

# **T220 Data Entry and Setup Forms**

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### Agenda

#### Day 1 – September 8

- Acumatica Architecture
- Training Initial Steps
- Configuring Drop-Downs
- Formulas
- Master-Detail
- ASPX Markup
- PXSelector Attribute
- Configuring a Complex based on Repair Work Order Form

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- Form View Mode
- RowTemplate
- Substitute Form with a Shared Filter
- Event Model
- Working with Cache
- PXLayoutRule with Complex Layout
- Declarative Style Programming
- · Status Workflow

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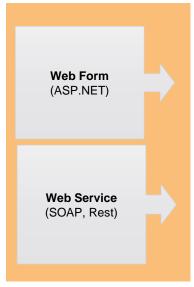
- Fields Validation
- Setup Forms
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- Use Dialogs



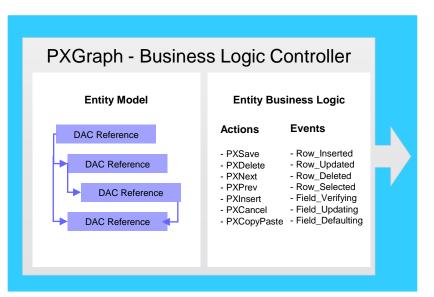
## Acumatica Architecture



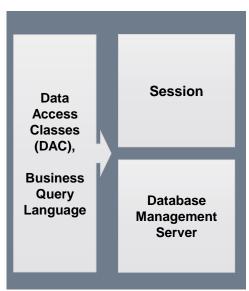
### **Acumatica Framework Architecture**



Presentation Layer



**Business Logic Layer** 



Data Access Layer



## **Acumatica Platform Essentials**

- Data Access Classes (DAC)
- Business Logic Containers (Graph)
- Data Views
- Business Query Language (BQL)
- User Interface (ASP.NET)
- Events
- Customizations (Extensions)



## Before we Start



## **Useful Development Environment Optimization**

#### Web.config:

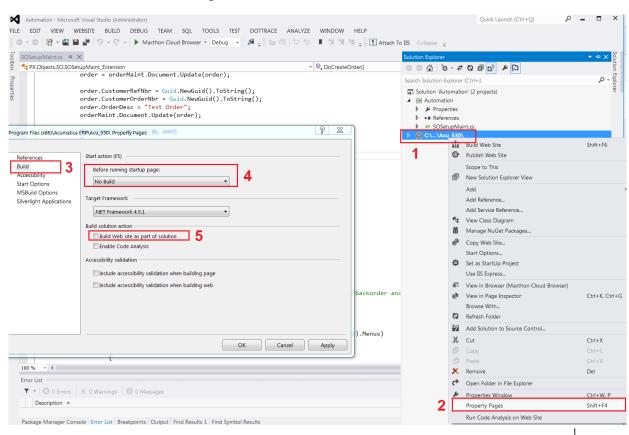
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- Optimize Compilation <compilation OptimizeCompilations="True" ... />
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- Ignore Scheduler <add key="DisableScheduleProcessor" value="True" />
- Optimize Start-up <add key="InstantiateAllCaches" value="False" />
- Optimize Start-up <add key="CompilePages" value="False" />
- Enable Auto Validation <add key="Page Validation" value="True" />



## **Useful Development Environment Optimization**

Web Site compilation is slow

...and isn't necessary





## **Useful Development Environment Optimization**

#### "Acuminator" Extension

Static code analysis, colorizer and suggestions tool for Acumatica Framework



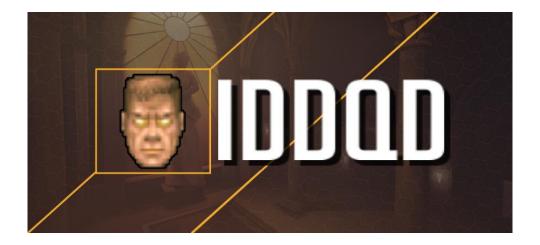
#### "Attach To" Extension

 Attach Debugger to Acumatica with 1-click



## **Cheats Store**

# https://github.com/Acumatica/Help-and-Training-Examples



# **The Smart Fix company**



## **Story**

The Smart Fix company specializes in repairing cell phones of several types. The company provides the following services:

- Battery replacement: This service is provided on customer request and does not require any preliminary diagnostic checks.
- Repair of liquid damage: This service requires a preliminary diagnostic check and a prepayment.
- Screen repair: This service is provided on customer request and does not require any preliminary diagnostic checks.



