CodeBase 6.0™ Reference Guide

The Visual Basic Engine For Database Management
Clipper Compatible
dBASE Compatible
FoxPro Compatible

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Contents

Introduction

This is the CodeBase 6 Visual Basic API Reference Guide. Its purpose is to provide a way to quickly lookup information on CodeBase.

First time CodeBase 6 users should consult the User's Guide section which appears at the front of this document. The User's Guide explains the purpose of the library, how to get started, CodeBase 6 concepts and provides examples.

The Reference Guide systematically documents the entire CodeBase library in alphabetical order. It comprehensively covers all of the information you need to know about any aspect of the library.

CodeBase Structure Pointers as Parameters

When using the Reference Guide, the *Usage* section for each function defines the syntax for calling the function, including the number and type of any parameter.

The *Parameters* section explains the types and values of all function parameters. To avoid repetition, any parameter that is a pointer to a CodeBase structure is not explained in detail in this section. The possible structure parameters and their detailed explanations are listed below.

Structure Pointer	Description
CODE4&	This is a **long integer** pointer to a **CODE4** structure, which is obtained by calling **code4init**. The structure contains a variety of information, including locking methods, error handling and so forth. Normally, the variable that holds this value should be declared as a **Global** variable.
DATA4&	This is a **long integer** pointer to **DATA4** structure, which is obtained by calling **d4open** or **d4create**. In essence, this is a pointer to the data file itself.
EXPR4&	This is a **long integer** pointer to an **EXPR4** structure, obtained by calling **expr4parse**. These structures are used to hold information about evaluated dBASE expressions.
FIELD4&	This is a **long integer** pointer to **FIELD4** structure, obtained by calling **d4field** or **d4fieldJ**. There is a **FIELD4** structure for each field in the data file.
INDEX4&	This is a **long integer** pointer to **INDEX4** structure, obtained by calling **i4create**, **i4open** or **d4index**.
RELATE4&	This is a **long integer** pointer to a **RELATE4** structure, obtained by calling **relate4init** or **relate4createSlave**. These pointers are used with the relation functions.

TAG4&	This is a **long integer** pointer to a **TAG4** structure, obtained by calling **d4tag**, **d4tagDefault** or **i4tag**. Each tag in an index file has a corresponding **TAG4** structure.

The Examples

The reference manual examples are set up differently than the examples in the user guide. The instructions on how to run the reference manual examples are described in the CodeBase 6 Getting Started booklet.

CodeBase Members and Functions

CODE4 Structure Variables

accessMode	errOpen	memExpandData	memStartIndex
autoOpen	errRelate	memExpandIndex	memStartLock
codePage	errSkip	memExpandLock	memStartMax
collatingSequence	errTagName	memExpandTag	memStartTag
createTemp	fileFlush	memSizeBlock	optimize
errCreate	hWnd	memSizeBuffer	optimizeWrite
errDefaultUnique	lockAttempts	memSizeMemo	readLock
errExpr	lockAttemptsSingle	memSizeMemoExpr	readOnly
errFieldName	lockDelay	memSizeSortBuffer	safety
errGo	lockEnforce	memSizeSortPool	singleOpen
errOff	log	memStartBlock	timeout
errorCode	memExpandBlock	memStartData	

CodeBase Functions

code4calcCreate	code4flush	code4lockNetworkId	code4optSuspend
code4calcReset	code4indexExtension	code4lockUserId	code4tranCommit
code4close	code4init	code4logCreate	code4tranRollback
code4connect	code4initUndo	code4logFileName	code4tranStart
code4data	code4lock	code4logOpen	code4tranStatus
code4dateFormat	code4lockClear	code4logOpenOff	code4unlock
code4dateFormatSet	code4lockFileName	code4optAll	code4unlockAuto
code4exit	code4lockItem	code4optStart	code4unlockAutoSet

CodeBase uses the **CODE4** structure to maintain settings and error codes which apply to most CodeBase functions. Using a structure for these settings instead of global variables makes it technically feasible to use CodeBase as a dynamic link library. Generally, only one **CODE4** structure is used in any one application.

WARNING

It is generally recommended that only one **CODE4** structure be constructed per application. If more than one server is necessary within an application, multiple **CODE4** structures may be used. However, modules, which function on more than one database (CodeReporter, CodeControls, **expression**, **relation**, etc.) may not be used to integrate databases found on separate **Code4**-linked servers or separate **CODE4** structures.

Before calling any other CodeBase function, it is critical to remember to call **code4init**. **code4init** allocates memory for the structure, sets its default values, and returns a pointer to the structure in the form of a **long** integer type. Pointers to this structure can then be passed to other functions such as **d4open**.

The **CODE4** structure contains flags that other functions use to determine how to react to different situations. For instance, there are flags that other functions use to determine the current locking method, memory usage and error handling.

Any documented **CODE4** member value can be changed at any time by the application program. However, the change only influences CodeBase's future behavior. For example, if the **CODE4.accessMode** flag is changed, then only subsequently opened files are opened differently.

The following is the list of true/false flags that are documented in this section:

CODE4 Member Flag	Question Answered
(int) autoOpen	Are production index files automatically opened with their data files?
(int) createTemp	Are created files automatically deleted once they are closed?
(int) errCreate	Is an error message generated when a file cannot be created?
(int) errExpr	Is an error message generated when an expression cannot be understood ?
(int) errFieldName	Is an error message generated when an invalid field name is encountered?
(int) errGo	Is an error message generated when an attempt is made to go to an invalid record?
(int) errOff	Should all error messages be disabled?
(int) errOpen	Is an error message generated when a file cannot be opened?
(int) errRelate	Should relation functions generate an error message if a record in the slave data file cannot be located?
(int) errSkip	Is an error message generated when attempting to skip from a non-existent record (eg. after **d4pack**).
(int) errTagName	Should attempts to construct a **TAG4** structure with an invalid tag name generate an error message?
(int) fileFlush	Should a hard flush of the file be done when a write occurs?
(int) lockEnforce	Must the record be locked before modifications to the record buffer are made?
(int) optimize	Should files automatically be optimized when opened and/or created?
(int) optimizeWrite	Should files be optimized when writing?
(int) readLock	Should records automatically be locked before they are read?
(int) readOnly	Should files be opened in read only mode ?
(int) safety	Should file creation functions fail if the file already exists?
(int) singleOpen	May a single data file be opened more than once by the same application?

Except for **CODE4.createTemp, CODE4.fileFlush, CODE4.lockEnforce, CODE4.readOnly** , and **CODE4.readLock** and **CODE4.errOff** the above flags are all initialized to true (non-zero).

Each **CODE4** member can be accessed by using the corresponding function. For example, use the **code4safety** function to change the **CODE4.safety** member. Each function takes the **CODE4** pointer as its first parameter and one additional parameter that specifies the new value of **CODE4** member. In addition to setting the new value, all of the

member setting functions return the old value of the member. To determine the value of a **CODE4** setting without changing it, pass **r4check** (-5) as the second parameter to the function. If a member setting function is passed an invalid value, **r4check** will be returned and the setting will not be changed.

In addition to the member setting functions, there are other CodeBase functions that perform various tasks. For example, there are functions that initialized the **CODE4** structure, lock files and in the client-server configuration, the functions also perform all of the operations necessary to connect to and interface with the server.

```
EX0.BAS
Sub ExCode
    'ex0 example code

    Dim cb As Long, db As Long
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )

    rc = code4autoOpen( cb, 0 )                    'Don't open production index
    rc = code 4errDefaultUnique( cb, r4unique)              'How to handle duplicate keys
    Form1.Print "made setting changes"
    db = d4open( cb, "INFO" )                               'Open a data file

    ' this is equivalent to calling error4exitTest( )

   If( code4errorCode( cb, 0 ) < 0 )  Then Call code4exit( cb )

    ' more code  ...

   rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

CODE4 Member Setting Function Reference
code4accessMode

Usage: rc% = code4accessMode(CODE4&, val%)

Description: This member variable determines the file access mode for all files that are either opened or created. Access to these files in **OPEN4DENY_RW** mode (see below) is quicker, since the file is used exclusively, thus making record and file locks unnecessary. The performance increase is even greater when optimizations are enabled.

It is recommended that **CODE4.accessMode** be set to **OPEN4DENY_RW** whenever creating, packing, zapping, compressing, or reindexing files. Failure to do so can result in errors being generated by other applications accessing the files while the given process is executing.

CODE4.accessMode is set to **OPEN4DENY_NONE** by default.

The possible values for this member variable are:

OPEN4DENY_NONE Open the data files in shared mode. Other users have read and write access.

OPEN4DENY_WRITE Open the data files in shared mode. The application may read and write to the files, but other users may only open the file in read only mode and may not change the files.

OPEN4DENY_RW Open the data files exclusively. Other users may not open the files.

CODE4.accessMode specifies what OTHER users will be able to do with the file. **CODE4.readOnly** specifies what the CURRENT user will be able to do with the file.

When a file is opened (which also occurs upon creation), its read/write permission attributes are obtained from **CODE4.accessMode**. If this member is altered, the change will only affect files that are opened afterwards. Thus, to modify the read/write permission of an open file, it must first be closed and then reopened.

Client-Server: In the client-server configuration, the **CODE4.accessMode** determines the client access to the file, but **CODE4.accessMode** does not necessarily reflect how the file is physically opened. Refer to the openMode setting of the server configuration file for more information. Also refer to the openMode setting of catalog files to determine how the access to catalog files is determined.

See Also: **code4optimize, code4optStart, code4readOnly,** catalog files in the "Security" chapter of the User's Guide

```
EX1.BAS
Sub ExCode
   'ex1 example code
   Dim cb As Long, newDataFile As Long
   Dim fieldInfo() As FIELD4INFO
   Dim rc As Integer

   cb = code4init( )
   ReDim fieldInfo( 1 To 3 ) As FIELD4INFO
   fieldInfo(1).fName = "NAME"
   fieldInfo(1).ftype = r4str
   fieldInfo(1).flength = 20
   fieldInfo(1).fdecimals = 0

   fieldInfo(2).fName = "AGE"
   fieldInfo(2).ftype = r4num
   fieldInfo(2).flength = 3
   fieldInfo(2).fdecimals = 0

   fieldInfo(3).fName = "BIRTHDATE"
   fieldInfo(3).ftype = r4date
   fieldInfo(3).flength = 8
   fieldInf o(3).fdecimals = 0

   rc = code4accessMode( cb, OPEN4DENY_RW )          'Prevents other applications from
                                                     'having read and write access to any
                                                     'files opened subsequently
   rc = code4safety( cb, 0 )                 'Ensure the create overwrites any
                                                     'existing file
   newDataFile = d4createData( cb, fPath + "NEWDBF", fieldInfo() )

   rc = d4close( newDataFile )

   rc = code4accessMode( cb, OPEN4DENY_NONE )        'Open file in shared mode
   newDataFile = d4open( cb, fPath + "NEWDBF" )

   '...some other code...

   rc = code4close( cb )
```

```
   rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

code4autoOpen

Usage: rc% = code4autoOpen(CODE4&, val%)

Description: When **CODE4.autoOpen** is true (non-zero) a production index file is automatically opened at the same time the data file is opened. When using Clipper libraries, an attempt is made to open a corresponding .**CGP** (group) file as a data file is opened. If there is a .**CGP** file of the same name as the data file, CodeBase assumes that this file contains a list of tags to be opened.

