheet windows).

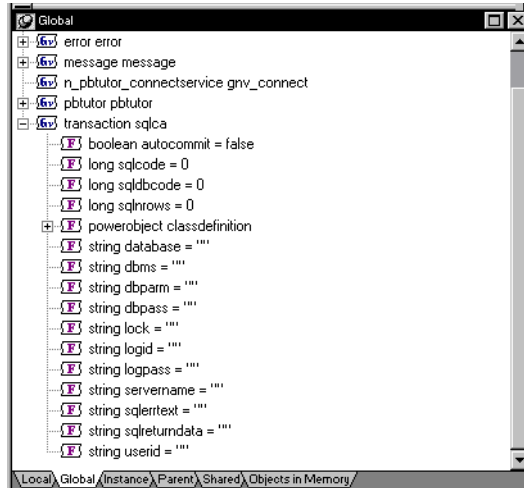
You return to the Debug window, with the line containing the breakpoint displayed. The yellow arrow cursor means that this line contains the next statement to be executed.

- 2 **Click the Global tab in the lower-left stack.**

The Global Variables view displays.

**3 Double-click transaction sqlca.  
Find the dbms property.**

The DBMS property has a String data type. Notice that this property does not yet have a value associated with it (because the Debugger interrupted execution before the ProfileString function executed).



**4 To execute the next statement, click the Step In button in PainterBar1.  
or  
Select Debug>Step In from the menu bar.**

The application starts execution of the Open event for the MDI frame window.

**5 Use Step In or Step Over to step through the code until you reach this statement in the script for the frame window Open event:**

```
open(w_welcome)
```

After PowerBuilder finishes executing this statement, the login window displays and the Debug window is minimized.

The Open event for the frame window also has a posted call to the ue\_postopen function (that you stepped through without examining). This in turn calls functions of the sheet manager. These functions are processed at the end of the script for the Open event (after the login window displays).



- 6 Click **Step Over** until the login window displays and the Debugger is minimized.

Type **dba** in the **User ID** box of the login window.

Type **sql** in the **Password** box and click **OK**.

You return to the Debug window. The yellow arrow in the Source view points to the next executable statement, the **CREATE** statement for the connection service object. This is the first executable line in the script for the **Clicked** event of the **cb\_ok** command button.

- 7 Select the **Call Stack** tab in the lower-right stack.

The yellow arrow in the Call Stack view indicates the current location in the call stack. If you double-click another line in the stack, the Source and Variables views change to display the context of that line and a green arrow indicates the line in the Source view. If you then single-click another line in the stack, a green arrow displays in the Call Stack view to indicate the line for which context is displayed. When you continue to step through the code, the Source and Variables views return to the current context.

- 8 Click the **Step In** button.

The Debugger takes you to the script for the **Constructor** event of the connection service object.



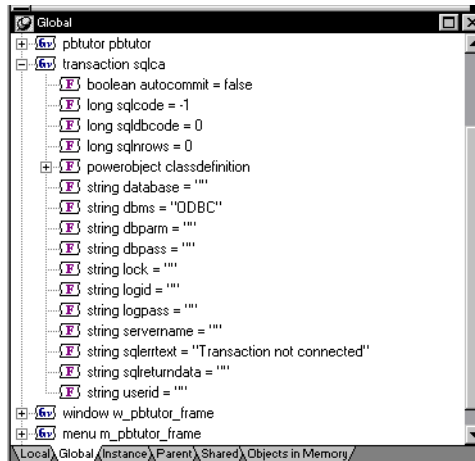
- 9 Click the **Step Out** button.

Click the **Global** tab in the lower-left stack.

Look again at the **Transaction** object properties.

You step out of the **Constructor** event in a single step and return to the script for the **OK** button **Clicked** event. Now the **DBMS** property has a value, but the **UserID**, **DBPass**, and **DBParm** properties do not.

The values were assigned during execution of the Constructor event of the connection service object after the of\_GetConnectionInfo function returned information from the INI file, but because you commented out the lines in the code for the UserID, DBPass, and DBParm properties, these values were not retrieved.

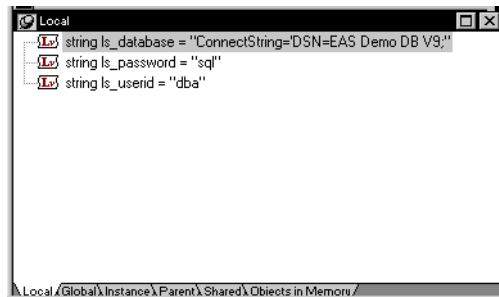


**10 Click on the Local tab in the lower-left stack.**

The local variables for the Clicked script have not yet been assigned values.

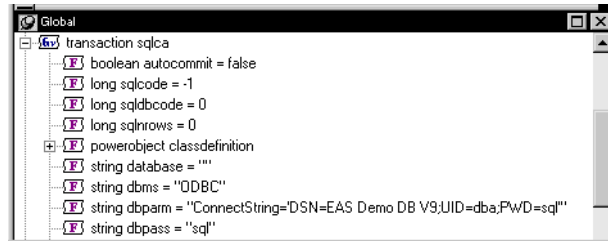
**11 Use the Step In button to step through the three assignment statements for the local variables.**

As you step through each statement, you can check that the values assigned to the local variables are what you expected.



- 12 Click again on the Global tab in the lower-left stack and expand the Transaction object.  
Use the Step In button to step through the three lines that instantiate the Transaction object (SQLCA) with user-entry values.

As you step through each statement, you can check that the values you entered in the login window are being assigned to the Transaction object. You are still not connected to the database until the connection service object of \_Connect function is executed.



- 13 Click the Continue button in PainterBar1.

The Continue button resumes execution until the next breakpoint. The database connection is established, the login window closes, and the MDI frame for your application displays. The application is waiting for user input.

- 14 Select File>Report>Maintain Customers from the menu bar.

The application continues until it reaches the line in the RowFocusChanged event that contains the next breakpoint you added.

The RowFocusChanged event for a DataWindow occurs before the DataWindow is displayed. For this reason, execution stops before the Customer window is opened.



## Set a watch and a conditional breakpoint

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**Where you are**

Add breakpoints in application scripts

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Next you set a watch on a variable whose value changes when the user selects a row in the Customer window. You then change one of the simple breakpoints you have set into a conditional breakpoint that is triggered only when a variable has a specific value.

- 1 Click the Watch tab in the lower-right stack.  
Click the Local tab in the lower-left stack.  
Select the `ll_itemnum` variable in the Local view and drag it to the Watch view.**

The `ll_itemnum` variable is set to 101, the ID of the first customer retrieved. Displaying it in the Watch view makes it easier to observe when its value changes. You can also drag Global, Instance, and Parent variables to the Watch view so that you can easily keep track of several variables of different types.



- 2 Click the Continue button.**

The application resumes execution. The Customer window displays and shows the list of customers retrieved from the database. The detail DataWindow shows information about customer 101.

- 3 Select a different row in the master DataWindow of the Customer window.**

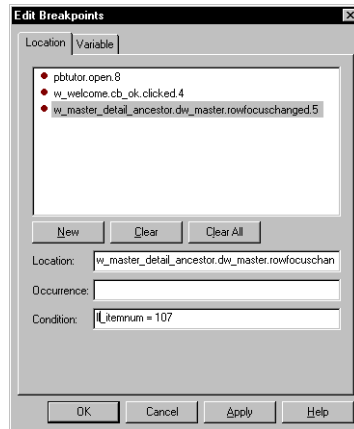
You return to the Debug window. The new value of `ll_itemnum` displays in both the Local Variables view and the Watch view.

- 4 Click the Breakpoints tab in the lower-right stack.  
Double-click the `rowfocuschanged` breakpoint.**

The Edit Breakpoints dialog box opens with the breakpoint in the `RowFocusChanged` event selected.

- 5 Type the following line in the Condition text box and click OK:

```
ll_itemnum = 107
```



The breakpoint in the RowFocusChanged event script is now a conditional breakpoint. PowerBuilder suspends execution only when it reaches this statement *and* the value of ll\_itemnum is 107.

- 6 Click OK to close the dialog box.  
Click the Continue button.

The application resumes execution. Now you can select different rows in the Customer window, and the Debug window opens at the breakpoint only if you select the customer whose ID is 107.

If you select customer 107, click the Continue button again to return to the application.

- 7 Select File>Exit from the application's menu bar.

The application terminates and you return to the Debug window.

- 8 Select File>Close from the menu bar.

You return to the PowerBuilder development environment.

# Exception Handling

Exception handling allows you to trap errors that occur during the execution of a program and to provide useful information about those errors to the application user. This lesson describes how to create user-defined exception objects and use them to catch exceptions that you throw from a method in a TRY-CATCH statement.

In this lesson you:

- Add a new sheet window to the existing application
- Create user-defined exception objects
- Create a new user function and user event
- Call the methods and catch the exceptions
- Run the application

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**How long does it take?**

About 45 minutes.

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## Add a new sheet window to the existing application

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### Where you are

- > Add a new sheet window to the existing application
  - Create user-defined exception objects
  - Create a new user function and user event
  - Call the methods and catch the exceptions
  - Run the application
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In this lesson you add a third sheet window to the main tutorial application. You create and call a function to perform a routine operation (calculate a percentage) on values returned from embedded SQL commands and a value selected by the application user from a drop-down list box control.

The prototype for the function you create throws user-defined exceptions. You call the function in a TRY-CATCH block inside the Clicked event on a command button control. The CATCH clauses in the Clicked event catch user-defined exceptions thrown by the new function as well as a system exception thrown up the application call stack.

You use the new sheet window to calculate the percentage of customers that reside in a selected state. The controls you add to the new sheet window are:

- Two static text boxes that you change programmatically to display read-only results
- A command button to call a function that calculates percentages
- A drop-down list box for a list of states where customers reside
- A text box that displays the percentage of customers residing in the state that application users select from the drop-down list box

To add a sheet window to the existing application, you must:

- Create the sheet window
- Provide access to the sheet window from the main application frame

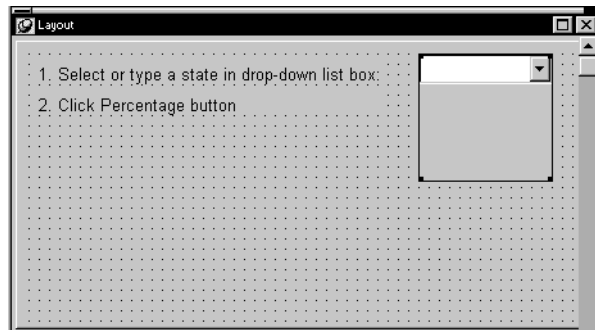
## Create the sheet window

You inherit the sheet window from the `w_pbtutor_basesheet` window. This is the base class for sheet windows that you generated with the Template Application wizard. You do not use the `w_master_detail_ancestor` extension layer window, since the modifications you made to it are not useful in the new sheet window.

- 1 Select File>Inherit from the PowerBuilder menu.**  
Select `w_pbtutor_basesheet` from the available windows in the PBTutor.PBL library and click OK.
- 2 Make sure the Layout view displays in the Window painter.**  
Select Insert>Control>StaticText and click near the top left corner of the Layout view.
- 3 In the Properties view, highlight the default text in the Text text box and type the following:**
  1. Select or type a state code in drop-down list box:
- 4 Lengthen the control width and the width of the sheet window to display the entire text and allow room for a drop-down list box control at the top right of the window.**

A length of 2250 should be sufficient for the sheet window width.
- 5 Right-click the static text control in the Layout view and click Duplicate from the pop-up menu.**  
In the Properties view, highlight the default text in the Text text box of the new static text control and type the following:
  2. Click Percentage button

- 6 Select **Insert>Control>DropDownListBox** and click to the right of the static text boxes near the top right corner of the Layout view.



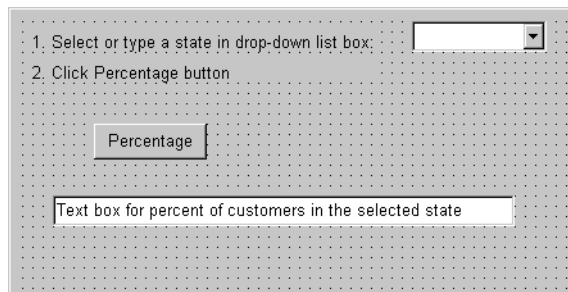
- 7 In the **Properties** view for the drop-down list box, type `ddlb_state` for the control name.  
Select the **AllowEdit** and the **VScrollBar** check boxes.

- 8 Click the command button in the painter bar and click below the two static text boxes.  
In the **Properties** view, type `cb_percent` for the button name and type **Percentage** for the button text.

- 9 Select **Insert>Control>SingleLineEdit** and click below the command button in the Layout view.  
In the **Properties** view, type `sle_result` for the control name and type the following for the control text:

Text box for percent of customers in the selected state

- 10 Lengthen the control width to display the entire text.



- 11 **Make sure no control is selected and the sheet window properties are displayed in the Properties view.**  
**Type `Customer Location` for the Tag property.**

The text you type will be visible in the sheet window title at runtime. Code in the basesheet `ue_postopen` event assigns the Tag text to the sheet window title.

- 12 **Select `File>Save` from the PowerBuilder menu.**  
**Select `PBTUTOR.PBL` for the application library, type `w_cust_pct` for the new sheet window name, and click OK.**

You save the new sheet window with all its controls to the main tutorial library.

## Provide access to the sheet window from the main application frame

You must register the new sheet with the sheet manager.

- 1 Double-click `w_pbtutor_frame` in the System Tree.
- 2 If the `ue_postopen` event is not visible in the Script view, click the Event List tab and double-click `ue_postopen`.

The `ue_postopen` event script displays in the Script view.

- 3 Type the following line in the list of registered sheet windows:

```
ls_sheets[3] = "w_cust_pct"
```

- 4 Type the following line below the list of sheet window titles to display:

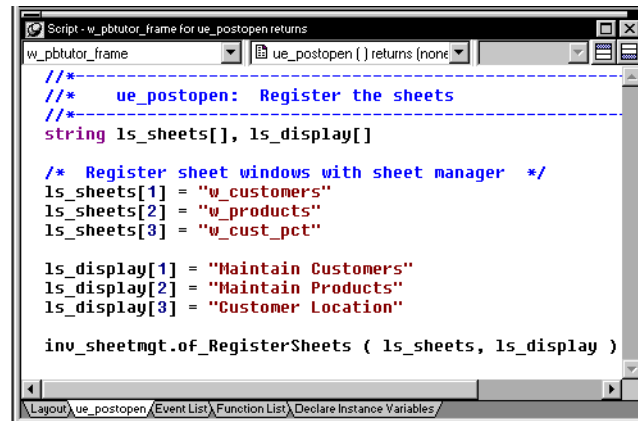
```
ls_display[3] = "Customer Location"
```

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### Better coding practice

You could reduce the six lines of code for defining sheet windows and their display names by replacing them with the following lines of code:

```
// Define sheet windows and their display names
string ls_sheets[]={ "w_customers", "w_products", &
    "w_cust_pct" }
string ls_display[]={ "Maintain Customers", &
    "Maintain Products", "Customer Location" }
```





**5 Select File>Save and close the w\_pbtutor\_frame window.**

The next time you run the pbtutor application, you should be able to open the new sheet window from the File menu of the main frame window. Although you can now run the new sheet window from the development environment, you must make sure that you can run it from a compiled application as well.

For this purpose, you reference the sheet windows as window objects in the sheet manager of\_registersheet script. The reference is necessary for the compiler to know that this object is used in the application so that it will include it into the executable.

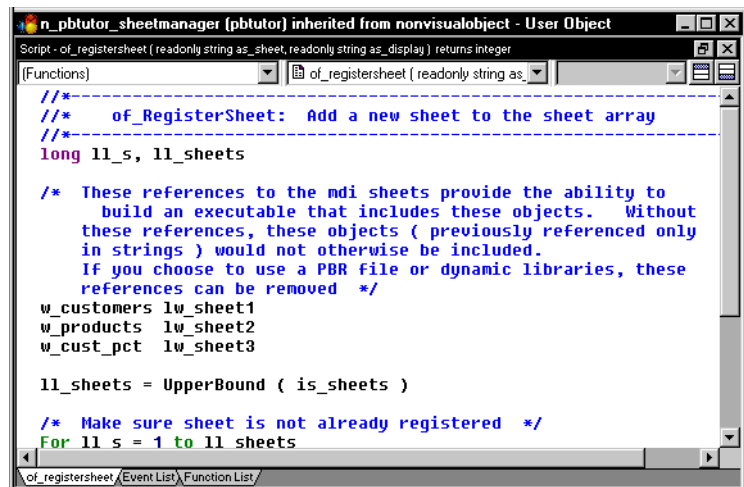
You create a compiled application in Lesson 11, “Preparing the Application for Deployment.”