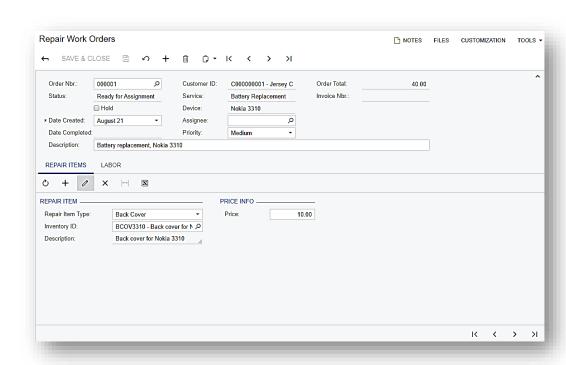
# **T220: The Repair Work Orders Form**



## The Repair Work Orders Form

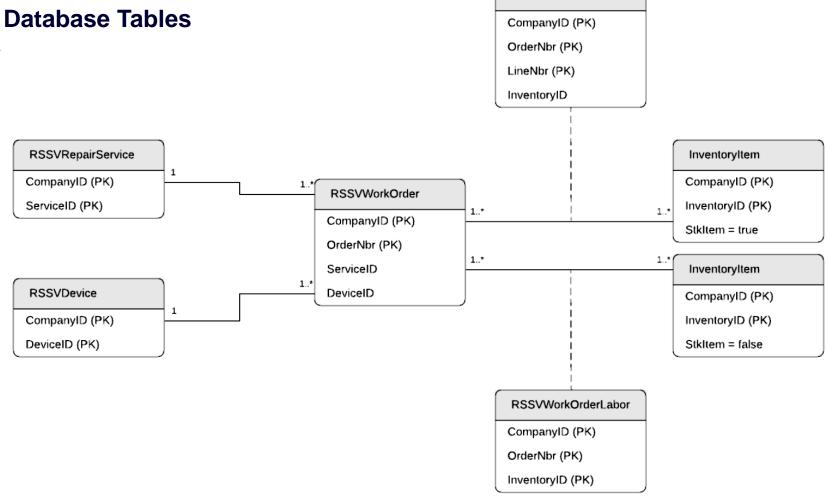
The form will contain the following tabs:

- Repair Items: Will show the list of repair items (stock items) necessary to complete the repair work order.
- Labor: Will contain the list of labor items (non-stock items) that are performed for the selected repair work order..





### **T220 Database Tables**



RSSVWorkOrderItem

## **Lesson 1.1: Configuring a Complex Form Layout**

### Objectives:

- Align controls on a form
- Adjust the size of controls and labels
- Adjust a control to span several columns
- Configure the form view of a grid
- Add a substitute form with a shared filter to the customization project



# **Step 1.1.1: Creating the Form**



# Attributes



## **Configuring Drop-Downs**

What can you do to the drop-downs?

- Chose between int and string values
- Set the list of values that the system will see
- Set the list of values that a user will see

```
You will likely use these
                          values elsewhere,
                          so store them in some
[PXStringList(
                          constants!
     new string[]
          Status.OnHold,
          Status. Shipping,
                                     11511
          Status.Delivered
     new string[]
          "Hold",
          "In progress",
          "Done"
     })]
public string Status { get; set; }
```

## **Configuring Drop-Downs**

You can dynamically set the list of drop-down control.

```
PXStringListAttribute.SetList<Shipment.status>(sender, row,
     new string[] // List of values
           ShipmentStatus.OnHold,
           ShipmentStatus. Shipping,
     },
     new string[] // List of labels displayed in the UI
           "On Hold",
           "Shipping",
     });
```

#### **PXSelector Attribute**

What can you do to them?

- Tell what you want to select
- Restrict what you want to select
- Chose the fields to show in the selector table (even joine)
- Replace the displayed key with a SubstituteKey
- Show a DescriptionField

And a bit more on the page side

Note: selectors perform validation!



## **PXSelector - Accessing Related Records**

PXSelector attribute is most commonly used to link entities together

Thus it can help at getting the related object:



#### **PXRestiction Attribute**

Restrictor search the Selector and inject extra conditions and error messages.