Set **CODE4.autoOpen** to false (zero) to specify that index files should not be automatically opened.

The default setting is true (non-zero).

Client-Server: Setting the **CODE4.autoOpen** to false (zero) will not prevent the server from automatically opening production index files, but it will prevent the client from having access to the production index, thus saving memory.

See Also: Group Files in User's Guide

```
EX2.BAS
Sub ExCode
     'ex2 example code

     Dim cb As Long, info As Long, db As Long, ind As Long
     Dim rc  As Integer

     cb = code4init( )

     ' Do not automatically open production index file
    rc = code4autoOpen( cb, 0 )

    info = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
    ind = i4open( info, fPath + "INFO" )

    If ind = 0 Then
       MsgBox "Production index file is not opened", MB_OK
     End If

    ' DATA1.DBF has a production index.  Open it
    rc = code4autoOpen( cb, 1 )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "DATA1" )

    ' Some other code

    rc = code4close( cb )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

code4codePage

Usage: rc% = code4codePage(CODE4&, val%)

Description: CodeBase 6.0 supports the use of code pages used in Visual FoxPro 3.0. A code page is a set of characters specific to a language of a hardware platform. Accented characters are not represented by the same ASCII values across platforms and code pages. In addition, some characters available in one code page are not available in another.

This member controls which code page to use when creating FoxPro database files (.DBF) and index files (.CDX). This member will only be used when creating a new database file. An attempt to open a database file that is using a different code page will fail if support for that code page has not been added to the CodeBase library using conditional compilation switches.

This **CODE4** member will only have an effect when the CodeBase DLL has been built to support FoxPro.

CODE4.codePage may be assigned one of the following values:

cp1252 This value supports a Windows ANSI code page used in Visual FoxPro 3.0.

cp437 This value supports a U.S. MS-DOS code page used in Visual FoxPro 3.0.

cp0 This value supports FoxPro 2.x file formats which do not use a code page. This is the default setting.

See Also: **code4collatingSequence**

code4collatingSequence

Usage: rc% = code4collatingSequence(CODE4&, val%)

Description: CodeBase 6.0 supports the use of collation sequences used in Visual FoxPro 3.0. A collation sequence controls the sorting of character fields in indexing and sorting operations. The addition of collation sequences allows for the correct sorting of international languages. Note: not all collation sequences are available with all code pages.

This member controls which collating sequence to use when creating FoxPro index files (.CDX). This member will only be used when creating a new index file. An attempt to open an index file that is using a different collating sequence will fail if support for that collation sequence has not been added to the CodeBase DLL.

This **CODE4** member will only have an effect when the CodeBase DLL has been built to support FoxPro.

CODE4.collatingSequence may be assigned one of the following values:

sort4machine This value supports the collation sequence used by FoxPro 2.x file formats. This is the default value.

sort4general This value supports the collation sequence for English, French, German, Modern Spanish, Portuguese and other Western European languages used by Visual FoxPro 3.0.

See Also: **code4codePage**

```
EX2A.BAS
Sub ExCode
```

```
    'ex2a example code
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    rc = code4codePage( cb, cp1252 )
    rc = code4collatingSequence( cb, sort4general )

    'All subsequent data files created will be stamped as using code page 1252.
    'All index files created will be sorted according to the general
    'collating sequence

    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

code4createTemp

Usage: rc% = code4createTemp(CODE4&, val%)

Description: This true/false flag specifies whether CodeBase should create temporary files. Any file that is created by **d4create** with the **CODE4.createTemp** set to true (non-zero), will be regarded as temporary by CodeBase and thus deleted once it is closed.

This is used for creating temporary files that are only required once.

The default setting is false (zero).

Note

When a file is created, CodeBase checks the **CODE4.createTemp** flag to determine whether the file should be a temporary one. If this member is altered, the change will only affect files that are created afterwards.

See Also: **d4create**

code4errCreate

Usage: rc% = code4errCreate(CODE4&, val%)

Description: This true/false flag specifies whether CodeBase functions should generate an error message if a file cannot be created. This flag is initialized to true (non-zero).

See Also: **error4**

```
EX3.BAS
Sub ExCode
    'ex3 example code
    Dim cb As Long, temp As Long
    Dim rc As Integer
    Dim fieldInfo() As FIELD4INFO

    ReDim fieldInfo( 1 To 1 ) As FIELD4IN  FO

    fieldInfo(1).fname = "NAME"
    fieldInfo(1).ftype = r4str
   fieldInfo(1).flength = 10
   fieldInfo(1).fdecimals = 0

    cb = code4init( )

    rc = code4errCreate( cb, 0 )
    temp = d4createData( cb, fPath + "NEWFILE", fieldInfo() )
   If code4errorCode( cb, r4check ) = r4noCreate Then
    'File exists. Try in the temp directory.
        temp = d4createData( cb, "C:\TEMP\NEWFILE", fieldInfo() )
                                                                    'TEMP must exist
    End If

   If code4errorCode( cb, 0 ) < 0  Then Call code4exit( cb )
```

```
    'Some other code
     rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

code4errDefaultUnique

Usage: rc% = code4errDefaultUnique(CODE4&, val%)

Description By default, **CODE4.errDefaultUnique** is set to **r4uniqueContinue**. **CODE4.errDefaultUnique** may be set to: **r4uniqueContinue**, **e4unique** or **r4unique**. Only unique tags are affected by this setting.

See Also: **i4create**

```
EX4.BAS
Sub ExCode
    'ex4 example code

    Dim cb As Long, db As Long
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )

    ' Do not add duplicate records to unique tags or the    data file and
    ' return r4unique when attempted.
    rc = code4errDefaultUnique( cb, r4unique )

    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
    rc = d4top( db )
    rc = d4appendStart( db, 0 )

    rc = d4append( db )                    ' append a duplicate copy of the top record

    If rc = r4unique Then
        MsgBox "Attempt to add a duplicate record failed.", MB_OK
    Else
       MsgBox "Attempt to add a duplicate record succeeded", MB_OK
       MsgBox "Record in both data and index file", MB_OK
    End If

    rc = d4close( db )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

code4errExpr

Usage: rc% = code4errExpr(CODE4&, val%)

Description: This true/false flag specifies whether **expr4parse** should generate an error message if an invalid expression is specified. This is useful to turn off if a user is providing the expression to be evaluated. This flag is initialized to true (non-zero).

See Also: **expr4parse**

```
EX5.BAS
Sub ExCode
    'ex5 example code

    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, expr As Long
    Dim badExpr As String
    Dim rc As Intege r

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )

    badExpr = "NAME = 5"
    expr = expr4parse( db, badExpr )
    MsgBox "An error message just displayed", MB_OK

    rc = code4errorCode( cb, 0 )
```

```
    rc = code4errExpr( cb, 0 )
    expr = expr4parse( db, badExpr )
    MsgBox "No error message displayed.", MB_OK
    Call expr4free( expr )

    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

code4errFieldName

Usage: rc% = code4errFieldName(CODE4&, val%)

Description: This true/false flag specifies whether **d4field** and **d4fieldNumber** should generate an error message if the field name, specified as a parameter, does not exist.

This flag is initialized to true (non-zero).

See Also: **d4fieldNumber**, **d4field**

```
EX6.BAS
Sub ExCode
    'ex6 example code
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, field As Long
    Dim rc As Integer
    Dim badField As String

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, "INFO" )
    badField = "notAField"
    field = d4field( db, badField )

    MsgBox "An error message just displayed", MB_OK

    rc = code4errorCode( cb, 0 )
    rc = code4errFieldName(   cb, 0 )

    field = d4field( db, badField )
    MsgBox "No error message displayed.", MB_OK

    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

code4errGo

Usage: rc% = code4errGo(CODE4&, val%)

Description: This true/false flag specifies whether **d4go** should generate an error message when attempting to go to a non-existent record.

This flag is initialized to true (non-zero).

See Also: **d4go**

```
EX7.BAS
Sub ExCode
   'ex7 example code
   Dim cb As Long, db As Long
   Dim rc As Integer

   cb = code4init( )
   db = d4open( cb, fPath  + "INFO" )
   rc = d4go( db, d4recCount( db ) + 1 )
   MsgBox "An error message was displayed", MB_OK

   rc = code4errorCode( cb, 0 )
   rc = code4errGo( cb, 0 )

   rc = d4go( db, d4recCount( db ) + 1 )
   MsgBox "No error message was displayed", MB_OK

   rc = code4initUndo( cb )
```

```
End Sub
```

code4errOff

Usage: rc% = code4errOff(CODE4&, val%)

Description: This switch disables the CodeBase standard error functions from displaying error messages. When **CODE4.errOff** is false (zero) all error messages are displayed. If true (non-zero), no error messages are displayed.

The default setting is false (zero).

See Also: **error4**

code4errOpen

Usage: rc% = code4errOpen(CODE4&, val%)

Description: This true/false flag specifies whether CodeBase functions should generate an error message if a data file cannot be opened. This flag is initialized to true (non-zero).

This flag only applies to the physical act of opening the file. If the file is corrupt or is not a data file, an error message may appear.