**6 Double-click n\_pbtutor\_sheetmanager in the System Tree.****7 Click the Function List tab and double-click of\_registersheet.**

The script for the of\_registersheet function displays in the Script view.

**8 Type the following after the lines declaring sheet window variables for the w\_customers and w\_products windows:**

```
w_cust_pct lw_sheet3
```

**9 Save and close the n\_pbtutor\_sheetmanager user object.**

## Create user-defined exception objects

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### Where you are

Add a new sheet window to the existing application

> Create user-defined exception objects

Create a new user function and user event

Call the methods and catch the exceptions

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Now you create two user-defined exception objects that you will throw from a function that is invoked when the user clicks the command button on the `w_cust_pct` window. You also create a user-defined exception object that you throw from a user event on the drop-down list box control that you added to the `w_cust_pct` window.

- 1 **Select File>New from the PowerBuilder menu and click the PObject tab in the New dialog box.**

- 2 **Select the Standard Class icon and click OK.  
Select `throwable` from the Types list box and click OK.**

The new exception object displays in the User Object painter.

- 3 **In the Text box of the Properties view, type the following:**

No rows were returned from the database. If you typed or selected a state code in the drop-down list box and the database connection has not been closed, either the state you entered has no customers or you entered the state code incorrectly.

The exception object has get and set methods for handling the Text property. Here you set the text property directly in the user interface.

- 4 **Select File>Save, select the PBTUTOR.PBL application library, and type `exc_no_rows` for the new exception object name.**

- 5 **Select File>Close.**

- 6 Repeat steps 1-5 using the following values for the Text property and the exception object name:

Property	Value
Text	Percentage too low. Only one customer in this state. Notify regional sales manager...
Exception object name	exc_low_number

- 7 Repeat steps 1-5 using the following values for the Text property and the exception object name:

Property	Value
Text	You must use the two-letter postal code for the state name.
Exception object name	exc_bad_entry

## Create a new user function and user event

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### Where you are

- Add a new sheet window to the existing application
  - Create user-defined exception objects
  - > Create a new user function and user event
  - Call the methods and catch the exceptions
  - Run the application
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Now you add a function that you invoke from the Percentage command button's Clicked event and an event that is triggered when the focus is changed from the drop-down list box on the w\_cust\_pct window. The function you create calculates the percentage of customers living in a particular state. The event processes the current value of the drop-down list box control to make sure it is two characters in length (for the state code).

- 1 **Open w\_cust\_pct in the Window painter if it is not already open. Select Insert>Function from the Window painter menu.**  
  
The Script view displays the Prototype window. The first drop-down list box in the Script view displays (Functions) and the second drop-down list box displays (New Function).
- 2 **Select decimal for the Return Type and type uf\_percentage for Function Name.**
- 3 **Select integer for the first Argument Type and type ai\_custbystate for the first Argument Name.**
- 4 **Right-click anywhere in the Prototype window and select Add Parameter from the pop-up menu.**
- 5 **Select integer for the second Argument Type and type ai\_totalcust for the second Argument Name.**
- 6 **Type exc\_no\_rows, exc\_low\_number in the Throws box.**
- 7 **Type the following script for the new function:**

```
Decimal my_result  
exc_no_rows le_nr  
exc_low_number le_ex
```

```

/* Process two integers passed as parameters.
Instantiate and throw exceptions if the first
integer value is 0 or 1. Otherwise calculate a
percentage and return a numeric value truncated to a
single decimal place. If the second integer value is
0, catch and rethrow the runtime dividebyzero error
during the calculation.
*/
CHOOSE CASE ai_custbystate
CASE 0
    le_nr = create_exc_no_rows
    throw le_nr
CASE 1
    le_ex = create_exc_low_number
    throw le_ex
CASE ELSE
    TRY
        my_result=(ai_custbystate/ai_totalcust)*100
    CATCH (dividebyzeroerror le_zero)
        throw le_zero
    End TRY
END CHOOSE
return truncate(my_result,1)

```

Later in this tutorial, you will call the `uf_percentage` function from the Clicked event on the command button, passing in two integers and processing the return value.

You now add a user event for the drop-down list box that throws the `exc_bad_entry` exception object when a user-entered state code is not exactly two characters in length.

- 8 **Select `ddl_b_state` in the first drop-down list box of the Script view and select (New Event) in the second drop-down list box.**
- 9 **Select integer for Return Type and type `ue_modified` for Event Name.  
Select string for Argument Type and type `as_statecode` for Argument Name.  
Type `exc_bad_entry` in the Throws box or drag it from the System Tree to the Throws box.**

Note that the Event ID is (None). The Event ID defines a prototype that does not include user-defined exception objects in a Throws clause.

**10 Type the following script for the new ue\_modified event:**

```
exc_bad_entry le_ex
//Make sure the current text in the drop-down list
//box is two characters in length. Otherwise,
//instantiate the exc_bad_entry exception object and
//throw the exception.
IF len(this.text)<>2 Then
    le_ex = create exc_bad_entry
    throw le_ex
END IF
Return 1
```

Next you call the ue\_modified event and the uf\_percentage function, and catch the exceptions thrown by these methods.

## Call the methods and catch the exceptions

### Where you are

- Add a new sheet window to the existing application
- Create user-defined exception objects
- Create a new user function and user event
- > Call the methods and catch the exceptions
- Run the application

You now write code to populate the drop-down list box controls with state codes from the customer table in the EAS Demo DB database. Since you made the control editable, an application user can also type in a value for the state code. Before you process a user-entered value, you check to make sure the value conforms to the conditions you set in the `ue_modified` event, namely that it is two characters in length.

You also add code to the `Clicked` event of the command button control to process the current state code in the drop-down list box control. In the `Clicked` event you call the `uf_percentage` function to calculate the percentage of customers from the selected state and catch all exceptions that can be thrown by the function.

- 1 **Make sure the `w_cust_pct` is open in the Window painter and that `ddlb_state` displays in the first drop-down list box of the Script view.**
- 2 **Select `losefocus ( )` returns long [pbm\_cbnkillfocus] in the second drop-down list box.**
- 3 **Call the `ue_modified` event and catch the exception object that it throws by typing the following lines for the `losefocus` event script:**

```
Try
    this.EVENT ue_modified(this.text)
Catch (exc_bad_entry le_be)
    messagebox ("from exc_bad_entry", &
        le_be.getmessage())
End Try

return 1
```

- 4 **Select `constructor ( )` returns long [pbm\_constructor] from the second drop-down list box in the Script view prototype window for the `ddlb_state` control.**

**5 Type the following lines in the Constructor event to populate the drop-down list box control:**

```
int li_nrows, n
string ls_state

//Get the distinct count of all states in the
//customer table
SELECT count(distinct state) INTO :li_nrows
FROM customer;

//Declare the SQL cursor to select all states
//in customer table but avoid
//rows with duplicate values for state.
DECLARE custstatecursor CURSOR FOR
SELECT state FROM customer
GROUP BY state HAVING count(state)=1
UNION
SELECT state FROM customer
GROUP BY state
HAVING count(state)>1;
OPEN custstatecursor ;
//Populate the control with a single entry for
//every state in the customer table.
FOR n=1 TO li_nrows
    FETCH NEXT custstatecursor INTO :ls_state;
    this.additem( ls_state)
NEXT
CLOSE custstatecursor ;
```

**6 Select cb\_percent from the first drop-down list in the Script view. Make sure clicked ( ) returns long [pbm\_bnclicked] displays in the second drop-down list box.**

**7 Type the following lines for the Clicked event script:**

```
Decimal my_result
Double entry_1, entry_2
Int li_int, li_rtn
String sel_state

sel_state=ddlb_state.text
//Get the number of rows with customers from the
//selected states and place in the entry_1 variable.
//Change the first static control to display this
//number.
```



```
SELECT count(*) INTO :entry_1 FROM customer
    WHERE customer.state=:sel_state;
st_1.text="Customers in state: " + string(entry_1)

//Get the total number of customers and place in
//the entry_2 variable.
//Change the second static control to display this
//number.
SELECT count(*) INTO :entry_2 FROM customer;
st_2.text="Total number of customers: " &
    + string(entry_2)

//Call uf_percentage and catch its exceptions.
TRY
    my_result = uf_percentage (entry_1, entry_2)
CATCH (exc_no_rows e_nr )
    MessageBox("From exc_no_rows", &
        e_nr.getMessage())
CATCH (exc_low_number e_ln )
    li_int=1
    MessageBox("From exc_low_number", &
        e_ln.getMessage())
CATCH (dividebyzeroerror e_zero)
    li_rtn = MessageBox("No Customers", &
        "Terminate Application?", Stopsign!, YesNo!)
    IF li_rtn=1 THEN
        HALT
    END IF
END TRY

//Display the message in the text box. Vary the
//message depending on whether there is only one
//customer for the selected state or if more than
//one customer resides in selected state.
IF li_int=1 THEN
    sle_result.text = "Value not calculated for " &
        + sel_state + "." + " Try another state."
ELSE
    sle_result.text = String (my_result) + &
        " % of customers are in " + sel_state + "."
END IF
```

## Run the application

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### Where you are

- Add a new sheet window to the existing application
  - Create user-defined exception objects
  - Create a new user function and user event
  - Call the methods and catch the exceptions
  - > Run the application
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You are now ready to run the application and calculate the percentage of customers in a selected state.

You can test the exception conditions you scripted, but to test the divide-by-zero error condition, you need to artificially set the number of customers in the database to zero. You do this by adding a check box to the sheet window, then setting the number of customers to zero if the check box is selected.

In this exercise you:

- Test the new sheet window
- Add a test for the divide-by-zero error

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## Test the new sheet window



- 1 Click the Run button in the PowerBar.

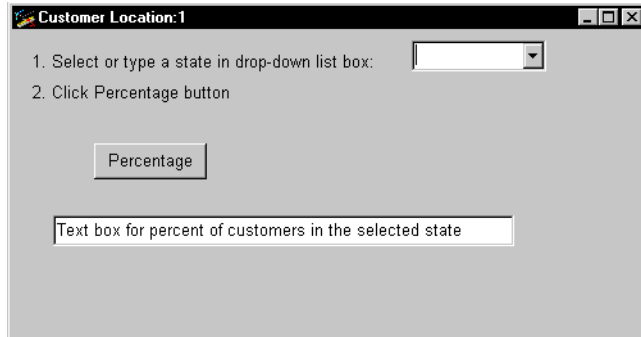
If PowerBuilder prompts you to save changes, click Yes.

- 2 Type `dba` in the User ID box.  
Type `sql` in the Password box and click OK.

The database connection is established, and the MDI frame for the application displays.

- 3 Select File>Report>Customer Location from the menu bar.

The Customer Location window displays.

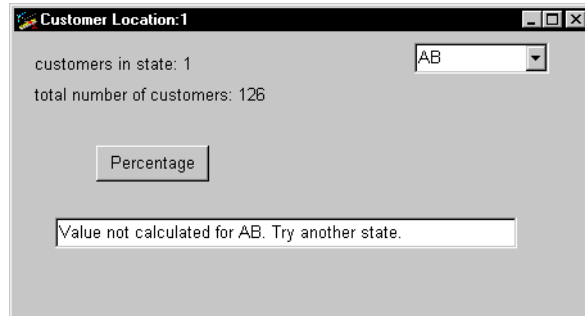


- 4 Select or type `AB` in the drop-down list box on the Customer Location sheet window and click the Percentage button.

Because there is only one customer in Alberta, the `exc_low_number` user-defined exception is thrown. The message from the exception is displayed in a message box that was defined in a CATCH clause in the button Clicked event.

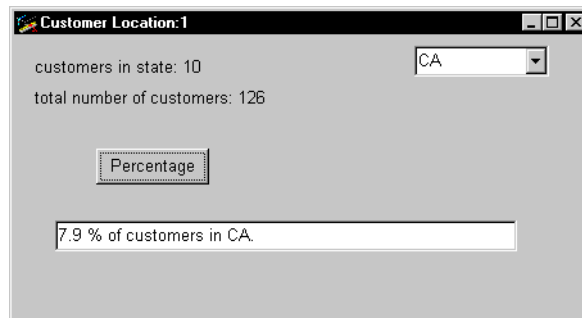
**5 Click OK to close the message box.**

The text in the static text boxes now displays the number of customers in Alberta and the total number of customers in the database. The text in the editable text box tells you the value was not calculated and prompts you to select another state.



**6 Select or type CA in the drop-down list box and click the Percentage button.**

The results from the database show 10 customers in California for a total of 7.9% of all customers in the database. The percentage may be different if you have modified the database.



**7 Type Ohio into the drop-down list box and click the Percentage button.**

When you lose focus from the drop-down list box by clicking the Percentage button control, the LoseFocus event fires. This event calls the ue\_modified event that throws the exc\_bad\_entry user-defined exception. The exception message tells you to select the two-character state code in the drop-down list box.

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- 8 Click OK to close the message box, type `US` in the drop-down list box, and click the Percentage button.**

Because no rows are found in the database with `US` as the state code, the `exc_no_rows` exception is thrown. A message displays that no rows have been returned and suggests reasons why that might be the case. A more robust application might compare the typed text to a list of state codes and throw the `exc_bad_entry` exception instead, letting you know that `US` is not a state code.

- 9 Click OK to close the message box.**
- 10 Right-click the database icon for the EAS Demo DB in your Windows System Tray, select Exit from the pop-up menu, and click Yes in the Warning message box that displays.**

The database icon is a red and yellow SQL symbol. You shut down the connection to the EAS Demo DB database.

- 11 Select or type `AB` again in the drop-down list box and click the Percentage button.**

The message from the `exc_no_rows` exception object displays for Alberta because the connection to the database was closed. To obtain results again, you need to terminate the application and restart it. PowerBuilder reestablishes a connection to the database at runtime when you restart the application.

- 12 Click OK to close the message box and select File>Exit from the application menu to return to the development environment.**

The development environment may still list the database connection as being open. In this case you can use the Database painter to disconnect and reconnect to the database at design time.

## Add a test for the divide-by-zero error

You now add a check box to the `w_cust_pct` window. You then write code to force a divide-by-zero error if the check box is selected. Because this test requires an instantiated check box object, you surround the new code in a TRY-CATCH statement that checks for null object errors.

- 1 **Make sure the `w_pct_cust` window is open in the Layout view. Select `Insert>Control>CheckBox` from the Window painter menu.**
- 2 **Click in the window just to the right of the Percentage command button.**
- 3 **In the Name box in the Properties view, type `cbx_zero`. In the Text box, type `Test divide-by-zero error`.**
- 4 **Click the Function List tab. Double-click the `uf_percentage` function.**
- 5 **Type the following text just above the CHOOSE CASE statement:**

```
//Set denominator to zero to test error condition
//Numerator unimportant, avoid user exception cases
TRY
  IF cbx_zero.checked=TRUE THEN
    ai_totalcust=0
    ai_custbystate=2
  END IF
CATCH (nullobjecterror e_no)
  MessageBox ("Null object", "Invalid Test")
END TRY
```

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### Testing for the null object error

After you finish this lesson, you can test for the null object error by adding the following line above the TRY statement: `DESTROY cbx_zero`.

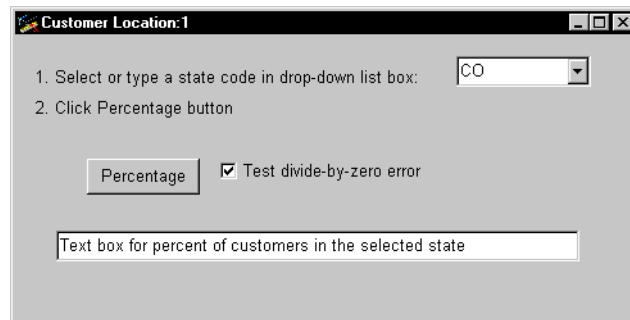
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- 6 **Click the Run button in the PowerBar.**  
If PowerBuilder prompts you to save changes, click Yes.

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- 7 **Type `dba` in the User ID box.  
Type `sql` in the Password box and click OK.**

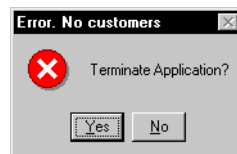
The database connection is established, and the MDI frame for the application displays.

- 8 **Select **File>Report>Customer Location** from the menu bar.  
Select a state code from the drop-down list box.**
- 9 **Select the **Test divide-by-zero** check box.**



- 10 **Click the **Percentage** button.**

The division by zero error is thrown during the percentage calculation and caught by the button Clicked event. The message box that you coded in the CATCH clause for this error displays.