#### DAC:

```
[PXSelector(typeof(Search<Product.productID>)),
public virtual Int32? ProductID { get; set;}
```

#### Cache Extension:





```
[PXDBDecimal(2)]
[PXUIField(DisplayName = "Price")]
[PXDefault(TypeCode.Decimal, "0.0")]
[PXFormula(
          typeof(Mult<Line.lineQty, Line.unitPrice>),
          typeof(SumCalc<Document.totalPrice>))]
public virtual decimal? LinePrice { get; set; }
How to aggregate the field
```

### Calculate the value of its field:

- Add<,>
- Sub<,>
- Mult<,>
- Div<,>
- Minus<>
- Switch<Case<>,>

Aggregate the resulting values into a parent's field with:

SumCalc<>

CountCalc<>

MinCalc<>

MaxCalc<>



There is also PXUnboundFormula – unlike PXFormula it doesn't assign the calculated value to the field, which it is attached to

It calculates what it is told to and aggregates it in the parent, without changing anything in the detail record.

Note: unbound formula supports only SumCalc and MaxCalc aggregates.

#### [PXFormula(typeof(Validate<...>))]

formula will raise dependentField's FieldVerifying event each time the RelatedField is updated.

#### [PXFormula(typeof(Current<...>))]

formula fetches the field value from the record stored in the Current property of the DAC's cache.

#### [PXFormula(typeof(Parent<...>))]

formula fetches the field value from the parent data record as defined by PXParentAttribute.

#### [PXFormula(typeof(IsTableEmpty<...>))]

formula returns true if the DB table corresponding to the specified DAC contains no records.

#### [PXFormula(typeof(Selector<...>))]

formula can evaluate and update value from foreign record referenced by selector.

#### [PXFormula(typeof(Default<...>))]

Raises the FieldDefaulting for the field to which the formula is attached once the specified field changes.



# **Step 1.1.2: Configuring the Controls of the Summary Area**



# ASPX



### **Configuring ASP.NET pages**

#### You set:

- 1. TypeName (fully qualified name of the graph) and PrimaryView (the name of the primary view) properties of the data source control
- 2. DataSourceID and DataMember (name of the view) properties of each data-bound container (PXFormView, PXGridLevel or PXTab):
- 3. DataField (name of the field) property of each and every data-bound control (e.g. PXTextEdit, PXSelector)

### **User Interface - ASPX**

```
User Interface in Acumatica controls by ASPX files and LayoutRules
                                                                     Data View
<px:PXFormView ID="form" DataMember="Products">

<Template>
                                                       Relative Positioning Rules
     <px:PXLayoutRule StartRow="True"/>
     <px:PXSelector ID="edProductCD" DataField="ProductCD" />
     <px:PXTextEdit ID="edProductName" DataField="ProductName" />
     <px:PXLayoutRule StartColumn="True"/>
     <px:PXNumberEdit ID="edUnitPrice" DataField="UnitPrice"/>
                                                                     DAC Field
</Template>
</px:PXFormView>
```

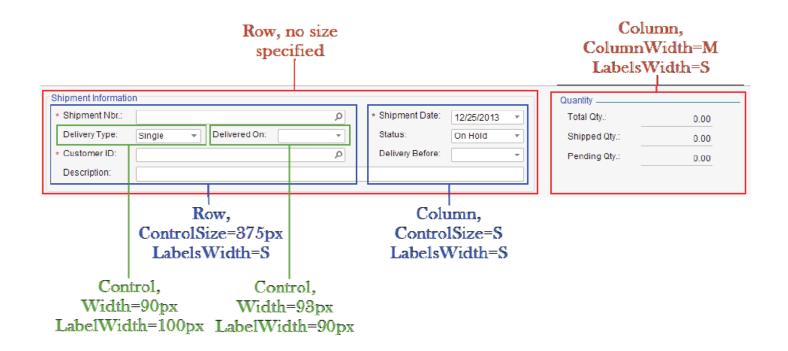
## **Attributes defines UI Controls**

Control	Attributes on the DAC Field	ASPX Definition
Text box	[PX(DB)String]	<px:pxtextedit id="/"></px:pxtextedit>
Number edit box	[PX(DB)Int] or [PX(DB)Decimal]	<px:pxnumberedit id="/"></px:pxnumberedit>
Mask edit box	[PX(DB)String(InputMask =)]	<px:pxmaskedit id="/"></px:pxmaskedit>
Drop-down list	[PXStringList] or [PXIntList]	<px:pxdropdown id="/"></px:pxdropdown>
Selector	[PXSelector]	<px:pxselector id="/"></px:pxselector>
Check box	[PX(DB)Bool]	<px:pxcheckbox id="/"></px:pxcheckbox>
Date-time picker	[PX(DB)Date]	<px:pxdatetimeedit id="/"></px:pxdatetimeedit>
Time span edit box	[PXDBTimeSpan]	<px:pxdatetimeedit id='TimeMode="True"'></px:pxdatetimeedit>