See Also: **d4open, code4logOpen, i4open, file4open**

```
EX8.BAS
Sub ExCode
    'ex8 example code

    Dim cb As Long, db As Long
    Dim fieldInfo() As FIELD4INFO
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    ReDim fieldInfo(1 To 2) As FIELD4INFO
    fieldInfo(1).fName = "NAME_FLD"
    fieldInfo(1).ftype = r4str
    fieldInfo(1).flength = 20
    fieldInfo(1).fdecimals = 0

    fieldInfo(2).fName = "AGE_FLD"
    fieldInfo(2).ftype = r4num
    fieldInfo(2).flength = 3
    fieldInfo(2).fdecimals = 0

    rc = code4errOpen( cb, 0 )
        'no error message is displayed i  f NO_FILE does not exist
    db = d4open( cb, "NO_FILE" )

    If code4errorCode( cb, r4check ) = r4noOpen Then
        'the data file does not exist
        rc = code4safety( cb, 0 )
        db = d4createData( cb, fPath + "NO_FILE", fieldInfo() )
        If db = 0 Then
            MsgBox "Could not create NO_FILE", MB_OK
        End If
    End If

   rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

code4errorCode

Usage: rc% = code4errorCode(CODE4&, val%)

Description: This is the current error code. A zero value means that there is no error. Any value less than zero represents an error. Occasionally, a function may set this member to a positive value, indicating a non-error condition.

Any returned error code will correspond to one of the error constants in the file "CODEBASE.BAS". These constants are documented in "Appendix A: Error Codes". Positive return values are documented in "Appendix B: Return Codes".

This variable is initialized to zero.

See Also: **error4set**

code4errRelate

Usage: rc% = code4errRelate(CODE4&, val%)

Description: This true/false flag specifies whether relation functions **relate4skip**, **relate4doAll**, **relate4doOne**, **relate4top**, and **relate4bottom** should generate an error message if a slave record cannot be found during a lookup. This is only applicable for exact match and scan relations whose error action is set to **r4terminate**. If this flag is false (zero), the error message is suppressed and these functions return a value of **r4terminate**. This flag is initialized to true (non-zero).

See Also: **relate4skip**, **relate4doAll**, **relate4doOne**, **relate4top**, **relate4bottom**

code4errSkip

Usage: rc% = code4errSkip(CODE4&, val%) = 1

Description: This true/false flag specifies whether **d4skip** should generate an error message when it attempts to skip from a non-existent record. If **CODE4.errSkip** is true (non-zero), an error message is generated.

This flag is initialized to true (non-zero).

See Also: **d4skip**

code4errTagName

Usage: rc% = code4errTagName(CODE4&, val%) = 1

Description: This true/false flag specifies whether **d4tag** should generate an error message when the specified tag name is not located.

This flag is initialized to true (non-zero).

See Also: **d4tag**

code4fileFlush

Usage: rc% = code4fileFlush(CODE4&, val%)

Description: This true/false flag specifies whether CodeBase should perform a file flush every time a write to a file is performed.

Some operating systems and disk caching software, do not write to disk automatically, but rather the buffer waits until it is convenient to write to disk.

The default is set to false (zero).

Client-Server: This setting does not apply to files opened by the server. However, **CODE4.fileFlush** does apply to files opened by client applications.

code4hWnd

Usage: rc& = code4hWnd(CODE4&, hWnd&)

Description: Microsoft Windows applications can assign a window handle to **CODE4.hWnd** just after **code4init** is called. This member variable is used in the report functions under Microsoft Windows. If reporting capabilities are not used in an application, it is unnecessary to set **CODE4.hWnd**.

See Also: CodeBase Overview; Windows Programming.

code4lockAttempts

Usage: rc% = code4lockAttempts(CODE4&, val%)

Description: **CODE4.lockAttempts** defines the number of times CodeBase will try any given lock attempt. This includes group locks set with **code4lock**. If **CODE4.lockAttempts** is **WAIT4EVER**, CodeBase retries indefinitely until it succeeds. Unfortunately, using this setting can, in specific circumstances, result in dead lock.

The default setting is **WAIT4EVER.**

Valid settings for **CODE4.lockAttempts** is **WAIT4EVER** (-1) or any value greater than or equal to 1. Any other value is undefined.

```
EX9.BAS
Sub ExCode
    'ex9 example code
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )

    rc = code4readLock( cb, 1 )
    rc = code4lockAttempts( cb, 3 )

    If d4top( db ) =  r4locked Then
        MsgBox "Top rcord locked by another user"
        MsgBox "Lock attempted" + Str$(code4lockAttempts( cb, r4check )), MB_OK
    Else
        MsgBox "Now the record is locked"
    End If

    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

See Also: **code4lock, code4lockAttemptsSingle, code4unlockAuto**

code4lockAttemptsSingle

Usage: rc% = code4lockAttemptsSingle(CODE4&, val%)

Description: **CODE4.lockAttemptsSingle** defines the number of times CodeBase will try any individual lock when performing a set of locks with **code4lock**. If the individual lock is not successful after **CODE4.lockAttemptsSingle** attempts, all successful locks in the group are removed. **code4lock** may then try again, depending on the value of **CODE4.lockAttempts**.

The default setting is true (non-zero).

See Also: **code4lock, code4lockAttempts**

code4lockDelay

Usage: rc& = code4lockDelay(CODE4&, longVal&)

Description: This member variable is used to determine how long CodeBase should wait between attempts to perform a lock. **CODE4.lockDelay** is measured in 100ths of a second (i.e. the default setting of 100 means that a lock attempt is made once a second).

Setting this member variable to a smaller setting will cause CodeBase to try the lock more often, increasing network traffic (in a network setting) and potentially slowing down overall network performance.

The maximum value that **CODE4.lockDelay** can be set to is 32256.

See Also: **code4lockAttempts, code4lock, d4lock**

code4lockEnforce

Usage: rc% = code4lockEnforce(CODE4&, val%)

Description: This true/false flag can be used to ensure that an application has explicitly locked a record prior to an attempt to modify it with a field function or the following data file functions: **d4blank**, **d4changed**, **d4delete** or **d4recall.** If **CODE4.lockEnforce** is set to true (non-zero) and an attempt is made to modify an unlocked record, the modification is aborted and an **e4lock** error is returned.

An alternative method of ensuring that only one appliction can modify a record at a time is to deny all other applications write access to a data file. Write access can be denied to other applications by passing **OPEN4DENY_WRITE** or **OPEN4DENY_RW** to **code4accessMode** before opening the file. Thus, it is unnecessary to explicitly lock the record before editing it, even when **CODE4.lockEnforce** is true (non-zero), since no other application can write to the data file.

The default setting is false (zero).

See Also: **code4readLock, code4unlockAuto, code4accessMode**

code4log

Usage: rc% = code4log(CODE4&, val%)

Description: The modifications that occur while an application is running can be recorded in a log file automatically. This setting specifies whether the automatic logging will occur.

Note

Changing this setting only affects the logging status of the files that are opened subsequently. The files that were opened before the setting was changed retain the logging status that was set when the file was opened.

CODE4.log has three possible values:

LOG4ALWAYS	The changes to the data files are always recorded in a log file automatically. The logging may NOT be turned off for the current data file by calling **d4log**.
LOG4ON	The changes to all the data files are recorded in a log file automatically but the logging may be turned off and on for the current data file by calling **d4log**. This is the default value for **CODE4.log**.
LOG4TRANS	Only the changes that occur during a transaction are recorded in a log file automatically. Any changes made to the current data file outside the scope of a transaction may be recorded in a log file if the logging is turned on by calling **d4log**.

Client-Server: This setting may or may not have an effect in the client-server configuration. Refer to the server configuration file documentation and the catalog file documentation for details.

See Also: **d4log**

code4memExpandBlock

Usage: rc% = code4memExpandBlock(CODE4&, val%)

Description: When an index file is opened, it allocates a pool of memory blocks for its use. Extra memory blocks are allocated when the initial memory pool is fully utilized. **CODE4.memExpandBlock** is the number of extra blocks allocated. The default value is 10.

If **CODE4.memExpandBlock** is changed, it is best to change it before any index file is opened. This lets CodeBase manage its memory efficiently.

Index files with the same block size can share from the same memory block pool.

See Also: **code4memSizeBlock, code4memStartBlock**

code4memExpandData

Usage: rc% = code4memExpandData(CODE4&, val%)

Description: When a data file is opened, a block of memory is allocated by CodeBase to contain the associated **DATA4** structure.

CODE4.memExpandData is the number of **DATA4** structures to allocate when the initial pool of memory is fully utilized.

The default value is 5.

Note In operating systems that support hardware moves of memory, such as Windows and OS/2, this value may be set to a lower value, since the operating system attempts to prevent fragmented memory.

See Also: **code4memStartData**

code4memExpandIndex

Usage: rc% = code4memExpandIndex(CODE4&, val%)

Description: This is identical to **code4memExpandData** except that the memory structure in question is the **INDEX4** structure used for index files.

The default value is 5.

See Also: **code4memExpandData, code4memStartIndex**

code4memExpandLock

Usage: rc% = code4memExpandLock(CODE4&, val%)

Description: If more than **CODE4.memStartLock** group locks are established at any one time, CodeBase allocates memory for **CODE4.memExpandLock** more group locks.

The default value is 10.

See Also: **code4memStartLock**

code4memExpandTag

Usage: rc% = code4memExpandTag(CODE4&, val%)

Description: This is identical to **code4memExpandData** except that the memory in question is the **TAG4** structure used for index tag files.

The default value is 5.

See Also: **code4memExpandData, code4memStartTag**

code4memSizeBlock

Usage: rcl& = code4memSizeBlock(CODE4&, longVal&)

Description: A “block” is the number of continuous bytes written or read in a single disk operation. **CODE4.memSizeBlock** is used by memory optimization routines to determine the size of memory blocks. dBASE IV index files are designed to be used with variable block sizes. The size of an index file block is determined when the index is created. CodeBase uses the **CODE4.memSizeBlock** setting when creating new dBASE IV index files. The block size must be a multiple of 512; the maximum block size is 63*512 or 32256 bytes. Memory optimization works most efficiently when all index files use the same block size.

The default value is 1024.