- 11 **Click **No** to continue running the application.  
Continue to test the application by selecting another state code and optionally clearing the check box.**

If the check box is selected when you click the button again and you select Yes in the error message box, the application closes and you return to the development environment.

- 12 **Close the application when you have finished testing it.**





## Preparing the Application for Deployment

In this lesson you create an executable version of the application for distribution to users. Users can run this executable version of the application just as they can any other application.

You:

- Create the Project object
- Create the executable file
- Create a shortcut
- Test the executable file

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**How long does it take?**

About 10 minutes.

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## Create the Project object

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### Where you are

- > Create the Project object
  - Create the executable file
  - Create a shortcut
  - Test the executable file
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Now you create the PBTUTOR Project object. You can then use the Project object to create the executable file for the application.

**About machine code** If you are running PowerBuilder Enterprise, you can choose between Pcode (pseudocode) and machine code as the compile method for your project executable file. However, you cannot select machine code as the compile method for the tutorial application because it contains Try-Catch statements.

When you deploy an application to users, you may want to take advantage of the execution speed of machine code for some computations, such as loops, floating point or integer arithmetic, and function calls. While you are developing the application, you usually use Pcode because it is faster to generate.

**About dynamic libraries** You can also create dynamic libraries for your application. Dynamic libraries can be used to store the objects in the application. By using dynamic libraries, you can break the application into smaller units that are easier to manage and also reduce the size of the executable file.

For small applications like the one that you are working on now, you do not need to use dynamic libraries.

- 1 **Click the New button in the PowerBar.  
Click the Project tab in the New dialog box.**
- 2 **Select the Application Wizard icon and click OK.**

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### Using the Project painter

If you clicked the Application icon on the Project page instead of the Application Wizard icon, you open the Project painter. You can make the same selections in the Project painter that you make with the wizard, but the wizard prompts you for this information.

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**3 Click Next.**

The Specify Destination Library page displays.

**4 Select pbtutor.pbl in the Application Libraries list box if it is not already selected.**

**Click Next until the Specify Build Options page displays.**

The wizard will generate a project with the following default selections:

Wizard property	Default value
Project name	p_pbtutor_exe
Executable filename	pbtutor.exe
Optional resource file	none

**5 Select Incremental Build for the Rebuild Option.**

**Click Next until the Specify Version Information page displays.**

The wizard will generate a project with the following default selections:

Wizard property	Default value
Generate machine code	No
Build dynamic libraries	No

**6 If you want to, enter your own version information on the Specify Version Information page.**

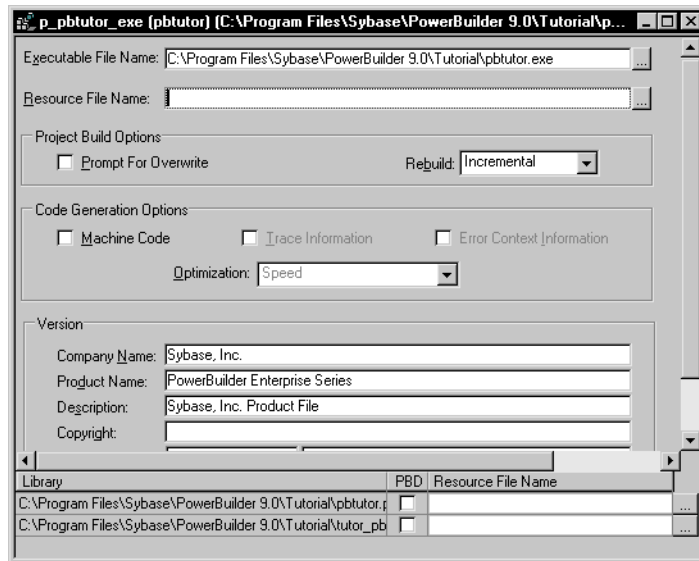
If you do not change the information on this page, the defaults display in Windows Explorer when you look at the properties of the executable.

**7 Click Next.**

**Review the information on the Ready to Create Application page.**

**Click the Finish button.**

PowerBuilder creates a Project object for your application and displays it in the Project painter workspace.



After a project is defined, you can easily create an executable version of the application. Using a project saves time when you are working on an application that includes dynamic libraries that you expect to rebuild often. Selecting incremental build means that if you make a few changes, you can rebuild your project quickly, rebuilding only files that have changed or files that depend on files that have changed.

## Create the executable file

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**Where you are**

- Create the Project object
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  - Create a shortcut
  - Test the executable file
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Now you create the executable file for your application. The executable file you generate contains definitions for all the objects in the application. For the tutorial application, this includes the bitmap file used in the login window, since you did not include a separate resource file with your project.

You can create the executable in the Project painter, but usually, once you have defined the project, you do not need to open the painter again.

Workspaces and targets in the System Tree have Incremental Build, Full Build, and Deploy items on their pop-up menus that enable you to build and deploy some or all of the projects in a target or in the whole workspace. Incremental Build and Full Build compile your code. Deploy compiles the code and, for applications like the one you built in this tutorial, creates an executable file and optional dynamic libraries. For other projects, such as server component projects, Deploy also deploys the component and supporting files to the server.

In this lesson you look at the property sheets where build and deploy options are specified and then create the executable from the PowerBar.

- 1 Close the Project painter.**  
**Click Yes if prompted to save changes.**
- 2 Right-click the pbtutor target in the System Tree.**  
**Select Properties and select the Deploy tab.**

This page shows all the projects in this target (currently only one). If you have more than one project in the target, you can change the order in which they are executed and select which projects you want to build.

- 3 **Leaving p\_pbtutor\_exe checked, click the Cancel button.  
Right-click MyWorkspace in the System Tree.  
Select Properties and select the Deploy Preview tab.**

The Deploy Preview page shows all the targets in your workspace and the projects in each that have been selected for deployment, in the order in which they are to be deployed. You cannot change anything on this page—you use it to check that you have set up deployment options for your workspace the way you want to. All the projects shown on this page are deployed when you click the Deploy button in the PowerBar.

This workspace has only one target and only one project, so you can use the Deploy button to create the executable.



- 4 **Click the Cancel button to close the property sheet.  
Click the Deploy button in the PowerBar.**

The process of creating the executable file may take a few moments. While PowerBuilder is working, you can look at the Output window at the bottom of the screen to see what PowerBuilder is doing.

If you wanted to stop the deployment process, you could click the Stop button in the PowerBar. When deployment is complete, the Output window displays: Finished Deploy of workspace MyWorkspace.

## Create a shortcut

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**Where you are**

Create the Project object  
Create the executable file

- > Create a shortcut
  - Test the executable file
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Now you create a shortcut for the executable file. The icon serves as a shortcut to open the executable file. You can add the shortcut directly to the desktop or to the program group of your choosing.

**1 Minimize PowerBuilder.**

PowerBuilder is minimized to an icon on the taskbar.

**2 Right-click on a blank area of the desktop.  
Select New>Shortcut from the pop-up menu.**

The Create Shortcut dialog box displays.

**3 Enter the full path to the EXE file in the Command Line box.**

For example, if you accepted the default installation folder, type:

```
C:\Program Files\Sybase\PowerBuilder 9.0\Tutorial  
\pbtutor.exe
```

You can also click the Browse button and locate *pbtutor.exe*.

**4 Click Next.****5 Type SportsWear, Inc. in the Select A Name For The Shortcut box.****6 Click Finish.**

An icon and name display on the desktop.

Now you must modify a property of the shortcut so that you can run the application. You can also change the icon.

- 7 **Right-click the SportsWear, Inc. icon on the desktop.  
Select Properties in the pop-up menu.**

The properties sheet for the desktop shortcut displays.

- 8 **Select the Shortcut tab.  
Type the path to the PowerBuilder shared modules in the Start In box.  
Click OK.**

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**About the location of the shared modules**

When you install PowerBuilder, the installation process puts the DLLs in a shared directory. The default location is:

*C:\Program Files\Sybase\Shared\PowerBuilder.*

If you want the user to be able to run the application by double-clicking the executable file, you must include the shared directory location in the system environment path.

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## Test the executable file

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### Where you are

- Create the Project object
  - Create the executable file
  - Create a shortcut
  - > Test the executable file
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Now you test the new executable file.

- 1 Make sure the pbtutor.ini file is in the same directory as the pbtutor.exe executable file.**
- 2 Double-click the icon for the tutorial application.**  
The application begins running.
- 3 Test the application.**  
**Notice the changes you made to the customer information.**
- 4 When you have finished testing the application, select File>Exit from the menu bar.**

## What to do next

*Congratulations.* You have completed the first two parts of the tutorial. Now you know the basics of application development with PowerBuilder. If you are a PowerBuilder Enterprise developer, you can continue to the Web targets lessons.

The Preface to this book includes a guide to the PowerBuilder documentation. To further your education, you should continue with these books:

*User's Guide*

*Application Techniques*

*DataWindow Programmer's Guide*

All the PowerBuilder books are available in the Online Books and on the Sybase Web site at <http://www.sybase.com/support/manuals/>. For information on how to install the Online Books, see the *Installation Guide*.



## PART 3

# Building a Web Site Application

This part is a tutorial that shows you how to get started using PowerDynamo Web targets. It provides step-by-step instructions for creating a simple Web application.



# Creating Web pages

Using PowerBuilder Web targets, you can develop a Web site in a workspace that stores Web pages, scripts, multimedia, images, and links to data from various sources.

In this lesson you:

- Create a PowerDynamo Web site
- Create and modify a basic Web page
- Add page navigation
- Create a login page with validation and redirection
- Designate a start page
- Deploy and run the Web site

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**How long does it take?**

About 40 minutes.

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## Before you begin this tutorial

What must be installed

The Web target tutorial requires that the following be available on your local machine:

- EAServer 4.2 or later
- PowerDynamo 3.6 or later
- Internet Explorer 6.0 or later

Although you can run the PowerDynamo server integrated in EAServer (by changing a server setting in Jaguar Manager), this tutorial uses the PowerDynamo Personal Web Server as a separate process.

Getting the files you need for the tutorial

The Web target tutorial also requires you to use several files created in Part 2 of this book.

**If you recently completed Part 2** The files you need should already be available. Before you begin, make sure you have the following files in your Tutorial directory: myworkspace.pbw, pbtutor.pbt, pbtutor.pbl, tshirtw.jpg, tutor\_pb.pbl, and Tutorial.ico.

**If you are completing only Part 3** The files you need are in the Solutions directory. Before you begin, copy myworkspace.pbw, pbtutor.pbt, and pbtutor.pbl into your Tutorial directory.

## Create a PowerDynamo Web site

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### Where you are

- > Create a PowerDynamo Web site
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A PowerDynamo Web site is a file or database repository where you can create, store, manage and access HTML documents and data. PowerDynamo lets you embed server-side instructions into a Web page. It processes these instructions when a Web client views or interacts with the page.

PowerDynamo is an application server that generates dynamic Web content. It can retrieve information from your databases and return formatted results to your Web server. PowerDynamo also includes a Personal Web server for use during development.

When you deploy to PowerDynamo, the deployment configuration processes the HTML pages to make them compatible with the format used by the application server. It updates links in HTML elements to reflect the actual deployment file structure. This processing includes:

- Mapping the Web target objects used in your server scripts to objects and methods (object models) on the application server
- Replacing the delimiters in the HTML editor for server scripts (<% and %>) with the PowerDynamo script delimiters (<!--SCRIPT and -->).

- 1 In PowerBuilder, select File>Open Workspace and navigate to the Tutorial folder.  
Select MyWorkspace.pbw and click Open.**

If you recently completed the first tutorial, this workspace may already be open. If you did not, and you cannot find *MyWorkspace.pbw*, make sure you follow the instructions in "Setting up for the tutorial" on page 23.

- 2 Click the New button in the PowerBar.  
Click the Target tab in the New dialog box and select PowerDynamo Web Site.  
Click OK.**

The introductory page of the PowerDynamo Web Site wizard displays.

**3 Click Next.**

The Select Target Location and Folders wizard page displays. The default name for the Web target is Target1.

**4 Type `Customer.pbt` in place of Target1.pbt.****5 Click Next until the Specify HTTP Server Information page displays.**

You accept the default settings for the following items:

Wizard Option	Default
URL Prefix Mapping	/Customer
ODBC Data Source Name	Customer
New Local Database Filename	Customer.db
User ID and Password	dba and ***
Load PowerDynamo Help Files and Samples	No
Deployment Configuration Name and Description	CustomerDeployConfiguration1 Deployment Configuration

**6 Type `localhost` for the HTTP Server Name in the Specify HTTP Server Information page.**

**Accept the default port: 80.**

Specifying localhost means that the Web site you create is located on your local machine.

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**Using the integrated server**

If you plan to use the PowerDynamo Web server that is integrated in EAServer, you must select an HTTP server name and port number for which you have an HTTP listener. By default, this is your machine name for the server name and 8080 for the port number.

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**7 Click Next until the Ready to Create PowerDynamo Web Site page displays.**

You accept the default settings for the following items:

Wizard option	Default
Object Model	Default Object Model
Enable Debugging	No Debugging
Deploy What	Deploy All or Nothing



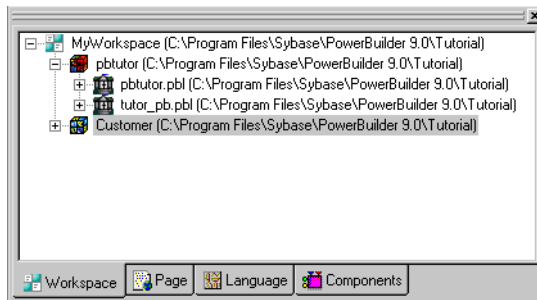
Wizard option	Default
Rebuild	Incremental
Copy Folder	<i>Program Files\Sybase\PowerBuilder 9.0\Tutorial \Customer\CustomerDeployConfiguration1</i>

By accepting the default Web Target object model, you can write server-side logic that can be deployed to several server platforms from a single source. The deployment engine converts the source to the appropriate syntax for these target platforms.

## 8 Review your selections on the Ready to Create PowerDynamo Web Site page.

Click **Finish** to accept the selections.

The wizard creates the Customer target, a directory structure that stores your files, a PowerDynamo Web site that uses an Adaptive Server Anywhere database, and a deployment configuration. If you expand MyWorkspace in the System Tree, you can see Customer, your new Web target, listed under it.



## Create and modify a basic Web page

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### Where you are

- Create a PowerDynamo Web site
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    - Create a login page with validation and redirection
    - Designate a start page
    - Deploy and run the Web site
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In this lesson you create an introductory Web page and modify the look and feel of the page. Not all functionality is added at this time. The purpose is to demonstrate how easy it is to create a working Web site.

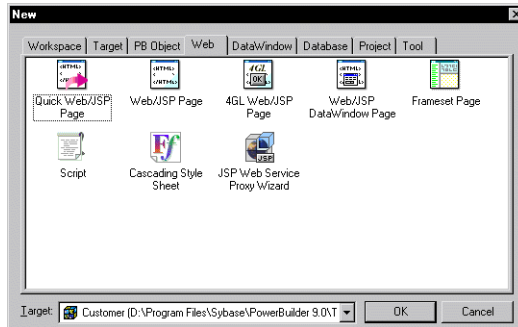
- Create a 4GL introductory Web page
- Change type face
- Add a graphic
- Add absolute positioning to a graphic

## Create a 4GL introductory Web page

In this lesson you create a *Welcome.htm* page. This page provides access to other pages you create in this tutorial. You use the 4GL Web/JSP Page wizard to create the Welcome page. 4GL capabilities make it easy to develop pages with dynamic user-driven content.

4GL Web pages are enhanced Web pages that incorporate extensions to the Web Target object model to produce template (source) files for dynamic Web pages (where part of the Web page content changes without changing the Web page). 4GL Web pages rely on the object model to handle data transfer, HTML generation, and JavaScript generation for server scripts.

- 1 **Right-click on the Customer target icon and select New. Click the Web tab in the New dialog box.**



Five wizards are available to create Web pages: Quick Web/JSP Page, Web/JSP Page, 4GL Web/JSP Page, Web/JSP DataWindow Page, and Frameset Page. In this tutorial, you use the Web/JSP Page, 4GL Web/JSP Page, and Web/JSP DataWindow Page wizards.