# **Step 1.1.3: Configuring the Layout of the Summary Area of the Form**



## PXLayoutRule + PXPanel



# Layout



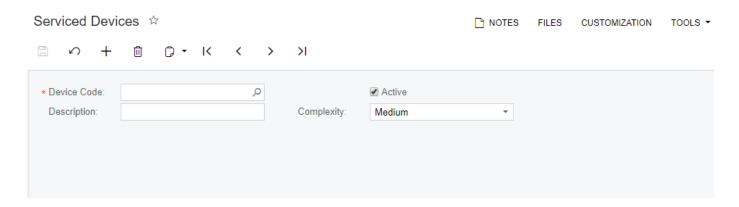
# **PXLayoutRule**

```
<px:PXLayoutRule ID="PXLayoutRule1" runat="server"></px:PXLayoutRule>
```

The look of a form is determined by the contents of its Template> element.

Any form template *must* start with a *Row* layout rule

Add *Column* rules to arrange the subsequent controls in a separate column



# **PXLayoutRule**

You can position controls on the form using rules

- COLUMN (StartColumn="true") all further controls will be positioned to start with a new column
- ROW (StartRow="true") all further controls will be positioned to start with a new row
- GROUP all further controls till next layout rule will be grouped together with header
- MERGE all further controls till next layout rule will be merged together with single cell
- EMPTY Ends Group or Merge Rules
- SPAN (ColumnSpan="#") Stretch field in multiple columns

# **Layout Editing – Control Sizes**

You can change size of the control with 2 properties:

- "ControlSize" (or Size) Length of the editor
- "LabelsWidth" Length of the label

#### T-Shirt Sizes:

- XXS (40px) XM (250px),
- XS (70px),
   L (300px),
- **S** (100px), *XL* (350px),
- **SM** (150px), XXL (400px)
- **M** (200px),



Override	Property	Value
	Base Properties	
	ColumnSpan	
	ColumnWidth	
	ControlSize	М
	EndGroup	
	GroupCaption	
	LabelsWidth	SM
	Merge	
	StartColumn	True
	StartGroup	



# **Step 1.1.4: Configuring Form View Mode for the Grid**



# RowTemplate



### <RowTemplate>

RowTemplate allows you to have more settings than simple GridColumn.

One case when you need RowTemplate is when you enable form edit mode for the grid.

**Step 1.1.5: Adding the Substitute Form with a Shared Filter to the Project** 



# **Lesson 1.2: Copying Field Values from One Record to Another**

### Objectives:

Copy the field values from one record to another record by using event handlers



# **Events Model**



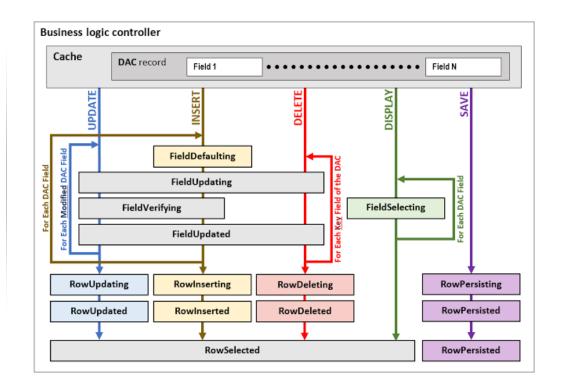
## **Events Declaration - Graphs**

```
Classic:
public virtual void DAC Field FieldUpdated(PXCache cache, PXFieldUpdatedEventArgs e)
{}
public virtual void DAC_RowInserting(PXCache cache, PXRowInsertingEventArgs e)
{}
Generic:
public virtual void (Events.FieldUpdated<DAC, DAC.field> e)
{}
public virtual void (Events.RowInserting<DAC> e)
{}
```

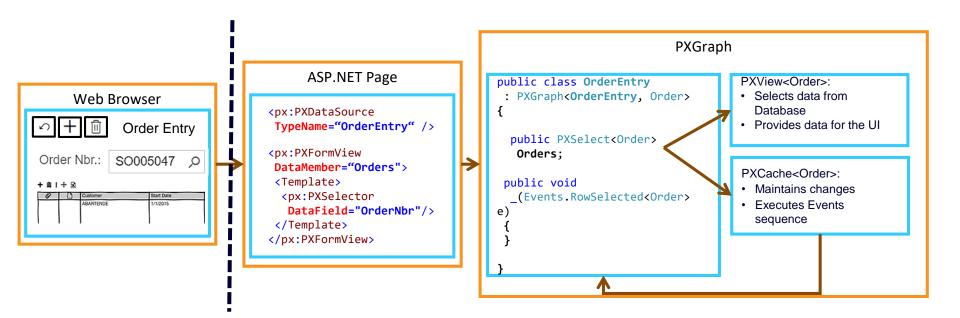
# **Understanding The Event Model**

#### Acumatica events:

- 12 Row-level events
- 5 Field-level events



# Where do events come from? - Example



## **Handling Rows Events**

RowInserting – occurs before inserting into the cache
RowInserted – occurs after inserting into the cache