Note

FoxPro CDX block sizes are fixed at 512 bytes. Clipper NTX index file block sizes are fixed at 1024 bytes.

code4memSizeBuffer

Usage: rcl& = code4memSizeBuffer(CODE4&, longVal&)

Description: Packing or zapping a data file is much faster when two large memory buffers can be allocated: one for reading data and one for writing data. This is the size of the two buffers, in bytes, that **d4pack** and **d4zap** initially attempt to allocate. In addition, when memory optimizations are being used, this is the size of each memory optimization buffer.

This variable is initialized to 32,768 and should be a multiple of 1024. It also should be a multiple of **CODE4.memSizeBlock**.


Note

If CodeBase does not succeed in allocating this buffer size, smaller buffer sizes are tried. The buffer sizes will decrease until **CODE4.memSizeBlock** is reached.

See Also: User's Guide Optimizations Chapter

code4memSizeMemo

Usage: rcl& = code4memSizeMemo(CODE4&, longVal&)

Description: When a dBASE IV or a FoxPro memo file is created, the memo file can have its own 'block size'. When CodeBase creates a memo file, the 'block size' of the memo file is **CODE4.memSizeMemo**.

The block size is the unit in which extra disk space is allocated for a memo entry. For example, if the block size is 1024, then every memo entry uses at least 1024 bytes of disk space. If more than 1024 bytes of disk space is required, the memo entry would use some multiple of 1024 bytes of disk space.

Clipper memo file block sizes are fixed at 512. dBASE IV memo file block sizes must be a multiple of 512 (to a maximum of 32256 bytes) and FoxPro memo block sizes can be any value between 33 and 16384.

By default, **CODE4.memSizeMemo** is 512. If an illegal value is specified, CodeBase rounds up to the closest legal value.

Each block used contains an overhead of 8 bytes. Consequently, if a block size is 512, only 504 bytes are actually available for the memo entries.

code4memSizeMemoExpr

Usage: rcl& = code4memSizeMemoExpr(CODE4&, longVal&)

Description: This member is used by the expression functions. If a memo field is longer than **CODE4.memSizeMemoExpr**, the excess is ignored by the expression evaluation functions. If the memo field's length is less than **CODE4.memSizeMemoExpr**, then the result is padded with null characters. This effect is the same as when dealing with trimmed fields.

expr4len assumes that the length of the memo field is exactly **CODE4.memSizeMemoExpr**.

CODE4.memSizeMemoExpr is initially set to 1024.

See Also: Expression functions.

code4memSizeSortBuffer

Usage: rcl& = code4memSizeSortBuffer(CODE4&, longVal&)

Description: When sorting large amounts of information using CodeBase's internal sort module, information often has to be temporarily stored on disk. When this condition occurs, CodeBase sort functions allocate a sequential read/write buffer to speed up this part of the sort operation. **CODE4.memSizeSortBuffer** specifies the size of the buffer in bytes.

Its default value is 4096 and should always be a multiple of 2048.

If **CODE4.memSizeSortBuffer** is too large, this read/write buffer can take too much memory from the sorting and, as a consequence, increase the amount of spooling that occurs.

See Also: **code4memSizeSortPool**

code4memSizeSortPool

Usage: rcl& = code4memSizeSortPool(CODE4&, longVal&)

Description: Initially the sort module attempts to allocate **CODE4.memSizeSortPool** bytes of memory.

Its default value is 0xF000.

Note

The sort module tries values lower than the default, if the attempted default allocation fails.

See Also: **code4memSizeSortBuffer**

code4memStartBlock

Usage: rc% = code4memStartBlock(CODE4&, val%)

Description: When an index file is initially opened, CodeBase allocates **CODE4.memStartBlock** memory blocks for its use.

The initial value for **CODE4.memStartBlock** is 10.

If the index file block size is the same for more than one index file, the files can share the same pool of available memory blocks. Consequently,

it is most efficient to set these numbers before opening any index files and then never change them.

Note

In operating systems that support hardware moves of memory, such as Windows and OS/2, this value may be set to a lower value, since the operating system itself attempts to prevent fragmented memory.

See Also: **code4memSizeBlock, code4memExpandBlock**

code4memStartData

Usage: rc% = code4memStartData(CODE4&, val%)

Description: When a data file is opened, a block of memory is allocated by CodeBase to contain the **DATA4** structure.

The CodeBase memory functions are used to allocate the **DATA4** structures in groups so as to avoid memory fragmentation that results from many allocations, and to speed up the allocation process.

The first time a data file is opened, memory for **CODE4.memStartData** **DATA4** structures is allocated.

The default value is 10.

Note

In operating systems that support hardware moves of memory, such as Windows and OS/2, this value may be set to a lower value, since the operating system itself attempts to prevent fragmented memory.

See Also: **code4memExpandData**

code4memStartIndex

Usage: rc% = code4memStartIndex(CODE4&, val%)

Description: This is identical to **code4memStartData** except that the memory in question is used for index files. This is the initial number of **INDEX4** structures to allocate.

The default value is 10.

See Also: **code4memExpandIndex, code4memStartData**

code4memStartLock

Usage: rc% = code4memStartLock(CODE4&, val%)

Description: When a group lock function (**d4lockAdd, d4lockAddAppend, d4lockAddFile, d4lockAddAll, relate4lockAdd**) is first called, CodeBase allocates memory to store the lock information. **CODE4.memStartLock** is the number of locks that may be added to the locking queue before **code4lock** is called. When **CODE4.memStartLock** locks are added to the queue, more memory is allocated according to **CODE4.memExpandLock**.

If it is known exactly how many group locks are placed at a single time during the course of an application, fragmentation can be reduced by setting this member variable before placing any group locks.

The default value is 5.

Note

In operating systems that support hardware moves of memory, such as Windows and OS/2, this value may be set to a lower value, since the operating system itself attempts to prevent fragmented memory.

See Also: **code4memExpandLock, d4lockAdd, d4lockAddAppend, d4lockAddFile, d4lockAddAll, relate4lockAdd, code4lock**

code4memStartMax

Usage: rcl& = code4memStartMax(CODE4&, longVal&)

Description: When memory optimization is being used, CodeBase allocates a number of memory buffers in which disk information is stored. This reduces the number of times CodeBase has to access the disk and consequently improves performance.

The maximum amount of memory CodeBase uses for its memory optimization is **CODE4.memStartMax**. Generally, the more memory CodeBase can use, the faster its potential performance.

However, making **CODE4.memStartMax** too large is not recommended. If most of the memory could not be allocated, this will make the memory optimization work slightly less efficiently. In addition, some operating environments will simply provide all of the requested memory as "virtual memory" and then automatically swap information back and forth between memory and disk. Having "virtual memory" allocated is counter-productive.

On the other hand, if too little memory can be allocated, the benefits of memory optimization do not warrant the overhead. Consequently, if too little memory can be allocated or if **CODE4.memStartMax** is too small, function **code4optStart** returns failure.

CODE4.memStartMax is initialized to 0xF0000L (960K) under Windows. This value should be modified as dictated by the resources of the operating system and the needs of the application before **code4optStart** is called.

See Also: User's Guide Memory Optimizations Chapter

code4memStartTag

Usage: rc% = code4memStartTag(CODE4&, val%)

Description: This is identical to **code4memStartData** except that the memory in question is used for tag files. This is the initial number of **TAG4** structures to allocate.

The default value is 10.

See Also: **code4memExpandTag, code4memStartData**

code4optimize

Usage: rc% = code4optimize(CODE4&, val%)

Description: This member specifies the initial memory read optimization status to be used when files are opened and created. The default can be overridden afterwards by calling **d4optimize**.

Possible choices for **CODE4.optimize** are as follows:

OPT4EXCLUSIVE Read-optimize when files are opened exclusively, or when the read-only attribute is set for the file. Otherwise, do not read optimize. This is the default value.

There is a distinction between a read-only attribute and a network read file permission. A read-only attribute means that no one may write to the file, while a network permission setting for any given file may be different from user to user.

OPT4OFF Do not read optimize.

OPT4ALL Read optimize all files, including those opened/created in shared mode.

Use memory optimization on shared files with caution. When using memory read optimization on shared files, it is possible for inconsistent data to be returned if another application is updating the data file. This means that any data returned, from the memory optimized file, could potentially be out of date.

See Also: **code4optimizeWrite, d4optimize, code4optStart, code4accessMode**

```
EX10.BAS
Sub ExCode
    'ex10 example code
    Dim cb As Long, inventory As Long
    Dim minOnHand As Long, onHand As Long, stockName As Long
    Dim rc As Integer, count As Integer
    Dim oldOpt As Integer, oldExcl As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    oldOpt = code4optimize( cb, OPT4EXCLUSIVE )
    oldExcl = code4accessMode( cb, OPEN4DENY_RW )

    inventory = d4open( cb, fPath + "INVENT.DBF")                    'Read optimized
    minOnHand = d4field( inventory, "MIN_ON_HND" )
    onHand = d4field( inventory, "ON_HAND" )
    stockName = d4field( inventory, "ITEM" )

    count = 0
    If code4errorCode( cb, r4check ) >= 0 Then
        rc = code4optStart( cb )
        rc = d4top( inventory )
        Do While d4eof( inventory ) = 0
            If f4long( onHand) < f4long( minOnHand ) Then
                count = count + 1
            End If
            rc = d4skip( inventory, 1 )
        Loop
        rc = code4optSuspend( cb )
    End If
```

```
    rc = code4optimize( cb, oldOpt )
    rc = code4accessMode( cb, oldExcl )
    rc = d4close( inventory)
    MsgBox Str$(count) + " items need to be restocked", MB_OK
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

code4optimizeWrite

Usage: rc% = code4optimizeWrite(CODE4&, val%)

Description: This member specifies the initial write optimization status to be used when files are opened and created. The default can be overridden afterwards by calling **d4optimizeWrite**. Read optimization must be enabled for write optimization to take effect. In addition, to write optimize shared data, index and memo files, it is important to lock the files. Call **d4lockAll**, or call **d4lockAddAll** with **code4lock** to lock the files. This ensures that performance is not degraded through unbuffered writes to index and/or memo files.

Possible choices for this value are as follows:

OPT4EXCLUSIVE	Write-optimize when files are opened exclusively. Otherwise, do not write optimize. This is the default value.
OPT4OFF	Do not write optimize.
OPT4ALL	Write optimize all files, including those opened/created in shared mode. Shared files must be locked before write optimization takes effect.

WARNING

Use memory optimization on shared files with caution. When doing so, it is possible for inconsistent data to be returned if another application is updating the data file.

Note

Write optimization does not improve performance unless the entire data file is locked over a number of operations. For example, write optimization would be useful when appending many records at once.

See Also: **code4optimize, d4optimizeWrite, code4optStart**