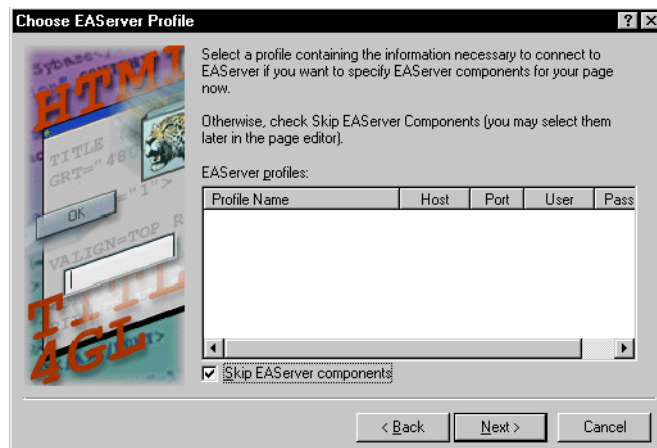
### Review the Target Name

Targets created by the Target wizards are added to the Target list box at the bottom of the New dialog box. The Customer target you created displays.

- 2 **Double-click the 4GL Web/JSP Page icon.**
- 3 **Click Next. Type the Title *Welcome* in the Title text box and press Tab.**

The filename in the File Name text box defaults to *Welcome.htm*.

- 4 Click Next until the Specify Background Characteristics page displays.  
Specify yellow as the background color.
- 5 Click Next until the Define Page Parameters page displays, accepting the wizard defaults.  
Type ID for the Parameter Name and leave the Default value empty.  
Click Next.
- 6 Select the Skip EAServer Components check box.



You add EAServer information in the next lesson.

- 7 Click Next.  
Click Finish.  
  
The wizard creates the new Web page and the page opens in Page view.  
The filename is *Welcome.htm*.
- 8 In Page view, select the default text Put your data here.  
Type Welcome to Sportswear Inc.  
  
In this tutorial, you make all changes to Web pages in Page view.  
Knowledge of HTML is required to make the same changes in Source view.
- 9 Select File>Save from the menu bar to save the changes.

## Change type face

It is easy to change the look of a Web page in the HTML editor.

- 1 Place the cursor at the end of the text and press Enter. Place the cursor in the text **Welcome to Sportswear Inc.** Right-click and select Paragraph Properties from the drop-down list box.
- 2 Click the Inline Styles tab. Select Inline and click the Edit button, then click the Font tab.
- 3 Scroll through the Available Fonts list and select the Comic Sans MS font. Click the arrow button to move Comic Sans MS to the Selected Fonts list box.
- 4 In Font Size click the Specific radio button. Type 20 and select pt (point size) from the box next to the Specific radio button. Select Red from the Color Selection drop-down list box.
- 5 Click the Background tab, then click the Relative radio button. Select center from the drop-down list box under Horizontal and Vertical. Select Blue from the drop-down list box next to Background Color.
- 6 Click OK twice.

Your type face changes are applied to the text.



The paragraph tags display only if the Show Non-Visual Tags menu item is checked in the Page view pop-up menu. You access the pop-up menu by right-clicking the page in Page view.

- 7 Select File>Save from the menu bar.

## Add a graphic

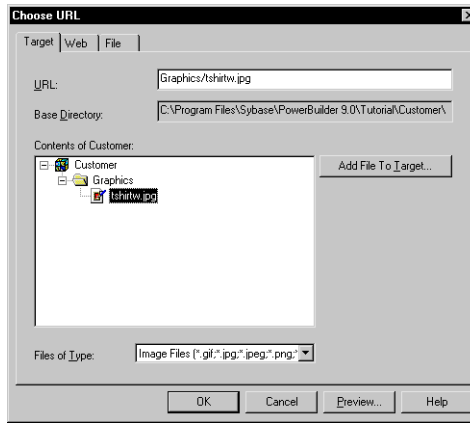
Next you add an image file to the Welcome page.

- 1 **Right-click on the Customer target in the System Tree. Select New Folder from the pop-up menu.**
- 2 **Type Graphics for the folder name and press Enter.**
- 3 **Right-click on the Graphics folder and select Import Files. Select All Files from the Files of Type drop-down list box.**
- 4 **Navigate to the Tutorial folder and select Image Files for the file type. Select tshirtw.jpg and click Open.**

The image file is copied to the Graphics folder.

- 5 **Click in the Welcome.htm page. Place the cursor in the paragraph below the Welcome title. Press Enter to add more space below the title.**
- 6 **Place the cursor again in the paragraph below the Welcome title. Select Insert >Image from the menu bar.**
- 7 **Click the browse button (...) next to the Image Location text box.**
- 8 **Open the Graphics folder on the Target page of the Choose URL dialog box.**

**9 Select the filename *tshirtw.jpg* from the folder.**



**10 Click OK in the Choose URL dialog box, and again in the Image Properties dialog box.**

The white T-shirt (*tshirtw.jpg*) image displays on the Welcome page.

## Add absolute positioning to a graphic

Now you fix the image at a specific location on your page. Absolute positioning lets you fix where the graphic displays on the page regardless of screen size.

- 1 Right-click on the T-shirt graphic.  
Select **Position>Use Absolute Positioning** from the pop-up menu.
- 2 Drag the graphic below the heading, centering it under the blue bar.



- 3 Click the **Preview** tab to view what the page looks like when deployed.
- 4 Select **File>Save** from the menu bar.



## Add page navigation

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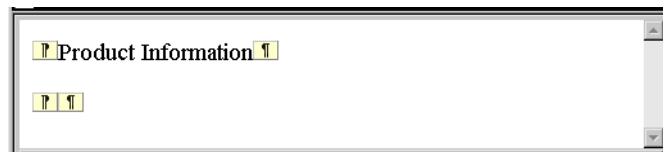
In this lesson you add a new Web page for displaying product information. You also add a hyperlink to the Welcome page to access this new page. Lastly you add a button to the new page that eventually navigates to a Web page in which you can add new product information. Additional features are added to this Web page in a later lesson.

- Create a product information Web page
- Add a hyperlink
- Add a button

## Create a product information Web page

Now you create a Web page for viewing and adding product information. You access the new Web page from the Welcome page. This new page could be created without the 4GL wizard, but using a 4GL Web page embeds server-side scripting capabilities and makes it easier to access database information.

- 1 **Right-click the Customer target in the System Tree.**  
**Select New from the pop-up menu.**
- 2 **Click the 4GL Web/JSP Page icon and click OK.**  
The About the 4GL Web Page Wizard page displays.
- 3 **Click Next.**  
**Type the Title `Product` in the Title text box and press Tab.**  
The filename in the File Name text box defaults to *Product.htm*.
- 4 **Click Next until the Define Page Parameters page displays (accept the wizard defaults).**  
**Type `ID` for the Parameter Name and leave the Default Value empty.**  
**Click Next.**  
The Choose EAServer Profile page displays.
- 5 **Select the Skip EAServer Components check box.**
- 6 **Click Next.**  
**Review the summary of page properties and click Finish.**  
The *Product.htm* page displays in Page view.
- 7 **Highlight the default text `Put your data here.`**  
**Type the words `Product Information.`**  
**Press Enter.**



- 8 **Select File>Save to save these changes.**

## Add a hyperlink

Next you add a hyperlink in the Welcome page to access the Product Web page.

- 1 **Display the Welcome page (Welcome.htm).**  
Place the cursor in the paragraph below the product picture and press Enter twice.

- 2 **Select Format>Hyperlink from the menu bar.**

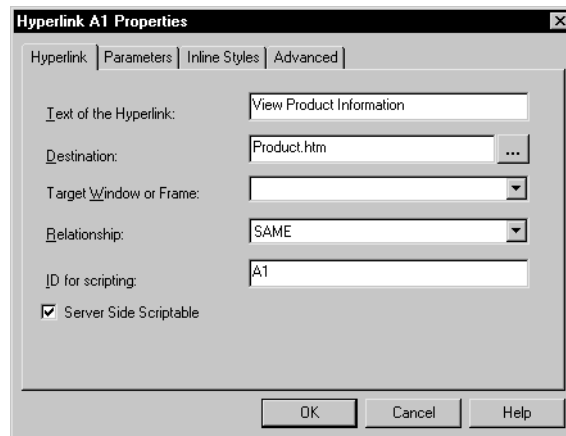
The Hyperlink Properties dialog box displays.

- 3 **Type View Product Information in the Text of the Hyperlink text box.**

Click the browse (...) button next to the Destination text box.

The Choose URL dialog box opens and displays the Web pages already created in the Customer target.

- 4 **Select Product.htm and click OK.**



- 5 **Click OK again to add the hyperlink to the Web page.**

The Welcome page displays an underlined View Product Information hyperlink.

- 6 **Select File>Save from the menu bar.**  
**Close the Welcome page.**

## Add a button

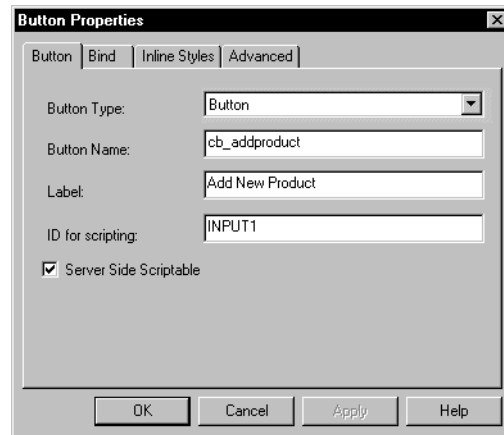
Next you add a button to the Product page. Buttons are a typical navigation tool on Web pages. Later in the tutorial, you add navigation logic to this button.

- 1 **Display the Product page (Product.htm).**  
**Place the cursor in the paragraph under the heading Product Information.**

- 2 **Select Insert>Form Field>Push Button from the menu bar.**

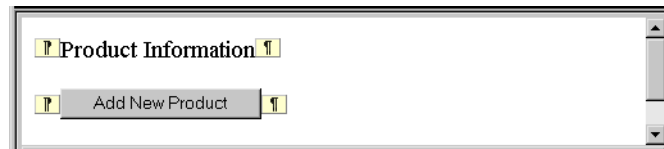
The Button Properties dialog box displays.

- 3 **Select the Button Type *Button* from the drop-down list.**  
**Type `cb_addproduct` in the Name text box.**  
**Type `Add New Product` in the Label text box.**



- 4 **Click OK.**

The button displays on the *Product.htm* page.



You will connect this button to a Web page in the next lesson.

- 5 **Select File>Save from the menu bar.**
- 6 **Close the Product page.**

## Create a login page with validation and redirection

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### Where you are

- Create a PowerDynamo Web site
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  - > Create a login page with validation and redirection
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  - Deploy and run the Web site
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Now you add a Login Web page (*Login.htm*) with 4GL capabilities. The login page is a simple design. For the purposes of this tutorial, a server-side validation script determines if the username and password are the same. This is determined with validation logic. In production applications you want to use more sophisticated validation logic.

Once the login information has passed validation, you add server redirection to move the user to the Welcome page.

The username and password are saved as session variables that are valid for the entire Web session.

In this lesson you:

- Create a basic login page
- Add session variables
- Add single line text controls
- Add password validation
- Add server redirection

## Create a basic login page

First you create a login page using the 4GL wizard.

- 1 **With the Customer target selected, select File>New from the menu bar.  
Click the Web tab.**

- 2 **Click the 4GL Web/JSP Page icon.  
Click OK.**

The About the 4GL Web Page Wizard page displays.

- 3 **Click Next.  
Type the Title `Login` in the Title text box and press Tab.**

The filename in the File Name text box defaults to *Login.htm*.

- 4 **Click Next until the Define Page Parameters page displays (accept the wizard defaults).**

- 5 **Type `ID` for the Parameter Name and leave the Default Value empty.  
Click Next.**

The Choose EAServer Profile page displays.

- 6 **Select the Skip EAServer Components check box.**

- 7 **Click Next.  
Review the summary of page properties and click Finish.**

The *Login.htm* page displays in Page view.

- 8 **Select File>Save from the menu bar.**

## Add session variables

A session variable can keep track of user login information and other data that you want available to all the pages in your Web application during a user's browser session.

- 1 **In Page view, highlight the default text** Put your data here.  
**Replace this highlighted text with the following:**

Log in, please:

- 2 **Press Enter.**  
**On a new line, type the following text, pressing Enter after each line.**

Name

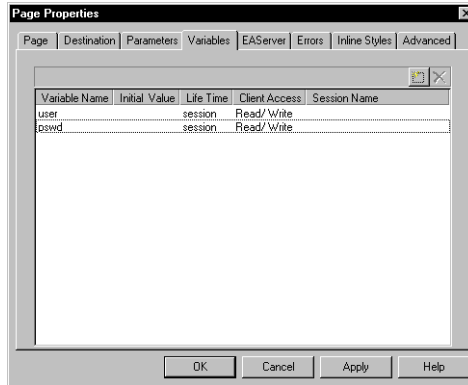
Password



- 3 **Right-click the Login.htm page and select Page Properties from the pop-up menu.**  
**Click the Variables tab.**
- 4 **Click under Variable Name, click again, and type user for the new variable name.**
- 5 **Tab to the Life Time column and select session from the drop-down list box.**  
**Tab to the Client Access column and select Read/Write from the drop-down list box.**
- 6 **Click under user in the Variable Name column, click again, and type pswd for the new variable name.**



- 7 Tab to the Life Time column and select `session` from the drop-down list box.  
Tab to the Client Access column and select Read/Write from the drop-down list box.



- 8 Click OK.

Two session variables for the user login information are now defined.

## Add single line text controls

Text controls are specialized text fields that can be manipulated by server scripts. The client cannot change the value of this text. It is available only on 4GL Web pages.

- 1 **On the Login.htm page, place the cursor in the paragraph after the word Name and type two spaces.  
Select Insert>Form Field>Single Line Text from the menu bar.**  
The Text Control Properties dialog box displays.
- 2 **Type `sle_user` in the Name text box and make sure the Server Side Scriptable check box is selected.**
- 3 **Click the Bind tab.  
Select Session Variable from the Component name drop-down list box.  
Select `user` from the Property name drop-down list box and click OK.**

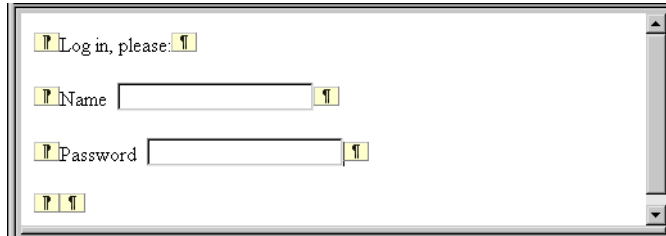
A text box is inserted after the text Name.

- 4 **In Page view, place the cursor in the paragraph after the word Password and type two spaces.  
Select Insert>Form Field>Single Line Text.**
- 5 **Type `sle_pswd` in the Name text box.  
Select the Password check box.  
Make sure the Server Side Scriptable check box is selected.**

Selecting the Password check box causes the user-entered password to display as asterisks. You cannot add this ability after the text box is added to the Web page.

- 6 Click the Bind tab.  
Select <Session Variable> from the Component Name drop-down list box.  
Select pswd from the Property name drop-down list box and click OK.

A text box is inserted after the text Password.



The screenshot shows a web form with a login section. It contains the text "Log in, please:" followed by a text input field. Below this is a label "Name" followed by a text input field. Below that is a label "Password" followed by a text input field. At the bottom of the form, there is a small text input field. The form is enclosed in a rectangular border with a vertical scrollbar on the right side.

- 7 Select File>Save from the menu bar.

## Add password validation

Validation can be done using client-side or server-side scripting. In this exercise, you use a server-side script to determine whether the user-entered user name is the same as the user-entered password. This validation code is provided only as an example. Typically you would validate the user name and password against a database.

In the next lesson you will add code to display the Welcome page after login is complete. If the user name and password are not the same, an error message displays, asking the user to try again.

- 1 **Place the cursor on the page in the paragraph below the Password text box and press Enter.**  
**Select Insert>Form Field>Push Button from the menu bar.**

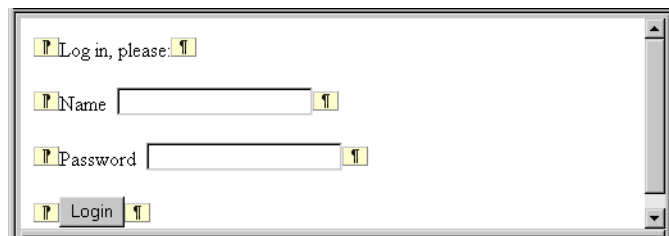
The Button Properties dialog box displays.

- 2 **Select the Button Type *Button* from the drop-down list box.**  
**Type `cb_login` in the Name text box.**  
**Type `Login` in the Label text box.**

On a 4GL Web page, a submit button type and a standard button type (button) work in the same way; both have client-side onclick events and server-side Server Action events.

- 3 **Click OK.**

The new Login button displays under the Password text box.