RowUpdating – occurs before updating of cached record
RowUpdated – occurs after updating of cached record

RowDeleting — occurs before deleting record from the cache RowDeleted — occurs after deleting record from the cache

RowPersisting — occurs before saving record to the database RowPersisted — occurs after saving record to the database

## **Handling Rows Events**

RowSelecting — occurs system reads record from database reader RowSelected — occurs when system should show record to the UI

CommandPreparing – occurs when system generates SQL script ExceptionHandling – occurs when system handles the exception

## **Handling Fields Events**

FieldDefaulting – occurs when system calc default value for the field. FieldVerifiyng – occurs when need to validate input value. FieldUpdated – occurs when the field value is changed.

FieldSelecting – occurs when need to show the field to the UI. FieldUpdating – occurs when field is coming from the UI.

Do not forget to take care of CommitChanges

# Modifying Data in Cache



## **Modifying Data in Cache**

var row = cache.Insert() - simply inserts a new record into cache.

var row = cache.Insert(object) - does nothing and returns null if a record
with the same keys already exists in the cache. Inserts the record and returns the
inserted one otherwise.

var row = cache. Update (object) — updates the record if it is already in the cache. If there is no such record in the cache, gets it from the DB, puts into the cache and updates. If there is no suitable record in the DB, it is inserted with Insert().

var row = cache.Delete(object) - sets Deleted status for the record.

Similarly to the Update(..) will go to DB if fails to find the record in the cache. No, the record is not removed from the cache or the database. Feels crazy?



## **Modifying Data in Cache**

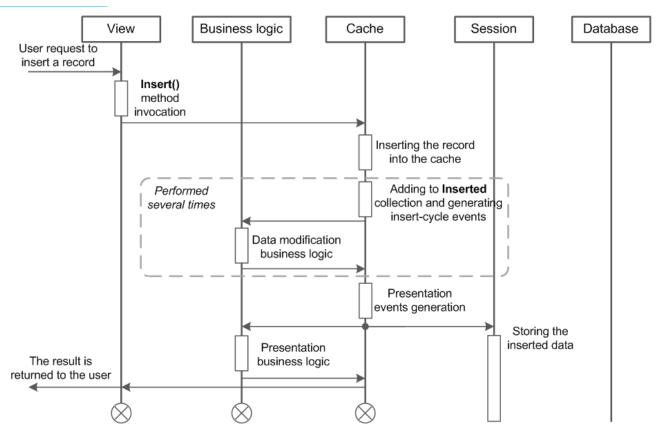
raises FieldUpdated event. Note: record status is not changed, RowUpdated is
not fired.

cache.SetDefaultExt<DAC.field>() — sets the default value of the field and raises all the required

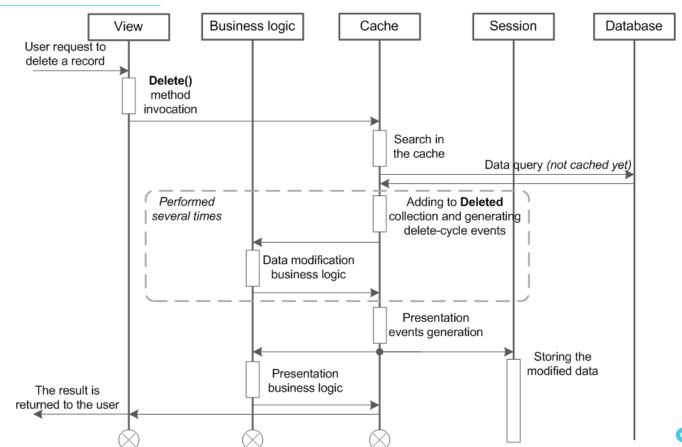
```
cache.Locate(row) (e.g. var acct = Accounts.Cache.Locate(row))
looks up a record with matching keys in the cache. Doesn't go to the DB.
```

Can be done either on the cache object or through a data view instance.