```
EX11.BAS
Sub ExCode
    'ex11 example code
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, dateField As Long
    Dim rc As Integer
    Dim today As String
    Dim oldLock Att As Integer, oldOpt As Integer, oldOptWrite As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    oldLockAtt = code4lockAttempts( cb, WAIT4EVER )
    oldOpt = code4optimize( cb, OPT4ALL )
    oldOptWrite = code4optimizeWrite( cb, OPT4ALL )

    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "DATEFILE" )
    If code4errorCode( cb, r4check ) Then code4exit( cb )

   rc = d4lockAll( db )       'lock the file for optimizations to take place

   dateField = d4field( db, "DATE" )
   Call date4today( today )
```

```
    rc = code4optStart( cb )
    rc = d4top( db )
    Do While d4eof( db ) = 0
        Call f4assign( dateField, today )
        rc = d4skip( db, 1 )
    Loop
    rc = code4optSuspend( cb )

    rc = d4close( db )
    rc = code4lockAttempts( cb, oldLockAtt )
    rc = code4optimize( cb, oldOpt )
    rc = code4optimizeWrite( cb, oldOptWrite )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

code4readLock

Usage: rc% = code4readLock(CODE4&, val%)

Description: This true/false flag specifies whether functions should automatically lock a data record before reading it. Specifically, this flag applies to functions **d4top**, **d4bottom**, **d4seek, d4seekDouble, d4seekN, d4seekNext, d4seekNextDouble, d4seekNextN, d4skip, d4go**, **d4position** and **d4positionSet**.

This flag is initialized to false (zero).

Since locking a record often takes as long as a write to disk, setting **CODE4.readLock** to true (non-zero) can reduce performance. For the best performance, set **CODE4.readLock** to true (non-zero) only when modifying several records one after another.

Note

Note that **CODE4.readLock** does NOT specify whether files should be locked when performing on a relation. If the files are to be locked while performing a relation function, then **relate4lockAdd** and **code4lock** must be called explicitly. If the files are locked in this way, then no other users may modify any of the relation's data files until after **code4unlock** is called. This ensures that relate functions will always return results which are completely up to date.

See Also: **d4lock, code4lock, code4lockEnforce, code4unlockAuto, code4unlock**

```
EX12.BAS
    'ex12 example code
Global cb As Long, db As Long
Global rc As Integer

Function retry( )

    Form1.Print "Record locked by another user."
    rc = MsgBox ( "Retry? (Y or N)", MB_YESNO )
    If rc = IDYES Then
        retry = 1
    Else
        retry = 0
    End If
End Function

Sub modifyRecordValues( )
    Dim buf As String
    Dim field As Long

    rc = code4readLock( cb, 1 )
    rc = code4lockAttempts( cb, 3 )
```

```
    field = d4field( db, "DATE")

    rc = d4top( db )
    Do While rc = r4locked
        If retry() = 1 Then rc = d4  top( db )
    Loop

    If rc = r4locked Exit Sub

    Do While d4eof( db ) = 0
        buf = InputBox$( "Enter the new record value", "Example 12", "19950101" )
        Call f4assign( field, buf )

        rc = d4skip( db, 1 )
        Do While rc = r4locked
            If retry() = 1 Then d4skip( db, 1 )
        Loop
        If rc = r4locked Then Exit Sub
    Loop
End Sub

Sub ExCode

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "DATEFILE" )
    Call modifyRecordValues
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

code4readOnly

Usage: rc% = code4readOnly(CODE4&, val%)

Description: This true/false flag specifies whether files are to be opened in read-only mode.

There are two reasons why this switch is used. First, the application may only have read-only permission on the file. This would mean that any attempt to open a file with read and write permissions would fail. Secondly, if the application is designed to only read files and not modify them, then opening in read-only mode would protect against application bugs that may modify the file accidentally.

This flag has no effect on how files are created.

The default value is false (zero).

Note

There is a distinction between a read-only attribute and a network read file permission. A read-only attribute means that no one may write to the file, while a network permission setting for any given file may be different from user to user.

CodeBase can make optimizations internally if the read-only attribute is set. These optimizations will not be possible if only the network write permission is denied.

Client-Server: Catalog files have an independent setting that determines whether the file has read-only access. This setting overrides that of **CODE4.readOnly**. Therefore, if **CODE4.readOnly** is set to false (zero) and the catalog file readOnly setting for a file is true (non-zero), the file would have read-only access.

```
EX13.BAS
Sub ExCode
```

```
    'ex13 example code
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, tag As Long
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    rc = code4readOnly( cb, 1 )
                                        'open a fil e on a drive without write access

    db = d4open( cb, "w:\DATA1.DBF" )
    Call error4exitTest( cb )

    tag = d4tag( db, "NAME_TAG" )
    Call d4tagSelect( db, tag )

    If d4seek( db, "Sarah     Webber" ) = 0 Then
        MsgBox "Sarah is found"
    Else
        MsgBox "Sarah is not found"
    End If

    rc = d4close( db )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

code4safety

Usage: rc% = code4safety(CODE4&, val%)

Description: This true/false flag determines if files are protected from being automatically over-written when an attempt is made to re-create them. This flag is initialized to true (non-zero).

Possible settings for **CODE4.safety** are:

Non-Zero — Files are protected from erasure by functions such as **d4create** and **i4create**. Instead these functions will return **r4noCreate** and possibly generate an error message. In addition, **r4noCreate** will be returned following an attempt to create a file to which the user has neither write nor create access (for instance, if the read-only attribute is set).

0 — Files are automatically erased when an attempt is made to re-create them.

Client-Server: Catalog files have an independent safety setting. This setting overrides that of **CODE4.safety**. Therefore, if the **CODE4.safety** was false (zero) and the catalog safety setting for a file is true (non-zero), then the file will not be overwritten when an attempt to re-create it occurs.

See Also: **code4errCreate**

```
EX14.BAS
    'ex14 example code

    Global cb As Long, db As Long
    Global rc As Integer

Function createFiles( )
    Dim fi elds() As FIELD4INFO
    Dim tags() As TAG4INFO

    ReDim fields( 1 To 3 ) As FIELD4INFO
    fields(1).fName = "NAME"
    fields(1).ftype = r4str
    fields(1).flength = 20
    fields(1).fdecimals = 0
```

```
    fields(2).fName = "AGE"
    fields(2).ftype = r4num
    fields(2).flength = 3
    fields(2).fdecimals = 0

    fields(3).fName = "BIRTHDATE"
    fields(3).ftype = r4date
    fields(3).flength = 8
    fields(3).fdecimals = 0

    ReDim tags( 1 To 1 ) As TAG4INFO
    tags(1).name = "NAME_TAG"
    tags(1).expression = "NAME"

    rc = code4safety( cb, 0 )      'Turn off safety -- overwrite files

    db = d4create( cb, fPath + "INFO.DBF", fields(), tags() )

    createFiles = code4errorCode( cb, r4check )
End Function

Sub ExCode

    cb = code4init( )
    rc = createFiles()
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

code4singleOpen

Usage: rc% = code4singleOpen(CODE4&, val%)

Description: This true/false flag determines whether or not files may be opened more than once by the same application. If **CODE4.singleOpen** is false (zero), an application may open the same file several times.

When **CODE4.singleOpen** is set to true (non-zero), a file may only be opened once. Any attempts to open it again will generate an **e4instance** error.

The default value is true (non-zero).

See Also: **d4open**

code4timeout

Usage: rc& = code4timeout(CODE4&, val&)

Description: This function returns the value of the member variable **CODE4.timeout**, which is used by CodeBase to determine how long it should wait for a response from the server to a request before disconnecting. **CODE4.timeout** measures time in seconds and is initially set to **WAIT4EVER,** which means that the application will wait forever for a response from the server.

See Also: **code4timeoutSet**

code4timeoutSet

Usage: Call code4timeoutSet(CODE4&, val&)

Description: This function sets the member variable **CODE4.timeout**, which is used by CodeBase to determine how long it should wait for a response from the

server to a request before disconnecting. **CODE4.timeout** measures time in seconds and is initially set to **WAIT4EVER,** which means that the application will wait forever for a response from the server.

See Also: **code4timeout**

CodeBase Function Reference
code4calcCreate

Usage: rc% = code4calcCreate(CODE4&, EXPR4&, name$)

Description: This function creates a user-defined function, which is recognizable in any other dBASE expression and in the **EXPR4** structure expressions. The function is not accessible outside of the expression evaluation routines of CodeBase.

Calculation names are defined without parentheses. When used in a dBASE expression, however, a set of parentheses -- () -- are appended to the calculation name. There may not be any characters (including spaces) between the calculation's parentheses.

If an expression is too long to be parsed by **expr4parse,** a CodeBase error is generated. **code4calcCreate** can be used to break up an expression into manageable pieces, thus allowing longer expressions than would otherwise be possible.

Parameters:

CODE4 A pointer to a **CODE4** structure.

EXPR4 This is a pointer to the **EXPR4** structure that specifies what the user-defined function returns.

name This is the name of the user-defined function. *name* can not exceed 19 characters in length.

Returns:

r4success Success.

< 0 Error. The user-defined function was not created.

See Also: **code4calcReset**

```
EX15.BAS
Sub ExCode
    'ex15 example code
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long
    Dim ex As Long, ex2 As Long
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "DATA1" )
    rc = d4top( db )

    ex = expr4parse( db, "TRIM(L_NAME)  +', '+TRIM(F_NAME)" )
    rc = code4calcCreate( cb, ex, "NAMES" )
    Form1.Print expr4str( ex )

    ex2 = expr4parse( db, "'HELLO '+NAMES()" ) 'no space in dBASE function calls
    Form1.Print expr4str( ex2 )

   Call expr4free( ex2 )
   Call code4calcReset( cb )
```

```
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

code4calcReset

Usage: Call code4calcReset(CODE4&)

Description: All of the user-defined functions created with **code4calcCreate** are removed. Any parsed expressions that reference any of the removed user-defined functions must not be used subsequently.