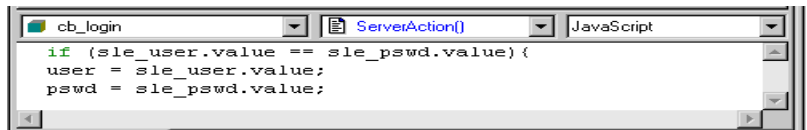
- 4 **In the Script editor at the bottom of Page view, select `cb_login` in the first drop-down list box.**

- 5 In the center drop-down list box, scroll to the bottom of the list and select **ServerAction()**.

Server-side events display in blue text.

- 6 Type the following in the Script editor:

```
if (sle_user.value == sle_pswd.value) {
  user = sle_user.value;
  pswd = sle_pswd.value;
```



This script tests to see whether the user name and password are the same. It assigns the client-entered values for user name and password to the session variables.

- 7 Press Enter.  
Type the following comment line below the script just entered:

```
//Add Redirection here
```

You add a redirection call in the next lesson of the tutorial.

- 8 Press Enter twice.  
Type the else statement as shown below to add the error message:

```
    } else {
      psPage.Alert("User name and Password are invalid.
        Please try again");
    }
```

- 9 Click the Save button in the PainterBar.

## Add server redirection

Most 4GL Web pages navigate to other pages by server redirection. Server redirection is the most flexible way to navigate from one page to another.

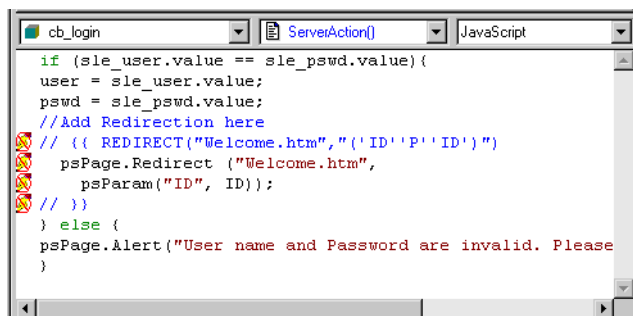
Server redirection is used when a parameter value passed to another page relies on user input, or when you want to validate user input. Now you alter your 4GL Login page to include a server script that specifies the target (Welcome) page and validates the user-input values of the Login page.

- 1 In the Script editor at the bottom of the Login.htm page, place the cursor after the comment line `//Add redirection here`. Right-click and select **Insert Redirect** from the pop-up menu.

The Redirect Properties dialog box displays.

- 2 Click the browse button (...) next to the Destination text box. Select **Welcome.htm** from the Contents of Customer tree view.
- 3 Click **OK** twice.

The Script editor inserts a block of code. The ability to modify or remove this block of code using the Edit Redirect or Delete Redirect commands is available in the pop-up menu.



The screenshot shows a script editor window titled 'cb\_login'. The 'ServerAction()' menu is open, and the 'JavaScript' tab is selected. The code in the editor is as follows:

```
if (sle_user.value == sle_pswd.value) {  
    user = sle_user.value;  
    pswd = sle_pswd.value;  
    //Add Redirection here  
    // {{ REDIRECT("Welcome.htm", "('ID' 'P' 'ID' ")  
    psPage.Redirect ("Welcome.htm",  
        psParam("ID", ID));  
    // }}  
} else {  
    psPage.Alert("User name and Password are invalid. Please  
}
```

- 4 Select **File>Save** from the menu bar.

## Designate a start page

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Now you select a start page from which you can test and run your Web site directly from PowerBuilder.

- 1 In the System Tree, right-click Customer. Select Properties from the pop-up menu.**  
The Properties of Target Customer dialog box displays.
- 2 Click the Run/Debug tab and click the browse button (...) next to the Start page text box.**
- 3 In the Target page of the Choose URL dialog box, select Login.htm and click OK.**
- 4 Click the Database tab in the Properties Of Target Customer dialog box.**
- 5 Select the EAS Demo DB V9 check box in the Profile Name list. Click OK.**

The Customer database created with the PowerDynamo Web Site wizard contains metadata for the Web. Use the EAS Demo database as your application database.

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### Setting up your database profile

The EAS Demo DB V9 is a database profile that is available when you install PowerBuilder. For more information, see Lesson 3, [Look at the EAS Demo DB database](#).

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The Customer target is now ready to deploy.

- 6 Select File>Save from the menu bar.**

## Deploy and run the Web site

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### Where you are

Create a PowerDynamo Web site

Create and modify a basic Web page

Add page navigation

Create a login page with validation and redirection

Designate a start page

> Deploy and run the Web site

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Now you deploy the Web site.

- 1 In the System Tree, right-click the Customer target.  
Select Deploy from the pop-up menu.**

Deployment is done when the Output window displays `Finished Deploy of Target Customer.`

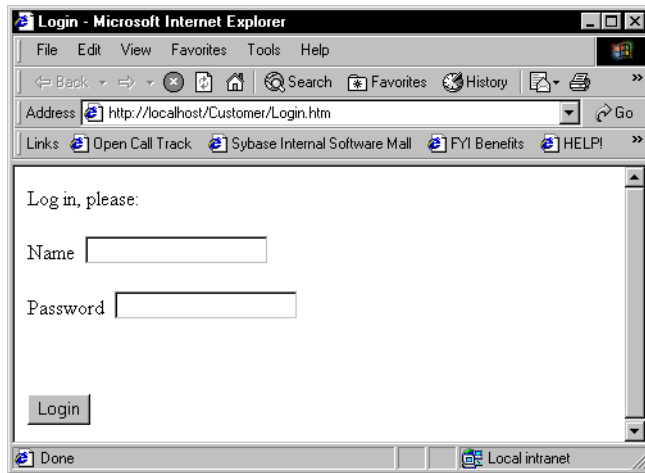
- 2 Click the Windows Start menu and then select  
Programs>Sybase>PowerDynamo 3.6>Personal Web Server.**

Your PowerDynamo Personal Web Server starts. The Personal Web Server icon displays on the Windows taskbar.

- 3 Select Run>Select And Run from the menu bar.  
Select Customer in the Select a Target dialog box.  
Click OK.**

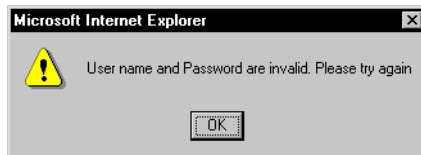


Your default browser opens. The URL address box contains the file path for your *Login.htm* Web page. Your login page displays.



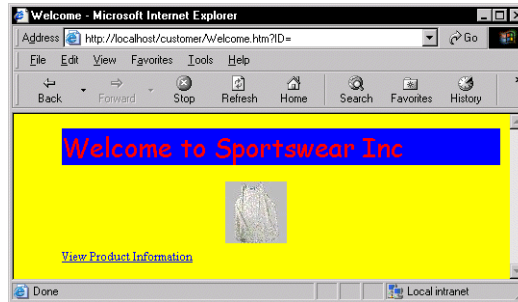
- 4 **Type Hello in the Name text box and Good-bye in the Password text box.**  
**Click the Login button.**

An error message displays since the username and password are not the same.



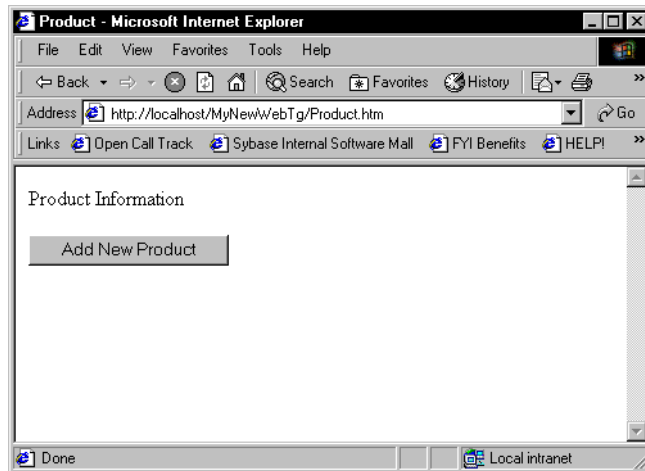
- 5 **Click OK.**  
**Type Hello in both the Name and Password text boxes.**  
**Click the Login button.**

Now the Welcome page displays.



**6 Click the View Product Information hyperlink.**

The Product Information Web page (*Product.htm*) displays.



In the next lesson, you add a Web DataWindow to the Product Information page.

**7 Close the Browser.**

# Using Web DataWindows

Web DataWindows provide an interface between a data source and a client browser, displaying a result set from the data source on a Web page.

In this lesson you:

- Set up an EAServer connection profile
- Build a Web DataWindow Container
- Create a Web page with a Web DataWindow Container
- Add other controls to the DataWindow Web page
- Add a DataWindow to an existing Web page
- Add the ability to retrieve product information
- Test and run the Web application

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## How long does it take?

About 40 minutes.

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Before you begin this lesson

To prevent problems during this Web DataWindow lesson, make sure that the Sybase\EAServer\Html\Classes folder is listed in your system PATH environment variable.

You should also make sure that:

- The Sybase\Shared\Sun\Jdk $nnn$ \JRE\Bin\Classic directory is listed in the system PATH environment variable, where  $nnn$  represents the version of the JDK you are using. If you are using JDK 1.4, you can list the Sybase\Shared\PowerBuilder\JDK14\JRE\Bin\Client directory instead.
- PowerDynamo is using the correct version of the Java VM.

To check, open Sybase Central and expand the Utilities and Configuration folders under PowerDynamo 3.6. Double-click Default Java Settings in the left pane and Java VM in the right pane, and select Sun Java VM 1.2 from the drop-down list box.

## Set up an EAServer connection profile

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### Where you are

- > Set up an EAServer connection profile
    - Build a Web DataWindow Container
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    - Add other controls to the DataWindow Web page
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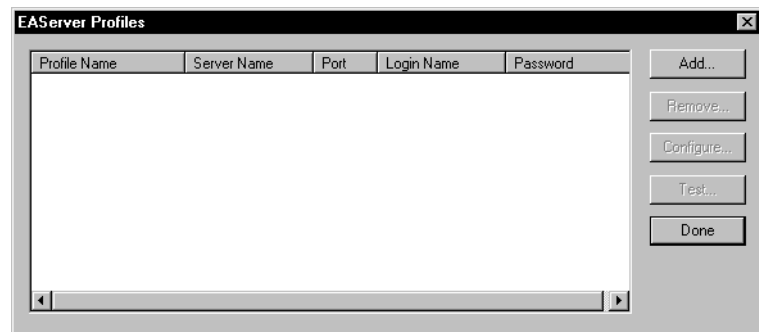
Now you set up a connection profile to EAServer. This tutorial assumes that you are using EAServer on your local machine.

- 1 **From the Windows Start menu, select Programs>Sybase>EAServer 4.x>Jaguar Server to start EAServer.**

A DOS window displays as the server starts. You can minimize this window when it displays the message *Accepting Connections*.

- 2 **From the PowerBuilder menu bar, select Tools>EAServer Profile.**

The following screen displays.



- 3 **Click Add.**

The Edit EAServer Profile dialog box opens.

**4 Enter the following information.**

Profile Property	Type this value
Profile Name	local
Server Name	<i>machineName</i> (Type the name of your local machine. By default, EAServer installs a listener for this server name.)
Port Number	9000
Login	jagadmin
Password	none (leave blank)

**5 Click Test when complete.**

A Connection Successful message displays.

**6 Click OK twice and click Done.**

## Build a Web DataWindow Container

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### Where you are

- Set up an EAServer connection profile
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A Web DataWindow container gathers all the supporting files and properties that your page needs into a single area installed on the server.

The Web DataWindow Container wizard creates a custom EAServer component that implements the HTMLGenerator90 interface and packages all the DataWindow objects together with database connection information.

In this lesson you build a Web DataWindow container using the Web DataWindow Container wizard, and you deploy the component directly to the server for use by your Web application.

- 1 Select File>New from the menu bar, then click the Project tab of the New dialog box.**
- 2 Select the Web DW Container Wizard icon and click OK. Click Next on the first page of the wizard.**
- 3 Make sure the pbtutor.pbl file is selected in the Application libraries list and click Next.**

The Specify Project Object page displays.
- 4 Click Next.**

You accept the default project object name: p\_pbtutor\_webdw.
- 5 Select the EAS Demo DB V9 from the Database Profiles list if it is not already selected.**

- 6 Click Next until the final wizard page displays, accepting the defaults as listed:

Wizard Options	Default Value
Choose EAServer Profile	local (This is the profile you just added)
Specify EAServer Container and Package Name	pbtutor_component pbtutor_package
Specify Instance Pooling Options	Supported
Specify Other Component Options	None
Specify Dynamic Library Options	Build consolidated dynamic library (selected) Include unreferenced objects in consolidated PBD (selected) pbtutor.pbd (Name of consolidated PBD file)

- 7 Click Finish.

The p\_pbtutor\_webdw project displays in the Project painter.

- 8 Select Design>Deploy Project from the menu bar.

This builds and deploys the project as a package and component to the EAServer running on your local machine. The component deployed is a custom Web DataWindow Container using the DataWindow::HTMLGenerator90 interface.

- 9 Select File>Close from the menu bar to close the project.  
Select Yes if PowerBuilder prompts you to save the project file.

## Create a Web page with a Web DataWindow Container

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### Where you are

Set up an EAServer connection profile

Build a Web DataWindow Container

- > Create a Web page with a Web DataWindow Container
    - Add other controls to the DataWindow Web page
    - Add a DataWindow to an existing Web page
    - Add the ability to retrieve product information
    - Test and run the Web application
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In this lesson you create a new Web page, *Addproduct.htm*, that uses the Web DataWindow Container you just created.

- 1 **Right-click the Customer target in the System Tree and select New from the pop-up menu.**
- 2 **Click the Web tab in the New dialog box. Double-click the Web/JSP DataWindow Page icon, then click Next on the first wizard page.**

The Specify New HTML File page displays.

- 3 **Type *Addproduct* in the Title text box and click Next twice.**

The file name changes automatically to use the text you typed for the page title. *Addproduct.htm* is now the name of your Web page file. In this exercise, you do not specify a style sheet for the new page.

- 4 **Select the local EAServer profile, if it is not already selected, and click Next.**

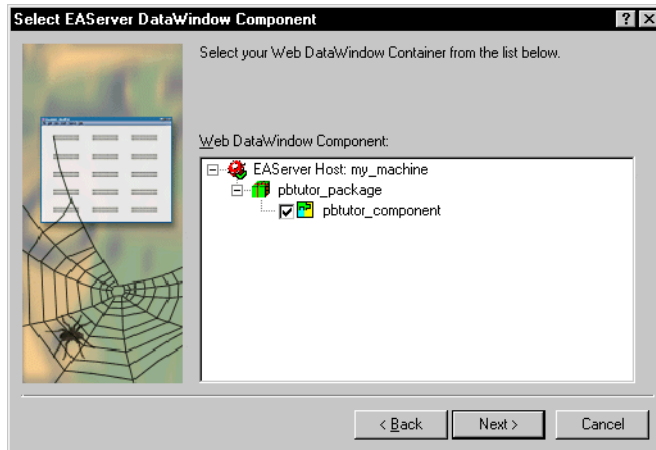
The Choose Web DW Component Type page displays.

- 5 **Select the Web DW Container radio button and click Next.**

The Select EAServer DataWindow Component page displays.



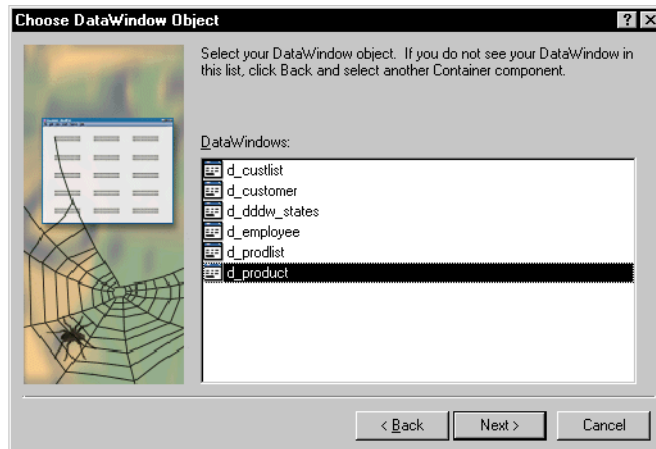
- 6 Expand the items below the local server.  
Under pbtutor\_package, select the pbtutor\_component.



- 7 Click Next.

The Choose DataWindow Object page displays.

- 8 Select d\_product.



- 9 Click Next.**  
**Click Finish to accept your selections.**

The *Addproduct.htm* Web page displays in Page view.