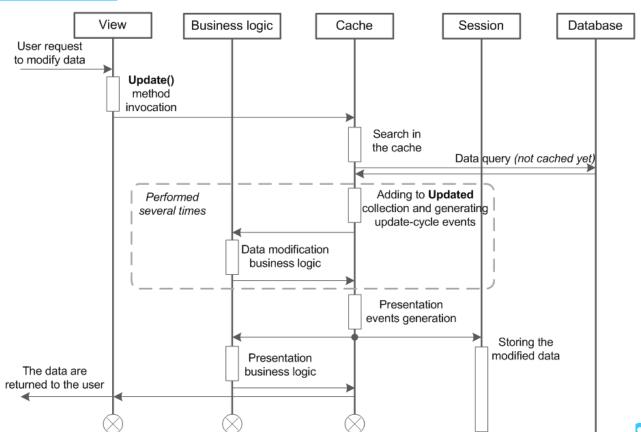
## **Inserting a New Entity Record**



## **Deleting an Existing Entity Record**



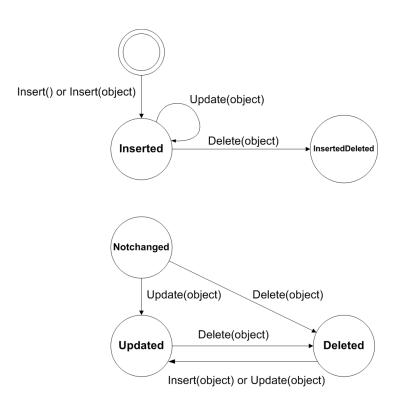
## **Updating an Existing Entity Record**



#### **Record Statuses**

#### It's pretty sane actually. Other statuses are:

- Notchanged
- Updated
- Inserted
- Deleted
- InsertedDeleted





# **Lesson 1.3: Implementing the Status Logic**

#### Objectives:

- Implement the logic related to the statuses selected when the Hold check box is cleared
- Implement the run time UI logic by using the attributes



#### **BQL** - Constants

#### A BQL Constants is derived from the generic Constant<T>

```
public class decimal 100 : PX.Data.BQL.BqlString.Constant<Decimal>
              public decimal 100() : base(100m) { }
Usage:
       public PXSelect<Product,</pre>
              Where<Div<Product.minAvailQty, decimal_100>,
              GreaterEqual<decimal_1>>> Records;
       public SelectFrom<Contract>.
              Where<Contract.contractCD.IsEqual<defaultWarranty>>.
              View DefaultWarranty;
```

## **Adjusting UI Dynamically**

Instead of PXUIEnabledAttribute.SetEnabled(...)

Declarative Style:

Set Enabled

Set Visible

## **Lesson 1.4: Validating the Field Values**

#### Objectives:

- The value of a field that does not depend on the values of other fields of the same record
- The value of a field that depends on the values of other fields of the same record



### Validating Data – Single Field

The most natural place to implement validation is the FieldVerifying event handler

However, FieldVerifying doesn't suit the case when validation logic depends on several fields – use RowUpdating under such circumstances

Anyway, if something is wrong you can simply:

```
throw new PXSetPropertyException("Danger!!!");
```

In addition to setting an error or warning sign on a particular field:

```
cache.RaiseExceptionHandling<ShipmentLine.lineQty>(
    line, e.NewValue,
    new PXSetPropertyException("Danger!!!", PXErrorLevel.Warning));
```

<sup>\*</sup> Don't forget CommitChanges if you want the warnings right away!



## Validating Data – Single Field

Instead of throwing errors at user you could also adjust the value yourself:

```
e.NewValue = product.MinAvailQty;
```

But be sure to let user know about the fact that something has changed with a warning icon and message on a field in UI:

```
cache.RaiseExceptionHandling<ShipmentLine.lineQty>(
    line,
    e.NewValue,
    new PXSetPropertyException("Changed!!!", PXErrorLevel.Warning));
```



### **Validating Data - Dependent Fields**

When validation logic changes based on the values of other fields of the same record, which are declared earlier, we don't use FieldVerifying

We do use RowUpdating, whose handler has access to:

- e.NewRow modified record, and
- e.Row original version of the record

Given these, we can check whether any of the fields affecting validation have changed with cache. ObjectsEqual and validate if that's the case:

```
if(cache.ObjectsEqual<DAC.field1, DAC.field2>(e.NewRow, e.Row) ==
false)

{ /* Validation for the case field1 or field2 has changed */ }
```