See Also: **code4calcCreate**

code4close

Usage: rc% = code4close(CODE4&)

Description: **code4close** closes all open data, index and memo files. Before closing the files, any necessary flushing to disk is done. In addition, the time stamps of the files are updated if the files have been updated. **code4close** is equivalent to calling **d4close** for each and every data file opened.

Locking: **code4close** does any locking necessary to accomplish flushing to disk. After any necessary updating is done, **code4close** unlocks everything that has been locked.

Before closing the file, **code4close** attempts to flush the most recent changes to the record buffers. If a flush attempt does not succeed, **code4close** continues and closes the files anyway. Consequently, **code4close** never returns **r4locked** or **r4unique**. If it is important to trap these return codes, consider using **code4flush** before calling **code4close**.

Returns:

r4success	Success.
< 0	Error.

See Also: **d4close, code4flush**

```
EX16.BAS
    'ex16 example code
    Global cb As Long
    Global rc As Integer

Sub openAFile( )
    Dim db As Long
                            'db falls out of scope. the data file is still open
   db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
End Sub

Sub ExCode( )
    Dim db As Long
    cb = code4init( )
    rc = code4autoOpen( cb, 0 )
    Call openAFile

    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "DATA1" )                      'open a second file
    Form1.Print "Number of records in DATA1: " + Str$( d4recCount( db ) )

    rc = code4close( cb )                           'INFO and DATA1 are both closed
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

code4connect

Usage: rc% = code4connect(CODE4&, serverId$, processId$, userId$, password$, protocol$)

Description: This function performs all of the operations necessary to connect a client application to the server.

Note

If **code4connect** has not been explicitly called by the application, **d4open** or **d4create** automatically call **code4connect** with the default parameters in order to gain access to the file.

Parameters:

CODE4 This is a pointer to the **CODE4** structure, which was initialized through a call to **code4init**. This pointer is saved in the **DATA4** structure so that all data file functions have access to the settings and information contained in the **CODE4** structure.

serverId This string specifies the identification string of the server to which the application is attempting to connect. Pass a zero length string as the *serverId* and the default server "S4SERVER" will be used.

processId This string specifies the identification process string of the server to which the application is attempting to connect. Pass a zero length string as the *processId* and the default process identification "23165" will be used.

userId The server uses this string to specify the registered name of the user who is attempting to access the server. This parameter may be null if the server does not use name authorizations, or if public access is desired. If this parameter is the zero length string, "PUBLIC" is used as the default *userId*.

password The server uses this string as a password to validate the registered name of the user identified by *userId*. This parameter may be a zero length string if the server does not use password authorizations.

protocol This string specifies the name of the network communication protocol DLL that the client application will be using. The server should be using a similar 'S4' communications DLL to match the 'C4' DLL that you specify (e.g. S4SPX.DLL corresponds to C4SPX.DLL).

- C4SPX.DLL — Use the IPX/SPX communication protocol.
- C4SOCK.DLL — Use the Windows Sockets communication protocol.

Returns:

r4connected A connection to the server already exists.

r4success The server was successfully located and connected.

< 0 An error occurred. This could indicate a general or network error, which may be caused by the inability to locate or attach to the server. Refer to "Appendix A: Error Codes", for information specific to the error code.

See Also: **code4init**, **code4initUndo**, **d4create**, **d4open**

code4data

Usage: DATA4& = code4data(CODE4&, alias$)

Description: **code4data** tries to find an opened data file that has *alias* as its alias. If successful, **code4data** returns a **DATA4** structure for the specified data file. The returned structure may be used in the same manner as a regularly constructed **DATA4** structure.

Parameters:

CODE4 A pointer to a **CODE4** structure.

alias This is a string containing the name to look for.

Returns:

Not Zero A pointer to the **DATA4** structure of the data file corresponding to the *alias* parameter.

Zero The alias was not found.

```
EX17.BAS
    'ex17 example code
    Global cb As Long
    Global rc As Integer

Sub openAFile( )
    Dim db As Long
                          'db falls out of scope.  Data file is still open
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
End Sub

Sub ExCode( )
    Dim db As Long

    cb = code4init( )
    Call openAFile

    db = code4data( cb, "INFO" )            'obtain a new DATA4 structure
    If db <> 0 Then
        Form1.Print "INFO has " + Str$(d4recCount(db)) + " records"
        rc = d4top( db )
                                                'an alternative way to clo  se the file
        rc = d4close( code4data( cb, "INFO") )
    End If

    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

code4dateFormat

Usage: format$ = code4dateFormat(CODE4&)

Description: This function returns the current default date format for the client application. The initial default date format is "MM/DD/YY". The date format is used when an expression involving the dBASE functions CTOD() or DTOC() are involved.

See Also: **code4dateFormatSet**

code4dateFormatSet

Usage: rc% = code4dateFormatSet(CODE4&, fmt$)

Description: This functions sets the current date format for the client application. Note that you cannot simply set the **CODE4.dateFormat** member, as in previous versions of CodeBase products, since the server will not be aware of this change. The date format is used in dBASE expressions that involve CTOD() or DTOC() . The initial default date format is "MM/DD/YY".

See Also: **code4dateFormat**

code4exit

Usage: Call code4exit(CODE4&)

Description: **code4exit** causes the program to exit immediately. This could be considered an emergency exit function. **code4exit** automatically calls **code4initUndo** to free memory and terminates the server connection. **CODE4.errorCode** is passed as a return code to the operating system.

```
EX18.BAS
    'ex18 example code
    Global cb As Long, rc As Integer

Sub  exitToSystem( )
    MsgBox "Shutting down application ... "

    rc = code4close( cb )
    Call code4exit( cb )
End Sub

Sub ExCode()
    cb = code4init( )
    Call exitToSystem
End Sub
```

code4flush

Usage: rc% = code4flush(CODE4&)

Description: This function flushes all CodeBase data, index and memo files to disk. Effectively, this is equivalent to calling **d4flush** for every open data file.

Returns:

r4success Success.

r4locked A required lock attempt did not succeed. All of the files are not flushed.

r4unique The record was not written due to the following circumstances: First, writing the record caused a duplicate key in a unique key tag. Second, the **t4unique** returned **r4unique** for the tag.

< 0 Error.

Locking: If changes have been made to any field, the record is locked. The index files and append bytes may also be locked during updates. After the **code4flush** is finished, only the current record remains locked for each data file.

See Also: **d4flush**

code4indexExtension

Usage: exten$ = code4indexExtension(CODE4&)

Description: This function returns the file extension that corresponds to the index format being used.

Returns:

String — This function returns a string containing the file extension that corresponds to the index format.

Zero Length String — If CodeBase does not know the index format, a zero length string is returned.

Client-Server: The server will return the file extension if it can be determined.

code4init

Usage: rc% = code4init(CODE4&)

Description: This function is used to initialize the **CODE4** structure. One of these structures should be declared for every application.

Initialization of the **CODE4** is necessary before calling most CodeBase functions, therefore **code4init** must be called before any other CodeBase functions. Normally, **code4init** should be called only once from your application. The return value should be stored in a variable with global scope.

When **code4initUndo** is called, **code4init** must be called to re-initialize the **CODE4** structure prior to calling any CodeBase function.

Parameters:

CODE4 — This a pointer to a **CODE4** structure.

Returns:

r4success — The **CODE4** structure was successfully initialized.

< 0 — An error has occurred. This is usually due to an error in the configuration of the application (e.g. the stack is too low, etc.).

See Also: **code4initUndo**

code4initUndo

Usage: rc% = code4initUndo(CODE4&)

Description: This function un-initializes CodeBase. All data, memo, and index files are flushed and closed, and any memory associated with the files is freed back to the CodeBase memory allocation pool. Furthermore, in the client-server configuration, the server connection are terminated. Once **code4initUndo** is called, no CodeBase function should be called unless **code4init** is first called.

WARNING

If **code4initUndo** is called during a transaction, the transaction is automatically rolled back. Therefore, if a transaction is to be committed, then call **code4tranCommit** before **code4initUndo.**

Returns:

r4success Success.

< 0 Error. See **CODE4.errorCode** for the exact error.

Locking: Locking may occur on files that require flushing. **code4initUndo** makes sure that any locks are unlocked when its finished.

See Also: **code4init**

code4lock

Usage: rc% = code4lock(CODE4&)

Description: This function performs a lock of a group of records, files, and/or append bytes. A group lock functions as if it were a single lock on a single record, however many interdependent records and files, etc. may be locked.

The entire lock group is either in a state of having all locks held, or no locks held. If any of the locks fail, all successful locks are removed and an error is returned. That is, if all of the locks were successfully performed, but the last lock failed, all of the successful locks would be removed and **code4lock** would report **r4locked**.

This high-level approach to locking minimizes the possibility of deadlock, while giving maximum flexibility.

The process involved in performing a group lock is as follows:

- Set the **CODE4.lockAttempts** and **CODE4.lockAttemptsSingle** to desired values.
- Queue one or more locks with **d4lockAdd**, **d4lockAddFile**, **d4lockAddAppend, d4lockAddAll** and/or **relate4lockAdd.**
- Clear the queued locks, if desired, with **code4lockClear** and begin the process again, or
- Attempt to place the queued locks with a single call to **code4lock**. The return code from this function indicates whether or not the locks were successful.

code4lock automatically clears the queue of locks once the locks are successfully performed.

Returns:

r4success All locks placed in the queue where successfully performed. The queue of locks is emptied.

r4locked A required lock attempt did not succeed and as a result no locks were placed. The queue of lock entries are maintained for a further attempt.

< 0 Error. The queue of lock entries are maintained for a further attempt.