The screenshot displays a web page titled "Addproduct.htm" in "Page view". It contains two identical, vertically stacked product entry forms. Each form consists of the following fields:

- Product ID:
- Color:
- Product Name:
- Quantity:
- Product Description:
- Unit Price:
- Size:

The forms are separated by a horizontal line. The second form is partially obscured by the first one. The page has a simple, functional design with a light gray background and a white border around the form area.

## Add other controls to the DataWindow Web page

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### Where you are

- Set up an EAServer connection profile
  - Build a Web DataWindow Container
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    - Test and run the Web application
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Now you complete the *Addproduct.htm* page design by adding button controls to insert a row into the product table of the database and to update the database. You also add a hyperlink to the *Product.htm* page.

To complete the page design, you:

- Enable a new product information button
- Add a button to update the database
- Add a hyperlink to the Product Information page

## Enable a new product information button

So far the *Addproduct.htm* page contains a Web DataWindow. Now you add text, link to the database, enable users to add product information to the database, and link to the *Product.htm* page where users can view the information they have added.

- 1 **Right-click on the Addproduct.htm page and select Page Properties from the pop-up menu.  
Select the Enable 4GL Web Server Side Event Model check box and click OK.**

The page is now 4GL enabled. This allows you to code server-side events and to bind variables and components to controls on your Web page.

- 2 **Place the cursor to the left of the DataWindow (in the lower left corner) and press Enter.  
Insert the following text in the paragraph above the Web DataWindow:**

`Click here to add new product information`

Under this text you will add a new button which will display a blank row in the DataWindow.

- 3 **Press Enter after the text.  
Select Insert>Form Field>Push Button from the menu bar.**

The Button Properties page displays.

- 4 **Select Button from the Button Type drop-down list box.  
Type `cb_addproduct` in the Button Name text box.  
Type Add New Product Information in the Label text box.**

- 5 **Click OK to close the Button Properties dialog box.  
Select `cb_addproduct` from the first drop-down list box in the Script editor.**

If you click the Add New Product Information button in Page view, the Script editor displays `cb_addproduct` in the first drop-down list box.

- 6 Select ServerAction() from the center drop-down list box.  
Type the following script:**

```
dw_1.InsertRow(0);
```



When the end user clicks the Add New Product Information button on the Web page, the Web DataWindow displays with empty text boxes for user input.

- 7 In Page view, place the cursor to the right of the Add New Product button and press Enter.  
Type the following text:**

```
Add a new product. Enter information into all the  
text boxes and click Update Database.
```

- 8 Right-click on the Web DataWindow.  
Select Sybase Web DataWindow DTC Properties from the drop-down list box.**
- 9 Click the Control tab and select the Override box next to the Weight panel.  
Select all the items in the Weight panel.**

The HTML page generated will include JavaScript code that supports all the client-side features selected.

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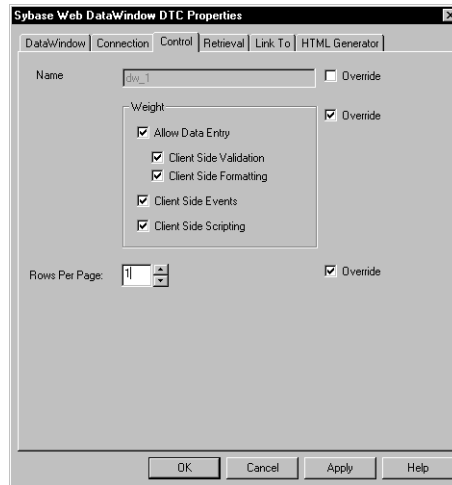
**Size of the generated page**

Each feature selected generates JavaScript code for the Web page. You can reduce the size of a Web page by selecting only the features you need.

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- 10 Select the Override check box for Rows Per Page field.**

Type **1** in the Rows Per Page box.



This limits the amount of product information displayed to one record.

- 11 Click the **Retrieval** tab, clear the **Automatic Retrieval** option, and click **OK**.
- 12 Click the **Save** button in the **PainterBar**.

## Add a button to update the database

After you add product information, you must update the database, so now you add a button for updating the database.

- 1 **Place the cursor in the paragraph at the bottom right of the Web DataWindow and press Enter.**  
**Select Insert>Form Field>Push Button from the menu bar.**  
The Button Properties page displays.
- 2 **Select Button from the Button Type drop-down list box.**  
**Type cb\_update in the Name text box.**  
**Type Update Database in the Label text box.**
- 3 **Click OK to close the Button Properties dialog box.**
- 4 **Select cb\_update in the first drop-down list box of the Script editor.**  
**Select ServerAction() from the center drop-down list box.**
- 5 **In the Script editor window, type:**

```
dw_1.Update();
```



Pressing the Update Database button from the Web page adds the information entered by the end user to the database.

## Add a hyperlink to the Product Information page

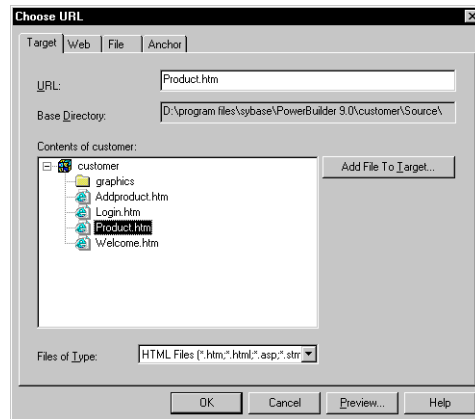
You now add a link to the *Product.htm* page so that a user can view product information was updated.

- 1 In Page view, place the cursor to the right of the Update Database button and press Enter.  
Select Format>Hyperlink.

- 2 Type Product Information in the Text of the Hyperlink text box.  
Click the browse (...) button next to the Destination text box.

The window opens to display the target list of Web pages already created.

- 3 Select the Product Information page (Product.htm).



- 4 Click OK twice to add the hyperlink to the Web page.

Product Information appears on the *Addproduct.htm* page as an underlined hyperlink.

- 5 Select File>Save from the menu bar.



## Add a DataWindow to an existing Web page

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**Where you are**

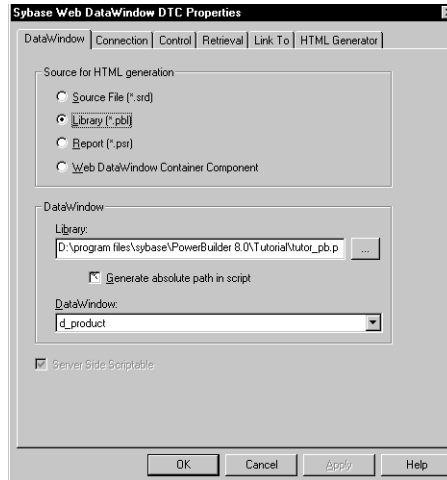
- Set up an EAServer connection profile
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Now you add a DataWindow to an existing Web page. You clear the automatic retrieval check box for this DataWindow. This prevents automatic insertion into your page of the script that accesses the Web DataWindow. You then link a specific DataWindow retrieval argument to a parameter on the Web page and retrieve the DataWindow programmatically.

- 1 Open the Product.htm file.**
- 2 Place the cursor at the end of the Product Information paragraph and press Enter.**  
**Select Insert>Form Field>DataWindow from the menu bar.**  
The Sybase Web DataWindow DTC Properties dialog box displays.
- 3 Select the Library radio button on the DataWindow page.**  
**Click the browse (...) button next to the DataWindow Library text box.**
- 4 Select tutor\_pb.pbl and click Open.**  
The path to the tutor\_pb.pbl library displays in the Library text box of the Sybase Web DataWindow DTC Properties dialog box.

- 5 **Select the Generate Absolute Path In Script check box.**  
**Select d\_product from the DataWindow drop-down list box.**

Generate absolute path is used here for the purposes of the tutorial only. In a production environment, you should use a relative path.



- 6 **Click the Connection tab.**  
**Select EAS Demo DB V9 from the drop-down list box.**
- 7 **Click the Retrieval tab.**  
**Clear the Automatic Retrieval option and click OK.**  

Later you will write a script to retrieve product data during a button Clicked event.
- 8 **Select the cb\_addproduct button in the first drop-down list box in the Script editor.**  
**Select ServerAction() from the second drop-down list box.**
- 9 **Right-click inside the Script editor.**  
**Select Insert Redirect from the drop-down list box.**
- 10 **Click the browse (...) button next to the Destination text box.**  
**Select Addproduct.htm from the Contents of Customer list box.**  

You add a link from the Product.htm page to the Addproduct.htm page.

- 11 Click OK twice.
- 12 Select File>Save from the menu bar.

## Add the ability to retrieve product information

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### Where you are

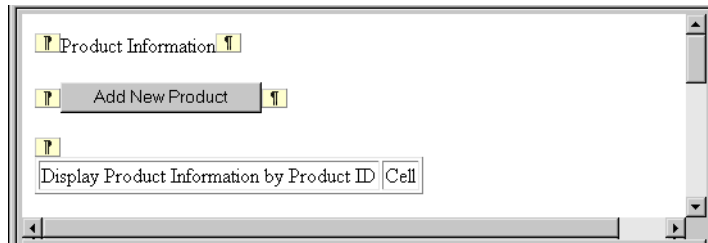
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  - Test and run the Web application
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Now you add a retrieve function to the *Product.htm* page. It will allow you to request the product ID for any product in the database and display the product information on the page.

- 1 **Open Product.htm in Page view if it is not already open.**  
**Place the cursor at the end of the paragraph above the Web DataWindow and press Enter.**
- 2 **Select Table>Table Wizard from the menu bar.**  
**Type 1 for the Number of Rows and click Next.**  
**Type 2 for the Number of Columns.**  
**Click Finish and OK.**

A table displays on the Web page.

- 3 **Highlight the word Cell in the first column and type** Display Product Information by Product ID.



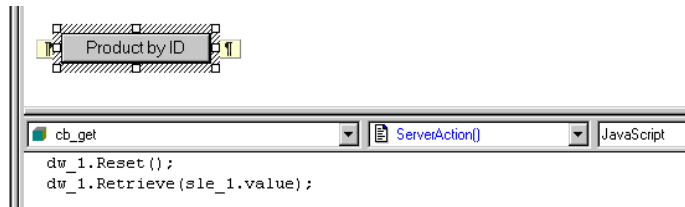
- 4 **Highlight the word Cell in the second column.**  
**Select Insert >Form Field >Single Line Text and click OK.**

- 5 Place the cursor after the table.  
Press the Enter key once to create and move the cursor to a new line.  
Select Insert>Form Field>Push Button from the menu bar.

The Button Properties page displays.

- 6 Select Button Type *Button*.  
Type `cb_get` in the Name text box.  
Type `Product by ID` in the Label text box and click OK.
- 7 Select `cb_get` in the first drop-down list box of the Script editor.  
Select `ServerAction()` from the center drop-down list box.
- 8 Add the following code to the script window:

```
dw_1.Reset();  
dw_1.Retrieve(sle_1.value);
```



- 9 Select File>Save from the menu bar.

## Test and run the Web application

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### **Where you are**

- Set up an EAServer connection profile
  - Build a Web DataWindow Container
  - Create a Web page with a Web DataWindow Container
  - Add other controls to the DataWindow Web page
  - Add a DataWindow to an existing Web page
  - Add the ability to retrieve product information
  - > Test and run the Web application
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You can now test the new Web page and see if you can add a product to the database. If this is successful, you can run the complete Web application, starting from the Login page.

In this exercise, you:

- Test the Addproduct.htm Web page
- Add a new product to the database
- Run the Web application

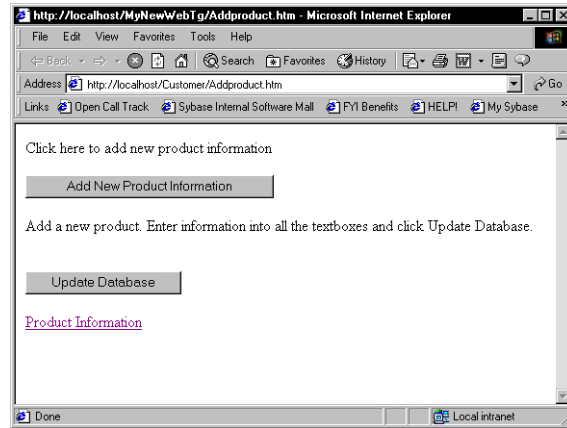
## Test the Addproduct.htm Web page

Before you test your Web application, it is useful to first test the Addproduct.htm Web page to see if you can add a product. To do this, you can temporarily change the start page for the Customer target, then deploy and run the target.

- 1 In the System Tree, right-click Customer.  
Select Properties from the pop-up menu.**  
The Properties of Target Customer dialog box displays.
- 2 Click the Run/Debug tab and click the browse (...) button.  
Make sure the Target tab of the Choose URL dialog box displays.**
- 3 Select Addproduct.htm from the Contents of Customer list box and click OK twice.**
- 4 Check to see that your Personal Web Server and the local EAServer are running.**
- 5 In the System Tree, right-click Customer.  
Select Deploy from the pop-up menu.  
If PowerBuilder prompts you to save the Addproduct page, click Yes.**  
The Output window opens and displays informational messages as the target is built and deployed.

**6 Select Run>Run Customer from the PowerBuilder menu.**

Your default browser opens. The URL address box contains the file path for the *Addproduct.htm* Web page.



Next you add new product information using this Web page.

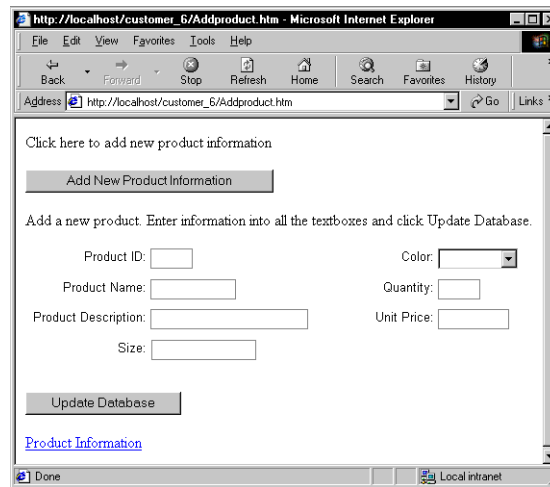


## Add a new product to the database

Next you add new product information and update the database with the new information.

- 1 Click the **Add New Product Information** button on the **Addproduct.htm** page.

The Web page is reloaded and an empty Web DataWindow row displays.



- 2 Type the following information in the Web DataWindow:

Text box	Value
Product ID	9999
Product Name	Shirt
Product Description	Denim shirt
Size	Large
Color	Blue (select from drop-down list)
Quantity	6
Unit Price	27.95

- 3 Click the **Update Database** button.

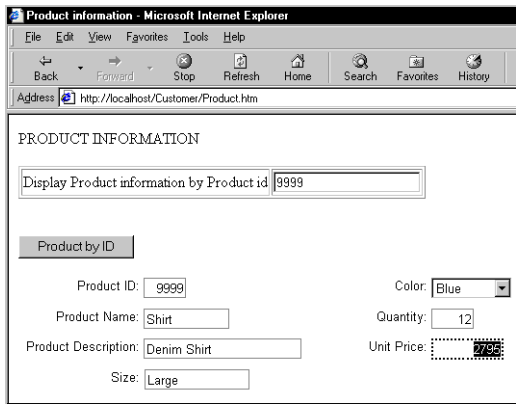
This information is now in the database. You review the information next.

- 4 Click the **Product Information** hyperlink.

The *Product.htm* page displays.

- 5 **Type 9999 in the Display Product information by Product ID text box. Click the Product by ID button.**

The *Product.htm* Web page is reloaded with the product information you entered in the previous exercise.



## Run the Web application

You have completed the development of your Web application. Now you change the start page back to the *Login.htm* page, redeploy, run, and test the Web application.

- 1 In the **System Tree**, right-click **Customer**.  
Select **Properties** from the pop-up menu.

The Properties of Target Customer dialog box displays.

- 2 Click the **Run/Debug** tab and click the browse (...) button.  
Click the **Target** tab in the Choose URL dialog box.

- 3 Select **Login.htm** from the **Contents of Customer** list box and click **OK** twice.

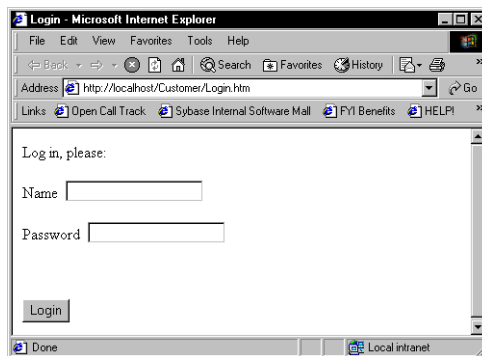
- 4 Check to see that your **Personal Web Server** and the local **EAServer** are running.