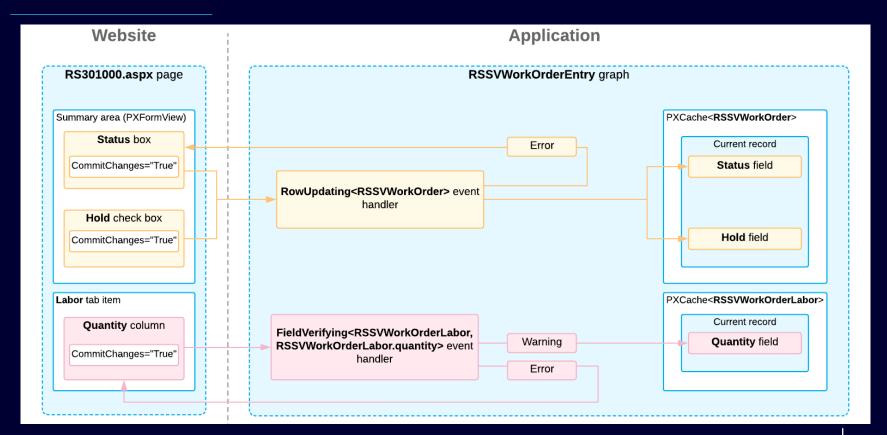


## **Validating Data - Dependent Fields**

Instead of RowUpdating or FieldVerifying

Declarative Style:

## **Summary**

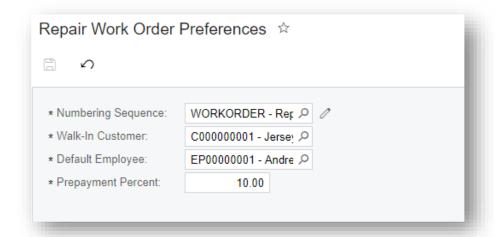


**T220: The Repair Work Order Preferences Form** 

# The Repair Work Order Preferences Form

#### The form will contain the following:

- The Numbering Sequence box will hold the numbering sequence that is used to auto-number repair work orders.
- The Walk-In Customer box will contain the identifier of the customer record for walk-in orders.
- The **Default Employee** box will specify the default assignee for repair work orders.
- The Prepayment Percent box will contain the percent of prepayment that a customer should pay for a service that requires prepayment.



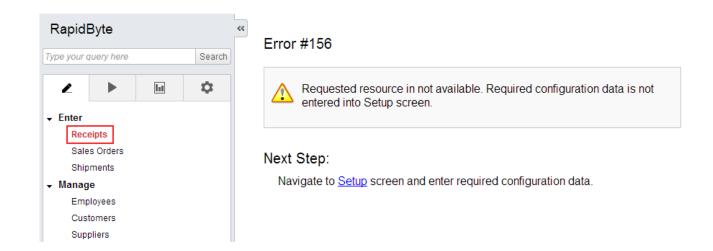
## Lesson 2.1: Configuring the Auto-Numbering of a Field Value

#### Objectives:

- Create and use setup forms where users enter the configuration settings of the application
- Configure the auto-numbering of a field value

# **PXSetup**

Until a proper configuration entry is created user will see something like this on the dependent page:



## **PXSetup**

To prompt user to configure a module before entering any documents:

PXSetup is a special kind of PXSelect, which makes this task easy. To tell that a graph needs certain piece of configuration you:

1. Declare a setup view within the graph

```
public PXSetup<Setup> setup;
```

2. Ask it for the Current member on graph construction

```
public ReceiptEntry()
{
         Setup setup = setup.Current;
}
```

This will throw a special exception upon failure to get a Setup record

# **PXPrimaryGraph**

Noticed the <u>Setup</u> link below the warning?

PXPrimaryGraphAttribute makes navigating to a record possible

The attribute is attached to a DAC and tells the system which graph should it use to display a record of this DAC:

```
[Serializable]
[PXPrimaryGraph(typeof(SetupMaint)]
public partial class Setup : PX.Data.IBqlTable
{
    ...
}
```

# **PXPrimaryGraph**

Works fine with any records – not only configuration ones

Can chose where to go based on the rules that you provide:

#### **PXCacheName**

It is possible to set a user-friendly name for a DAC:

```
[System.SerializableAttribute()]
[PXPrimaryGraph(typeof(SetupMaint))]
[PXCacheName("RapidByte Preferences")]
public partial class Setup : PX.Data.IBqlTable
                                        RapidByte
            //...
                                                                  Error #157
                                                          Search
                                        Type your auery here
                                                          Requested resource in not available. Required configuration data is not entered into RapidByte Preferences screen
                                        Enter
                                                                  Next Step:
                                           Shipments
                                                                    Navigate to RapidByte Preferences screen and enter required configuration data
                                           Receipts

    Manage

                                           Customers
                                           Suppliers

→ Explore

                                           Sales Order Inquiry
                                           Supplier Prices
```