See Also: **code4unlock, code4unlockAuto, code4lockUserId, code4lockNetworkId, code4lockItem, code4lockFileName, code4lockAttempts, code4lockAttemptsSingle, d4lockAdd, d4lockAddFile, d4lockAddAppend, relate4lockAdd**

```
EX19.BAS
    'ex19 example code

Sub ExCode( )
    Dim cb As Long, data1 As Long, data2 As Long
    Dim rc As Integer, numRec As Long

    cb = code4init( )
    data1 = d4open( cb, fPath + "DATA1" )
    data2 = d4open( cb, fPath + "DATA2" )

    rc = d4top( data1 )
    rc = d4top( data2 )

    rc = d4lockAddFile( data1 )
    rc = d4lockAddAppend( data2 )

    numRec = d4recCount( data2 )

    rc = d4lockAdd( data2, numRec )
    rc = d4lockAdd( data2, numRec - 1 )

    If code4lock( cb ) = r4success Then
        MsgBox "All locks were successfully performed"
    End If

    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

code4lockClear

Usage: Call code4lockClear(CODE4&)

Description: This function removes any group locks previously placed with **d4lockAdd, d4lockAddAll, d4lockAddAppend** , **d4lockAddFile** and/or **relate4lockAdd**. No locking or unlocking is performed by this function, but rather, any queued locks are removed from the queue.

See Also: **code4lock, d4lockAdd, d4lockAddAll, d4lockAddAppend, d4lockAddFile, relate4lockAdd**

code4lockFileName

Usage: name$ = code4lockFileName (CODE4&)

Description: When a locking function (e.g. **code4lock**) returns **r4locked** – indicating that another user has locked the required information – it is possible to identify the file name of the item that was locked. This function returns a string, which contains the name of the file that has been locked.

Note

This information is available for a limited time (usually until the next CodeBase Call). Therefore the information should be copied if it is required for a prolonged period.

Returns: The name of the file on which the lock failure has occurred is returned. **code4lockFileName** returns a zero length string if the file name is not available.

See Also: **code4lock, code4lockUserId, d4lock, code4lockItem, code4lockNetworkId**

code4lockItem

Usage: item& = code4lockItem (CODE4&)

Description: When a locking function (e.g. **code4lock**) returns **r4locked** – indicating that another user has locked the required information – it is possible to identify the type of item that was locked. This function returns a long integer indicating whether the item locked was a record, a file or append bytes.

This information is available for a limited time (usually until the next CodeBase Call). Therefore the information should be copied if it is required for a prolonged period.

Returns:

> 0	This is the record number of a locked record.
0	Zero indicates that the append bytes were locked.
-1	This indicates that a file was locked.
-2	This indicates that the locked item cannot be identified.

See Also: **code4lock, code4lockUserId, d4lock, code4lockFileName, code4lockNetworkId**

code4lockNetworkId

Usage: netName$ = code4lockNetworkId(CODE4&)

Description: When a locking function (e.g. **code4lock**) returns **r4locked** – indicating that another user has locked the required information – it is sometimes possible to retrieve the network-specific identification of the user that placed the offending lock.

This information is available for a limited time (usually until the next CodeBase Call). Therefore the information should be copied if it is required for a prolonged period.

Returns:

Zero Length String	The identification for the user that placed the lock was unavailable. This could be due to a limitation in the network protocol being used. A zero length string is also returned, if the most recent lock attempt succeeded.
String	A **string** containing the network-specific identification of the user that placed the lock.

See Also: **code4lock, code4lockUserId, d4lock, code4lockItem, code4lockFileName**

code4lockUserId

Usage: userId$ = code4lockUserId(CODE4&)

Description: When a locking function (e.g. **code4lock**) returns **r4locked** – indicating that another user has locked the required information – it is sometimes possible to retrieve the user name of the person who placed the offending lock.

code4lockUserId returns the name of the user holding the lock as registered with the server in the *userId* parameter of **code4connect**.

Returns:

Zero Length String A zero length string may be returned for one of the following reasons: the name of the person holding the lock was not registered, the most recent lock attempt succeeded, the application is in the stand alone configuration, or the user id can not be determined.

String A **string** containing the name of the person holding the lock.

See Also: **code4lock, code4lockNetworkId, d4lock, code4lockItem, code4lockFileName, code4connect**

code4logCreate

Usage: rc% = code4logCreate(CODE4&, name$, userId$)

Description: This function manually creates a CodeBase log file.

In the stand-alone configuration if a log file does not exist, it must be explicitly created by calling **code4logCreate** before calling **d4create** or **d4open**.

If a log file already exists and the logging status is on, then **d4open** (**d4create** or **code4tranStart**) will try to open a log file using **code4logOpen**.

WARNING

When **code4logCreate** is called, **CODE4.safety** is used to determine what to do if the specified log file already exists.

Parameters:

name This is the name of the log file that is to be created. If a path is provided in the single user or multi-user configuration, it is used. If not, the file is assumed to be in the current directory. If this parameter is a zero length string, then the default name of "C4.LOG" is used as the log file name.

userId For each change made, the user who made the change is also recorded in the log file. The parameter *userId* specifies the user identification associated with the changes. If this parameter is a zero length string, "PUBLIC" is used as the default *userId*.

Returns:

r4success Success.

r4logOpen This indicates that a log file has already been opened. **code4logCreate** can not be used to create a new log file while another log file is open.

< 0 An error occurred and the log file was not created.

Client-Server: In the client-server configuration, this function does not apply and **r4success** is always returned**.**

See Also: **code4logFileName**, **code4logOpen**, **code4logOpenOff**, **code4safety**, **d4log**, **d4open, code4log**

code4logFileName

Usage: logName$ = code4logFileName(CODE4&)

Description: This functions returns the name of the log file that is currently being used.

Returns:

Zero Length String A log file is not currently being used.

String The name of the log file that is currently being used.

Client-Server: This function returns a zero length string in the client-server configuration .

See Also: **code4logCreate**, **code4logOpen**, **d4log**

code4logOpen

Usage: rc% = code4logOpen(CODE4&, name$, userId$)

Description: This function manually opens a CodeBase log file.

If a log file already exists and the logging status is on, then **d4open (d4create** or **code4tranStart)** will try to open a log file using **code4logOpen**.

To open a log file explicitly, call **code4logOpen** before calling **d4open** or **d4create.**

Parameters:

name This is the name of the log file that is to be opened. If a path is provided in the single user or multi-user configuration, it is used. If not, the file is assumed to be in the current directory. If this parameter is a zero length string, then the default name of "C4.LOG" is used as the log file name.

userId For each change made, the user who made the change is also recorded in the log file. The parameter *userId* specifies the user identification associated with the changes. If this parameter is a zero length string, "PUBLIC" is used as the default *userId*.

Returns:

r4success Success.

r4logOpen This indicates that a log file has already been opened. **code4logOpen** can not be used to open a new log file while another log file is open.

< 0 An error occurred and the log file was not opened.

Client-Server: In the client-server configuration, this function does not apply and **r4success** is always returned**.**

See Also: **code4logCreate**, **code4logOpenOff**, **code4logFileName**, **d4log**, **d4open**

code4logOpenOff

Usage: Call code4logOpenOff(CODE4&)

Description: This function instructs **d4open**, **d4create** or **code4tranStart** not to automatically open the log file. When this function is called, no transactions can take place unless the log file has been explicitly opened.

Client-Server: This function does not apply in the client-server configuration.

See Also: **code4logOpen, code4logCreate**

code4optAll

Usage: rc% = code4optAll(CODE4&)

Description: This function ensures that memory optimization is completely implemented. To do this, **code4optAll** locks and fully read/write optimizes all data, index and memo files. Finally memory optimization is turned on through a call to **code4optStart**.

By calling **code4optAll**, you can get an idea of how fast your application could run when it fully uses memory optimization. Call this function after you have opened all of your files.

Use this function with caution in multi-user applications. Refer to **d4optimize** and **d4optimizeWrite** for more information.

Returns:

r4success Success.

r4locked A required lock failed, so no optimization is implemented.

< 0 Error. The flushing failed when the optimization was disabled or **CODE4.errorCode** contained a negative value.

See Also: **code4optStart, d4lockAll, d4lockAddAll, code4lock, d4optimize, d4optimizeWrite**

code4optStart

Usage: rc% = code4optStart(CODE4&)

Description: Use this function to initialize CodeBase memory optimization. It is appropriate to call **code4optStart** after files are opened/created or after memory optimization is suspended as a result of a call to **code4optSuspend**. If **code4optSuspend** has been called,

code4optStart does not necessarily reallocate the same amount of memory for memory optimization. The application could have allocated extra memory, which would make less memory available for the optimization. Alternatively, the setting of **CODE4.memStartMax** could have changed. These factors can change the maximum amount of memory **code4optStart** allocates.

Memory optimization can use a substantial amount of memory. Consequently, it is often best to open or create data, index and memo files before calling **code4optStart**. It is more efficient to start memory optimization once.

Returns:

r4success Success. Memory optimization has been implemented.

< 0 Failure. Memory optimization has not been implemented because there is a lack of available memory. This is not considered an error condition since CodeBase may still function without memory optimizations.

See Also: **code4optSuspend, d4optimize, code4optimize, code4optimizeWrite**

```
EX20.BAS
    'ex20 example code
Sub ExCode()
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long
    Dim rc As Integer, delCount As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    rc = code4accessMode( cb, OPEN4DENY_RW )

    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
    error4exitTest( cb )

                'initialize optimization with default settings

    rc = code4optStart( cb )

    delCount = 0
    rc = d4top(db)
    Do While rc = r4success
        If d4deleted( db ) Then
            delCount = delCount + 1
        End If
        rc = d4skip( db, 1 )
    Loop

    Form1.Print Str$( delCount ) + " records are marked for deletion"

    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

code4optSuspend

Usage: rc% = code4optSuspend(CODE4&)

Description: This function suspends CodeBase memory optimization. **code4optSuspend** frees the memory used by memory optimization back to the operating system. This freed memory can then be used by the application.

To restart memory optimization, re-call **code4optStart**. CodeBase remembers which files are memory optimized and how they are memory optimized.

Returns:

r4success Success.

< 0 Error.

Locking: Since files are only write optimized as long as they are locked or opened exclusively, **code4optSuspend** only flushes those write optimized files that are already locked. **code4optSuspend** does not alter the locking status of any files.