- 5 In the **System Tree**, right-click **Customer**.  
Select **Deploy** from the pop-up menu.

When the Output window indicates that deployment is complete, you can run the application.

- 6 Click the **Run** button in the **PowerBar**.

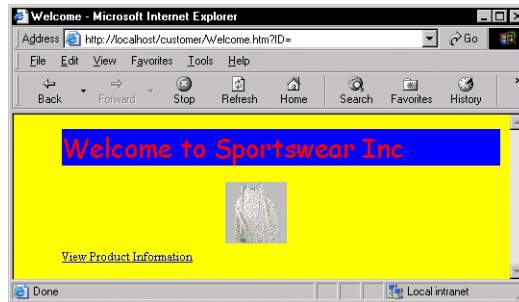
Your default browser displays the *Login.htm* page.



- 7 Type your first name in both the **Name** and **Password** text boxes.

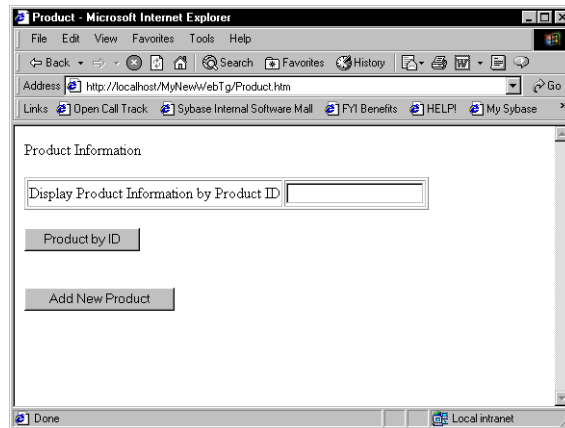
Click the Login button.

The Welcome page displays.



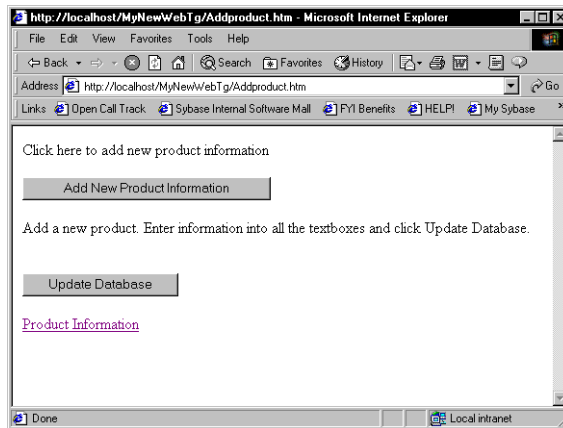
8 Click the View Product Information hyperlink.

The Product Information Web page (*Product.htm*) displays.



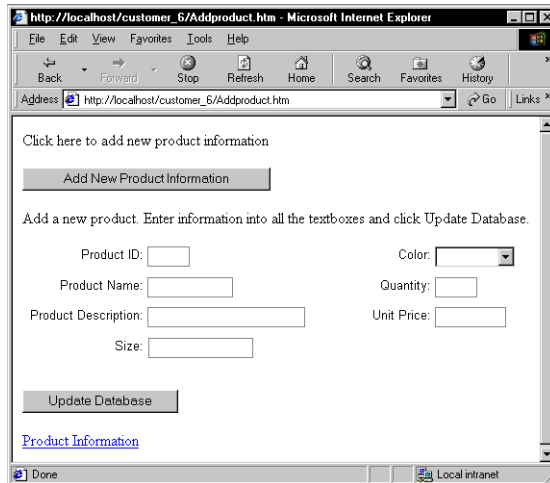
9 Click the Add New Product button.

The Addproduct.htm page displays.



**10 Click the Add New Product Information button.**

The Web DataWindow displays with an empty row.



**11 Type the following information in the Web DataWindow:**

Text box	Value
Product ID	4321
Product Name	Tee Shirt
Product Description	Cotton tee shirt
Size	Small
Color	White (select from drop-down list)
Quantity	100
Unit Price	15.95

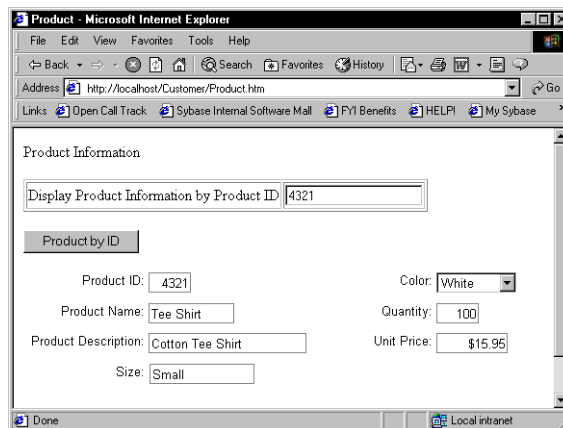
**12 Click the Update Database button.**

**13 Click the Product Information hyperlink.**

The *Product.htm* page displays.

**14 Type 4321 in the Display Product information by Product ID text box. Click the Product By ID button.**

The *Product.htm* Web page is reloaded with the product information you just entered.



**15 Close the Browser.**

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## What to do next

Web target books to use next

*Congratulations.* You have completed Part 3 of the tutorial. Now you know the basics of working with PowerDynamo Web targets in PowerBuilder. You can continue with the tutorial lesson in Part 4 to learn how to create and use JSP Web targets.

The Preface to this book includes a guide to the PowerBuilder documentation. To further your education in Web targets and Web DataWindows, you should continue with these books:

*Working with Web and JSP Targets*

*Web and JSP Target Reference*

*DataWindow Programmer's Guide*

*DataWindow Reference*

All the PowerBuilder books are available in the Online Books and on the Sybase Web site at <http://www.sybase.com/support/manuals/>.

For information on how to install the Online Books, see the *Installation Guide*.

Looking at the Web target sample

To see examples of PowerBuilder code, including a Web target sample, you should look at the examples that are available by selecting Programs>Sybase>PowerBuilder 9.0>PB 9 Code Samples from your Windows Start menu.





## PART 4

# Building a JSP Web Services Application

This part is a tutorial that shows you how to get started using JSP Web targets. It includes step-by-step instructions for using Web services from a JSP client.

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# Creating a JSP Web services application

JSP targets can be deployed to any JSP 1.2 server of your choice through customized command line configurations. However, deployment to EAServer and Tomcat requires only that you fill in the information needed to connect to these servers. For this tutorial, you create a JSP Web service application, including a 4GL JSP page, that you deploy to EAServer.

In this lesson you:

- Create a JSP target
- Use a Web service with a simple JSP application
- Use a Web service with a 4GL JSP application

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## How long does it take?

About 45 minutes.

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### Before you begin

The JSP Web Services tutorial requires that the following be available on your local machine:

- EAServer 4.2 or later
- Internet Explorer 6.0 or later

You must also set up an EAServer connection profile in PowerBuilder. Setting up an EAServer profile is part of the PowerDynamo Web Target tutorial. If you skipped the PowerDynamo Web Target tutorial, you can still follow the instructions to “Set up an EAServer connection profile” on page 264.

You need a live connection to the Internet when you run the JSP Web Services application. At design time, a live connection is not necessary if you copy the Web Service Definition Language (WSDL) file used in this tutorial to your local machine. The WSDL file is described in this lesson.

## Create a JSP target

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### Where you are

- > Create a JSP target
    - Use a Web service with a simple JSP application
    - Use a Web service with a 4GL JSP application
- 

You run the JSP Target wizard to create a JSP target in PowerBuilder.

- 1 In PowerBuilder, select File>Open Workspace and navigate to the Tutorial folder.  
Select MyWorkspace.pbw and click Open.**

If you recently completed the Client/Server or the Web Target tutorial, this workspace may already be open. If you did not, and you cannot find MyWorkspace.pbw, make sure you follow the instructions in “Setting up for the tutorial” on page 23.

- 2 Click the New button in the PowerBar.  
Click the Target tab in the New dialog box and select JSP Target.  
Click OK.**

The introductory page of the JSP Web Target wizard displays.

- 3 Click Next.**

The Specify New JSP Target wizard page displays. The default name for the Web target is Target1.

- 4 Type `jspTutorial.pbt` in place of `Target1.pbt`.**

The Source folder and Build folder names will change automatically to reflect the target name change when you click Next.

- 5 Click Next until the Choose EAServer Profile page displays.**

You accept the default settings for the following items:

Wizard Option	Default
Deployment Configuration Name	jspTutorialDeployConfiguration1
Description	Deployment Configuration
Object Model	I am using the default object model
JSP Server	EAServer

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**6 Make sure the EAServer profile you want is selected.**

If you completed the PowerDynamo Web Target tutorial, select the profile named "local". This profile uses the name of your local machine as the server name. If you do not have an EAServer profile, click Cancel to exit the wizard, follow the instructions to "Set up an EAServer connection profile" on page 264, then restart the current lesson.

The Choose EAServer Profile page of the wizard page also has an HTTP Port field that displays the default value 8080. Do not change this port number unless you also change the HTTP listener port for EAServer in Jaguar Manager.

**7 Click Next until the Ready to Create JSP Target page displays.**

You accept the default settings for the following items:

Wizard option	Default
Deploy What	Deploy All or Nothing
Rebuild	Incremental
Local Copy Folder	<i>Program Files\Sybase\PowerBuilder 9.0\Tutorial\jspTutorial\jspTutorialDeployConfiguration1</i>
WAR File Name	<i>jspTutorial.war</i>

**8 Review your selections on the Ready to Create JSP Target page. Click Finish to accept the selections.**

The wizard creates the jspTutorial target, a directory structure that stores your files, and a deployment configuration. The Source and Build folders do not display in the System Tree, but a wizard-created WEB-INF directory is visible in the System Tree along with two subdirectories and the *web.xml* file for your target.

## Use a Web service with a simple JSP application

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### **Where you are**

Create a JSP target

- > Use a Web service with a simple JSP application
  - Use a Web service with a 4GL JSP application
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In this lesson you create a simple JSP application. The non-4GL application consists of two pages; a start page where you select an item from a drop-down list that you pass as a page parameter, and a target page that includes a call to a Web service. The Web service is the currency exchange Web service available on the XMethods Web site at [www.xmethods.net](http://www.xmethods.net).

- Create non-4GL pages for a JSP application
- Complete the application start page
- Use the JSP Web Service Proxy wizard
- Add calls to the Web service
- Build, deploy, and run the application

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## Create non-4GL pages for a JSP application

You create two pages in the non-4GL part of this JSP Web Services tutorial: a start page and a main page. You then add a page parameter on the main page of the application that will be used to obtain a value submitted from the start page.

- 1 Select File>New from the PowerBuilder menu and click the Web tab. Make sure jspTutorial is selected in the Target drop-down list at the bottom of the New dialog box.**

If you do not have other Web targets in your workspace, jspTutorial will be selected automatically when you click the Web tab.

- 2 Select the Web/JSP Page icon, click OK, then click Next.**

The Web Page wizard opens to the Specify New HTML File page.

- 3 Type `simplestart` in the Title text box and click Next 4 times.**

The name in the File Name field changes to *simplestart.jsp*.

You accept the defaults on the remaining wizard pages.

- 4 Click Finish.**

The wizard creates the *simplestart.jsp* page in the jspTutorial target. The page opens in the HTML editor. It is also listed under the jspTutorial target in the System Tree.

- 5 Repeat steps 1-4, typing `simple` instead of `simplestart` in step 3.**

The wizard creates the *simple.jsp* page. The following default text displays in Page view: Put your data here.

- 6 Highlight the default text on the *simple.jsp* page. Press Enter and type `Currency Converter` for the new text.**

- 7 Place the cursor inside the text you just typed and select Format>Paragraph in the PowerBuilder menu.**

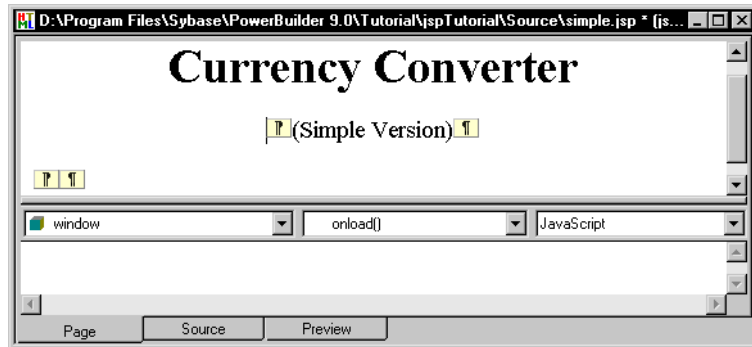
The Paragraph dialog box displays.

- 8 **Select Heading 1 from the Paragraph Style drop-down list. Select Center for the Align Text field, then click OK.**

The text you typed is formatted to the Heading 1 font style.

- 9 **Place the cursor at the end of the text and press Enter. Type (Simple Version).**

You will create a 4GL version of this page in the next lesson.



If you do not see the paragraph symbols in Page view, you can display them by right-clicking the page and selecting Show Non-Visual Tags from the pop-up menu.

- 10 **Right-click the page in Page view and select Page Properties from the pop-up menu. Click the Parameters tab.**

- 11 **Click in the first line under the Parameter Name column, type `column_2`, and click OK.**

You cannot enter a default value for a page parameter on a non-4GL page. In this tutorial application, the `column_2` parameter will be passed to the *simple.jsp* page from the *simplestart.jsp* page.

- 12 **Click the Save button on the HTML editor toolbar.**



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## Complete the application start page

Now you complete the *simplestart.jsp* page by adding a drop-down list and a Submit button.

- 1 **Select the *simplestart.jsp* page from the PowerBuilder Window menu.**

The *simplestart.jsp* page receives the focus of the HTML editor. If you had already closed *simplestart.jsp*, you can open it again by double-clicking the *simplestart.jsp* entry in the System Tree.

- 2 **Highlight the default text and press Enter.  
Type the following lines directly in Page view or in Source view:**

Select a country where you expect to be travelling:

- 3 **Press Enter after the text you typed.  
Select Insert>Form Field>List Box from the PowerBuilder menu.**
- 4 **Type `country_2` in the Name To Send To Server text box.**
- 5 **Click the Options tab, enter the following display text and values, and click OK:**

Text	Value
China	china
France	euro
Germany	euro
Great Britain	united kingdom
Singapore	singapore

The list box is added to the page and is surrounded by opening and closing FORM tags.

- 6 **Place the cursor after the list box but before the closing FORM tag.  
Press Enter.**

You can do this in Page view or Source view. The Submit button that you will add to the page must be inside the same FORM tag as the drop-down list.

**7 Type the following text and press Enter:**

Click the Submit Query button to find the value of an American dollar relative to the principle currency of the country you selected:

**8 Select Insert>Form Field>Push Button from the PowerBuilder menu and click OK.**

The Submit button is given the default label "Submit Query". You do not need to supply a name to the button, since you do not want to pass the name of the button to the *simple.jsp* page. However, you do want to pass the value of the drop-down list.

**9 Right-click the button or the drop-down list and select Form Properties from the pop-up menu.**

The Form Properties dialog box displays.

**10 Type `simple.jsp` in the text box for the "URL where form information is sent."**

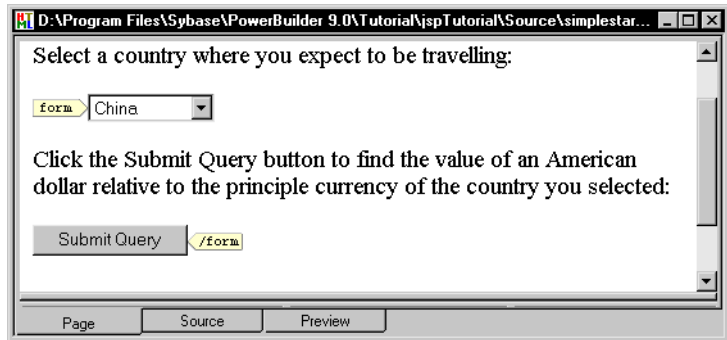
Instead of typing, you can click the browse button next to the text box to open the Choose URL dialog box. You can then select *simple.jsp* on the Target tab and click OK.

**11 Select GET in the Submit Method drop-down list and click OK.**

If you leave POST as the submit method, you will not see the parameter included in the URL to access the *simple.jsp* page after you click the Submit Query button.

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The following picture shows how the *simplestart.jsp* page should look in Page view when the Show Non-Visual Tags pop-up menu item is not selected:



Make sure the Submit Query button is inside the FORM tags.