# **User Dialogs**



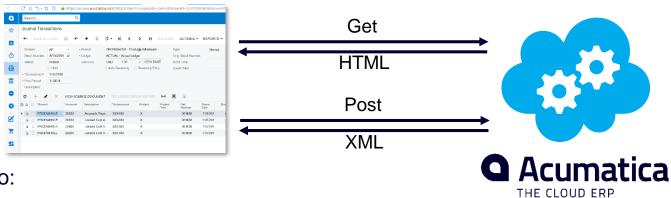
## **Requesting Confirmations**

Throwing errors is a bit too one-sided way to communicate with users – what if we want to ask them something?

Also use the e.ExternalCall to check whether an event was initiated from UI (true) or from code (false)

## **User Dialogs**

Web application is mostly one-way communication – Request -> Response

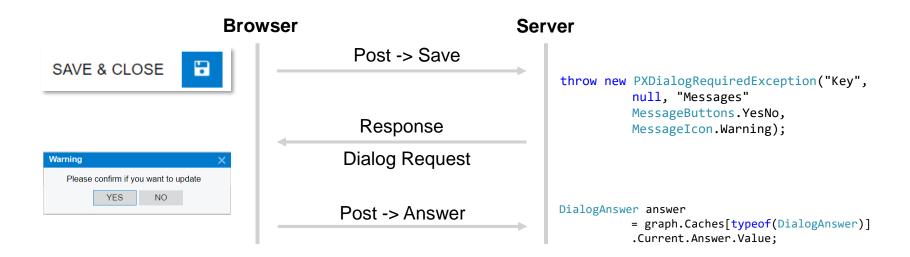


#### How to:

- Return control to user?
- Prevent operation modify data?

## **User Dialogs**

## Exceptions that returns control to base code:



# Overriding Attributes on Graph Level



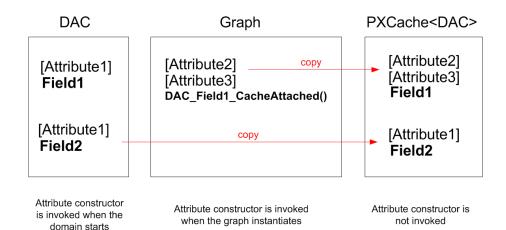
## **Overriding Attributes**

Sometimes you want to make special configuration of a field in the scope of some particular graph – use CacheAttached event pseudo-handler

No implementation – only the attributes – but *all* of them

#### **Level of Attributes**

- 1)Type on domain initialization
- 2)Cache on cache initialization

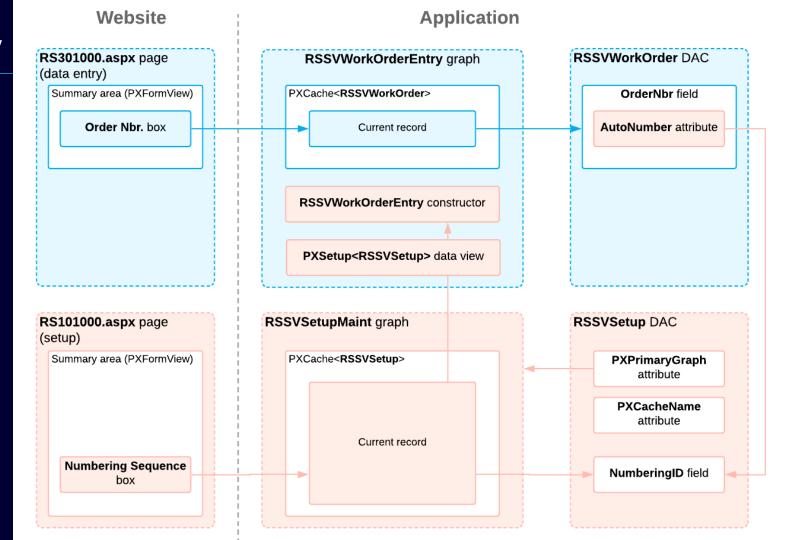


```
PXUIFieldAttribute.SetEnabled<DAC>(cache, null, true);
```

3)Record – on record operation

```
PXUIFieldAttribute.SetEnabled<DAC>(cache, row, true);
```

# Summary



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#### Stack Overflow Community:

http://stackoverflow.com/questions/tagged/acumatica

#### Git Hub opensource Projects

https://github.com/Acumatica/

Visual Studio Extensions – Acuminator

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