You can click the Preview tab in the HTML editor to view the *simplestart.jsp* page as it will look in a client browser. It will not have the FORM tags that you see in Page view.

- 12 **Save your changes to the *simplestart.jsp* page.**  
**Select File>Close to close the *simplestart.jsp* page.**

The *simple.jsp* page remains open in the HTML editor.

## Use the JSP Web Service Proxy wizard

Now you add a Web service to your JSP target.

- 1 **Right-click the jspTutorial target in the System Tree and select New from the pop-up menu.**  
Click the Web tab if it is not already displayed.

- 2 **Double-click the JSP Web Service Proxy wizard and click Next.**

The Select WSDL File page of the wizard displays.

- 3 **Type the following URL in the WSDL File Name text box and click Next:**

`http://www.xmethods.net/sd/2001/CurrencyExchangeService.wsdl`

The Select Services page of the wizard displays the Web service described in the WSDL file you entered.

- 4 **Click Next until you reach the Ready To Create Proxy page of the wizard.**

You accept the following default information:

Wizard option	Default selection
Services	CurrencyExchangeService (the only service described by the WSDL file)
Operation Name	getRate
Parameter Name	CurrencyExchangeService_getRate_returnValue
Port Name	CurrencyExchangePort
Package Name	CurrencyExchangeService
TLD File Name	CurrencyExchangeService.tld
Add TLD file to custom tag search path	Selected
JAR File Name	CurrencyExchangeService.jar
Add JAR file to PB Java classpath	Selected

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## 5 Click Finish.

The wizard adds the following files to subdirectories of the target WEB-INF directory:

Subdirectory	Files added
Classes	CurrencyExchangeService.wsdl, esdweblogger.props, syuproxy.props, user.encoding.props
Lib	CurrencyExchangeService.jar, log4j-1.2.3.jar, swsclient.jar
Tlds	CurrencyExchangeService.tld

The wizard also adds the *CurrencyExchangeService.tld* file to your custom tag library search path and adds it to the Components tab of the System Tree.

## Add calls to the Web service

Now you add a page directive to use the TLD with the simple.jsp page. You add a custom tag to define arguments for the getRate class of the Web service, and you add a server script to return a conversion rate calculated by the service.

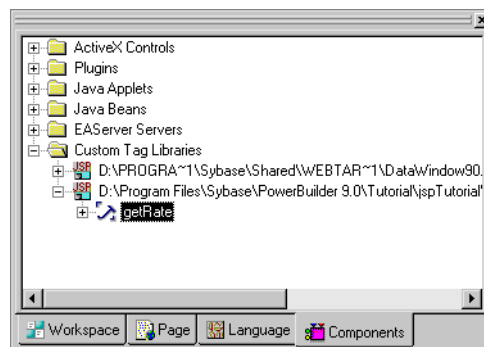
- 1 Click the **Components** tab of the **System Tree**.
- 2 Expand the list of custom tag libraries to display the **CurrencyExchangeService.tld** file.
- 3 Drag the **CurrencyExchangeService.tld** file to the **simple.jsp** page in the **HTML** editor.

A dialog box prompts you to enter a prefix as a shorthand to refer to the TLD file.

- 4 Type **cur** for the prefix and click **OK**.

PowerBuilder adds a taglib directive to the page.

- 5 Expand the listing for the **CurrencyExchangeService.tld** file on the **Components** tab of the **System Tree**.



- 6 Drag the **getRate** class to the bottom of the **simple.jsp** page in **Page** view.

The **cur:getRate** Properties dialog box displays.

**7 In the Values column, type the following values for the listed attributes and click OK:**

Attribute Name	Value
country1	usa
country2	<%= request.getParameter ("country_2") %>

In Page view, the symbol: `<ctl/>` displays on the page to indicate that a custom JSP action has been added. In Source view, the code for the custom action tag looks like the following:

```
<cur:getRate country1="usa" country2=
'<%= request.getParameter ("country_2") %>' />
```

8 Type the following line in Source view near the bottom of the page:

```
<P>The conversion rate for 1 US dollar
to&nbsp;=&nbsp;request.getParameter ("country_2") %>
&nbsp;currency is:&nbsp;=&nbsp;</P>
```

This line contains both server script and HTML script. Each instance of the HTML script "&nbsp;" adds a nonbreaking space to the text at the location where you type it.

9 Switch to Page view and click the  $\< \% = >$  symbol in the line you just typed.

ServerScript[0] displays in the first drop-down list in the Script view. The server script is an expression script that you typed in Source view.

**10** In Page view, place the cursor at the end of the line that you typed.

If you did not add a nonbreaking space after the colon in Source view, you can add it now in Page view by pressing the space bar.

- 11 Right-click in the Script view and select **New Script>Server>JSP>"<%= ... %>"** from the pop-up menu.

The Script view now displays `ServerScript[1]` in the first drop-down list box. In Page view you see a second `<%=>` symbol.

If the second `<%=>` symbol is not at the end of the line of text, select the symbol and drag it to the end of the line, making sure it is separated from the colon by a single space.





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## Build, deploy, and run the application

Now you deploy and run the JSP application.

- 1 **Make sure that the EAServer you selected in your target profile is running.**

- 2 **On the Workspace tab of the System Tree, right-click `jspTutorial`. Select `Deploy` from the pop-up menu.**

Deployment is done when the Output window displays `Finished Deploy of target jspTutorial`.

- 3 **Right-click the `jspTutorial` target again. Select `Properties` from the pop-up menu.**

- 4 **Click the `Run` tab of the target properties dialog box. Click the `browse` button next to the `Start Page` text box.**

The Choose URL dialog box displays.

- 5 **Select `simplestart.jsp` in the list box showing the contents of the `jspTutorial` target and click `OK`.**

The target properties dialog box now displays `/simplestart.jsp` for the target start page.

- 6 **Select `jspTutorialDeployConfiguration1` in the `Deploy Configuration For Running` drop-down list and click `OK`.**

- 7 **Select `Run>Select And Run` from the menu bar. Select `jspTutorial` in the `Select a Target` dialog box. Click `OK`.**

Your default browser displays the *simplestart.jsp* Web page.

- 8 **Select a country from the drop-down list and click `Submit Query`.**

The conversion rate is calculated for the currency of the country you selected and the result is displayed on the *simple.jsp* page.

## Use a Web service with a 4GL JSP application

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### Where you are

Create a JSP target

Use a Web service with a simple JSP application

> Use a Web service with a 4GL JSP application

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In this lesson you create a 4GL JSP and add a Web service to it. You use the same Web service that you used for the *simple.jsp* page.

- Create a 4GL JSP page
- Add the Web service and a page variable to the 4GL page
- Add a table to the 4GL JSP page
- Complete the call to the Web service
- Build, deploy, and run the 4GL JSP page

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## Create a 4GL JSP page

- 1 Click **File>New** from the PowerBuilder menu and click the **Web** tab.
- 2 Make sure **jspTutorial** is selected in the **Target** drop-down list. Select the **4GL Web/JSP Page** icon, click **OK**, then click **Next**.

The 4GL Web Page wizard opens to the **Specify New HTML File** page.

- 3 Type **fourgl** in the **Title** text box and click **Next** until the **Choose EAServer Profile** page displays.

The name in the **File Name** field changes to *fourgl.jsp* the first time you click **Next**. You accept the default values for the other pages on which you click **Next**.

- 4 Select the **Skip EAServer Components** check box on the **Choose EAServer Profile** page of the wizard and click **Next**.

- 5 Click **Finish**.

The wizard creates the *fourgl.jsp* page in the **jspTutorial** target. The page opens in the HTML editor. It is also listed in the **System Tree** along with the other pages you created for the target.

- 6 Highlight the default text on the *fourgl.jsp* page: **Put your data here.** Type **Currency Converter** for the new text.
- 7 With the cursor in the same line as the text you typed, select **Format>Paragraph** in the PowerBuilder menu.

The **Paragraph** dialog box displays.

- 8 Select **Heading 1** from the **Paragraph Style** drop-down list, select **Center** for the **Align Text** field, and click **OK**.

The text you typed is formatted to the **Heading 1** font style.

- 9 Place the cursor at the end of the text and press **Enter**. Type **(4GL Version)** and press **Enter**.

- 10 Click the **Save** button on the HTML editor toolbar.

## Add the Web service and a page variable to the 4GL page

- 1 Click the Components tab of the System Tree.

- 2 Expand the list of custom tag libraries to display the `CurrencyExchangeService.tld` file.

The Currency Exchange Service library was added to the list of custom tag libraries by the JSP Web Service Proxy wizard. This is the same library that you added in a taglib directive to the *simple.jsp* page.

- 3 Drag the `CurrencyExchangeService.tld` file to the `fourgl.jsp` page in the HTML editor.

A dialog box prompts you to enter a prefix as a shorthand to refer to the TLD file.

- 4 Type `cur` for the prefix and click OK.

PowerBuilder adds a taglib directive to the page.

- 5 Right-click the `fourgl.jsp` page in Page view. Select Page Properties from the pop-up menu and click the Variables tab.

- 6 Add a variable with the following properties and click OK:

Column	Type or select
Variable Name	<code>v_units</code>
Data Type	<code>double</code>
Initial Value	<code>100.</code>
Life Time	<code>page</code>
Client Access	<code>NONE</code>

- 7 Click the Save button on the HTML editor toolbar.

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## Add a table to the 4GL JSP page

- 1 In Page view, place the cursor on the `fourgl.jsp` page below the lines containing the text that you typed.
- 2 Select **Table>Table Wizard** from the PowerBuilder menu.
- 3 Type **2** for the number of rows in the table and click **Next**.  
Type **3** for the number of columns in the table, click **Finish**, then **OK**.

PowerBuilder adds a table to the *fourgl.jsp* page. The word **Cell** appears in each table cell by default.

- 4 Highlight the default text in the top left cell of the table.  
Type the following text in the cell: `Currency From:`
- 5 Highlight the default text in the bottom left cell of the table.  
Type the following text in the cell: `Currency To:`
- 6 Highlight the default text in the top middle cell in the table.  
Select **Insert>Form Field>List Box** from the PowerBuilder menu.

The List Box Properties dialog box displays.

- 7 Type `country_from` in the **Name To Send To Server** text box.  
Click the **Options** tab of the List Box Properties dialog box.  
Type the following display text and values in the Options list:

Text	Value
China	china
France	euro
Great Britain	united kingdom
Singapore	singapore
United States	usa

- 8 Select the check box in the **Selected** column next to the entry you made for the **United States**, and click **OK**.

The list box displays in the top middle cell of the table. The only value you see in Page view is for the United States. If you view the page in Preview view, you can see all the countries that you entered in the drop-down list. However, you must return to Page view to continue editing.

- 9 Highlight the default text in the bottom middle cell in the table.  
Select **Insert>Form Field>List Box** from the PowerBuilder menu.

- 10 Type `country_to` in the **Name To Send To Server** text box.  
Click the **Options** tab of the **List Box Properties** dialog box.  
Type the same display text and values that you typed in step 7.

- 11 Select the check box in the **Selected** column next to the entry you made for **France**, and click **OK**.

The list box displays in the bottom middle cell of the table. The only value you see in **Page** view is for **France**.

- 12 Highlight the default text in the top right cell of the table.  
Select **Insert>Form Field>Single Line Text** from the PowerBuilder menu.



- 13 Type `units` in the **Name** box of the **Text Control Properties** dialog box.

- 14 Click the **Bind** tab in the **Text Control Properties** dialog box.  
Select **Page Variable** for the component name, `v_units` for the property name, and click **OK**.

The *fourgl.jsp* page should now look like this:

<@taglib>

## Currency Converter

 (4GL Version) 

Currency From:	United States ▾	<input type="text"/>
Currency To:	France ▾	Cell

- 15 Highlight the default text in the bottom right table cell and press **Delete**.

You clear the default text. Next you will enter a call to the `getRate` Web service and return a calculated value into this table cell.

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## Complete the call to the Web service

- 1 On the Components tab of the System Tree, expand the listing for the `CurrencyExchangeService.tld` file.

Drag the `getRate` class to the bottom right cell of the table on the `fourgl.jsp` page.

The `cur:getRate` Properties dialog box displays.

- 2 In the Values column, type the following values for the listed attributes and click OK:

Attribute Name	Value
country1	<%= country_from.value %>
country2	<%= country_to.value %>

In Page view, the bottom right table cell displays the symbol: `<ctl:/>` to indicate that a custom JSP action has been added. In Source view, the code inside the last table cell looks like the following:

```
<cur:getRate country1="<%= country_from.value %>"
              country2="<%= country_to.value %>" />
```

- 3 Right-click inside the Script view and select **New Script>Server>JSP>"<% ... %>"** from the pop-up menu.

The Script view displays `ServerScript[0]` in the first drop-down list box.

- 4 Expand the listing for the `getRate` class under the `CurrencyExchangeService.tld` listing on the Components tab. Drag the `CurrencyExchangeService_getRate_returnValue` variable to the Script view for `ServerScript[0]`.

The text `"CurrencyExchangeService_getRate_returnValue"` displays in the Script view.

- 5 Type `.floatValue() * v_units` immediately after the text you dragged to the Script view.

Using dot notation, the server script now calls the `floatValue` method to cast the return value before multiplying it by the value of the `v_units` page variable to obtain a final result. The full script looks like this:

```
CurrencyExchangeService_getRate_returnValue.floatValue() * v_units
```

- 6 **Make sure the server script symbol "<%=>" displays in the bottom right table cell after the "<ctl:/>" symbol.**

In Page view, you can drag and drop the server script <%=> symbol to the location where you want to place it. It must be placed after the call to the custom tag library that is represented in Page view by the <ctl:/> symbol.

- 7 **Place the cursor to the right of the table and press Enter. With the cursor in the new line, select Insert>Form Field>Push Button.**

The Button Properties dialog box displays.

- 8 **Type Get Conversion Result in the Label text box and click OK.**

- 9 **(Optional) In Source view, add the following text after the code for the Submit button but before the closing Body tag:**

```
<HR id="HR1">
<P>Currency Converter Web Services is from
<A href="http://www.xmethods.net">www.xmethods.net</A> </P>
<P>wsdl: <A id="WSDLURL" href=
"http://www.xmethods.net/sd/2001/CurrencyExchangeService.wsdl">
http://www.xmethods.net/sd/2001/CurrencyExchangeService.wsdl</A>
</P>
```

You credit the owners of the Web service for the use of their service.

- 10 **Save the changes you made to the fourgl.jsp page.**



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## Build, deploy, and run the 4GL JSP page

Now you deploy and run the JSP application.

- 1 **Make sure that EAServer is running.**

- 2 **On the Workspace tab of the System Tree, right-click the jspTutorial target and select Deploy from the pop-up menu.**

Deployment is done when the Output window displays `Finished Deploy of target jspTutorial.`

- 3 **Right-click the jspTutorial target. Select Properties from the pop-up menu.**

- 4 **Click the Run tab of the target properties dialog box. Click the browse button next to the Start Page text box.**

The Choose URL dialog box displays.

- 5 **Select fourgl.jsp in the list box showing the contents of the jspTutorial target and click OK.**

The target properties dialog box now displays `/fourgl.jsp` for the target start page.

- 6 **Right-click the jspTutorial target in the System Tree. Select Run from the pop-up menu.**

Your default browser opens. The URL address box contains the file path for your *fourgl.jsp* Web page. The conversion rate is calculated and displayed for the default values you selected:

Parameter or variable	Default value
country1	United States
country2	France
v_units	100

- 7 **In your browser, select a different country from the Currency From or Currency To drop-down lists. Click the Get Conversion Result button.**

The new result displays in the bottom right cell of the table on the *fourgl.jsp* Web page.

- 8 **Type a different unit number in the top right cell of the table on the fourgl.jsp Web page and click the Get Conversion Result button.**

The calculation of the conversion value takes into account the units you entered.

## What to do next

*Congratulations.* You have completed Part 4 of the tutorial. Now you know the basics of working with JSP targets and JSP Web services in PowerBuilder.

For additional practice, you can try deploying the JSP application described in this tutorial to a Tomcat server or to another JSP 1.2 compatible server. You can also try using other Web services, including those with user-defined datatypes. For information about user-defined datatypes, see the chapter on JSP targets in the *Working with Web and JSP Targets* book.

The Preface to this book includes a guide to the PowerBuilder documentation. All the PowerBuilder books are available in the Online Books and on the Sybase Web site at <http://www.sybase.com/support/manuals/>.

For information on how to install the Online Books, see the *Installation Guide*.

To see examples of PowerBuilder code, including a Web target sample, you should look at the examples that are available by selecting Programs>Sybase>PowerBuilder 9.0>PB 9 Code Samples from your Windows Start menu.

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