See Also: **d4optimize, d4optimizeWrite, code4optimizeWrite, code4optimize**

```
EX21.BAS
     'ex21 example code
Sub ExCode( )
     Dim cb As Long, db As Long
     Dim rc As Integer

     cb = code4init( )
     db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )

     rc = d4lockAll( db )
     rc = d4optimizeWrite( db, OPT4ALL )

     rc = code4optStart( cb )
                          '... some other code
     rc = code4optSuspend( cb )              'flush & free optimization memory.

    rc = d4unlock( db )                      'let other users make modifications.
                         '... some other code
     rc = d4lockAll( db )
     rc = code4optStart( cb )
                         '... some other  code
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

code4tranCommit

Usage: rc% = code4tranCommit(CODE4&)

Description: This function commits the active transaction. Changes reflected in the transaction may not be undone with **code4tranRollback**. The changes are stored in the transaction log file, and may be viewed or recovered by using a utility program.

All of the data files are flushed before the transaction is committed. If an error occurs during the flushing, the transaction will not be committed.

Note

Depending upon the setting returned by **code4unlockAuto**, performing a **code4tranCommit** may not unlock the records affected by the transaction. It may be necessary to call **code4unlock** after calling **code4tranCommit**.

Returns:

r4success The transaction was successfully closed.

r4locked A required lock attempt did not succeed.

r4unique This value is returned when a record flush causes a duplicate key in a unique tag, and **t4unique** returned **r4unique** for the tag.

< 0 An error occurred during the attempt to commit the changes.

In general **code4tranCommit** does not fail. If **code4tranCommit** does fail, then a critical error has occurred and recovery can NOT be accomplished by calling **code4tranRollback**. Instead, try to recover by calling the utility programs.

Locking: If record buffer flushing is required, the record and index files are locked. See **d4flush** and **code4unlockAuto** for details on how any necessary locking and unlocking is accomplished.

See Also: **code4unlockAuto, d4flush**

code4tranRollback

Usage: rc% = code4tranRollback(CODE4&)

Description: This function is used to eliminate any changes made to the data files while a transaction has been active. All changes that have been made to any open data files since **code4tranStart** was called are removed. **code4tranRollback** restores the original values to the data files and terminates the currently active transaction. If new transaction is desired, **code4tranStart** must be called**.**

Note

Depending upon the setting returned by **code4unlockAuto**, performing a **code4tranRollback** may not unlock the records affected by the transaction. It may be necessary to call **code4unlock** after calling **code4tranRollback**.

Note

code4tranRollback can not reverse the actions of CodeBase functions that create, open or close any type of file.

WARNING

After calling **code4tranRollback**, all data files are set to an invalid position. Explicit positioning (e.g. **d4top**, **d4go**, etc.) must occur before any access to the data files is possible.

Returns:

r4success The data files were successfully restored to their original forms.

< 0 An error occurred during the attempt to restore the data files to their original form.

code4tranStart

Usage: rc% = code4tranStart(CODE4&)

Description: This function initiates a transaction. A log file must be opened explicitly or implicitly before a transaction can be initiated.

Note

All modifications made to a data file that are beyond the scope of a transaction are automatically recorded in a log file by CodeBase. The automatic logging may be turned off or on depending on the value of **CODE4.log**, by calling **d4log**

Returns:

r4success The transaction was successfully initiated.

< 0 An error occurred while attempting to initiate the transaction.

Locking: Throughout a transaction, CodeBase acts as though the **code4unlockAuto** is set to **LOCK4OFF**. In addition, if **d4unlock** or **code4unlock** are called during a transaction, an error is returned and no unlocking is performed.

See Also: **d4log, code4logOpen, codelogCreate**

code4tranStatus

Usage: rc% = code4tranStatus(CODE4&)

Description: This function indicates whether a transaction is in progress.

Returns:

r4active **code4tranStart** has been called to initiate a transaction.

r4inactive A transaction is not in progress.

code4unlock

Usage: rc% = code4unlock(CODE4&)

Description: **code4unlock** removes all locks on all open data, index, and memo files.

Returns:

r4success Success.

< 0 Error. An error will be returned if this function is called during a transaction.

Locking: All data, index and memo files are unlocked once **code4unlock** completes.

code4unlock calls **d4unlock** for each open data file. 'Success' is returned even if one or more of the **d4unlock** calls returns **r4unique**.

See Also: **d4unlock, code4unlockAuto**

```
EX22.BAS
Sub ExCode
    'ex22 example code
    Dim cb As Long, info As Long, db As Long
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    info = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "DATA1" )

    rc = d4lock( info, 1 )
    rc = d4lockAll( db )

    rc = code4unlock( cb )                'unlocks all open files

    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

code4unlockAuto

Usage: rc% = code4unlockAuto(CODE4&)

Description: This function returns the setting of the automatic unlocking capability of CodeBase. The possible settings are listed below. By default, CodeBase performs automatic unlocking as defined under **LOCK4ALL**, below.

Returns:

LOCK4OFF CodeBase performs no automatic unlocking. It is up to the application developer to unlock a record, file, or append bytes after it is no longer necessary. This setting gives maximum flexibility to the developer, but should be used with care, since it can possibly result in deadlock.

LOCK4DATA CodeBase performs automatic unlocking on a data file by data file basis. Before placing a new lock on a data file, CodeBase removes any previous locks placed on the same file. This setting is only provided for backwards compatibility with CodeBase 5.x, and may not be supported in future versions of CodeBase.

LOCK4ALL CodeBase performs automatic unlocking on the entire set of open data files. Any new lock placed using any method forces an automatic removal of every lock placed on every open data file associated with the **CODE4** structure. This setting is the default action taken by CodeBase.

The following scenarios illustrate how a lock is placed in CodeBase. Consider the case when a data file function such as **d4go** must flush a record before it can proceed. A record must be locked before it can be flushed. At this point the record may already be locked or may need to be locked.

If a new lock must be placed, all the previous locks are unlocked according to **code4unlockAuto** before the new lock is be placed. In this case, three possible results can occur depending on the setting of **code4unlockAuto**. If **code4unlockAuto** is set to **LOCK4OFF,** no automatic unlocking is done and new lock is placed. Thus after the flushing takes place all the previous locks remain in place as does the new lock. If the **code4unlockAuto** is set to **LOCK4DATA,** all the locks on the current data file are removed before the new lock is placed. When the flush is completed only the new locks will remain in place on the current data file, while the locks on any other open data files remain unchanged. If the **code4unlockAuto** is set to **LOCK4ALL,** all the locks on all open data files are removed before the new lock is placed and when the flush is completed only the new locks remain in place.

If the record is locked already, then no new locking is needed and the flushing can proceed. Since there are no new locks to be placed, no unlocking is required, so the setting of **code4unlockAuto** is irrelevant. The locks that were in place before the flushing are still in place after the flushing is completed.

The above discussion of locking procedures not only applies to flushing but to any case where locking is performed.

Note

The purpose of automatic unlocking is to make application code simpler and shorter by making it unnecessary to program unlocking protocols. In addition, automatic unlocking can prevent deadlock from occurring.

See Also: **code4lock, code4unlock, d4lock, d4unlock, d4flush**

code4unlockAutoSet

Usage: Call code4unlockAutoSet(CODE4&, autoUnlock%)

Description: This function sets the automatic unlocking capabilities of CodeBase. By default, CodeBase performs automatic unlocking as defined under **LOCK4ALL**, below.

Parameters: *autoUnlock* is used to set the type of automatic unlocking used within the application. The possible settings for *autoUnlock* are listed below.

LOCK4OFF CodeBase performs no automatic unlocking. It is up to the application developer to unlock a record, file, or append bytes after it is no longer necessary. This setting gives maximum flexibility to the developer, but should be used with care, since it can possibly result in deadlock.

LOCK4DATA CodeBase performs automatic unlocking on a data file by data file basis. Before placing a new lock on a data file, CodeBase removes any previous locks placed on the same file. This setting is only provided for backwards compatibility with CodeBase 5.x, and may not be supported in future versions of CodeBase.

LOCK4ALL CodeBase performs automatic unlocking on the entire set of open data files. Any new lock placed using any method forces an automatic removal of every lock placed on every open data file associated with the **CODE4** structure. This setting is the default action taken by CodeBase.

Note

In order to understand this function better, consider groups of locks placed with **code4lock** to be a single lock.

See Also: **code4lock, code4unlock, d4lock, d4unlock, code4unlockAuto**

Data File Functions

d4alias	d4fieldJ	d4memoCompress	d4seekDouble
d4aliasSet	d4fieldNumber	d4numFields	d4seekN
d4append	d4fileName	d4open	d4seekNext
d4appendBlank	d4flush	d4openClone	d4seekNextDouble
d4appendStart	d4freeBlocks	d4optimize	d4seekNextN
d4blank	d4go	d4optimizeWrite	d4skip
d4bof	d4goBof	d4pack	d4tag
d4bottom	d4goEof	d4position	d4tagDefault
d4changed	d4index	d4positionSet	d4tagNext
d4check	d4lock	d4recall	d4tagPrev
d4close	d4lockAdd	d4recCount	d4tagSelect
d4create	d4lockAddAll	d4recNo	d4tagSelected
d4createCB	d4lockAddAppend	d4record	d4tagSync
d4createData	d4lockAddFile	d4recWidth	d4top
d4delete	d4lockAll	d4refresh	d4unlock
d4deleted	d4lockAppend	d4refreshRecord	d4write
d4eof	d4lockFile	d4reindex	d4zap
d4field	d4log	d4remove	
d4fieldInfo	d4logStatus	d4seek	

The data file functions correspond to high level dBASE commands. They are used to store and retrieve information from data files.

Each data file has a current record number, a record buffer, and a selected tag. Whenever a function changes any of these, it is noted in the documentation.

In addition, the record buffer has a "record changed" flag attached to it. When the record buffer is changed through use of a field function, the "record changed" flag is set to true (non-zero). The "record changed" flag tells the data file functions to automatically write the changed record to the data file before a different record is read. The automatic writing of changed records is called "record buffer flushing".

The data file functions also keep track of an end of file (eof) and a beginning of file (bof) flag. When the program skips past the last record, the end of file flag is set to true (non-zero) and the record buffer becomes blank. When the program attempts to skip before the first record, the record buffer stays the same as the first record and the beginning of file flag is set to true (non-zero). These bof/eof flags are reset when a record is read or written.

To work with a data file, use the **d4open** to open the file or use **d4create** to create a new file. Both of these functions return a pointer to a **DATA4** structure. All of the other data file functions use this pointer as their first parameter. This parameter tells the function which data file to operate on. Once the storage and/or retrieval of information is completed, use **d4close**, **code4close** or **code4initUndo** to close the data file.

Often the data file functions require that a file or a portion of the file be locked before the function can proceed. If the file or portion of the file has the required locks already, then the data file functions recognize this and proceed without doing any additional locking.

After most data file functions, **code4unlockAuto** is used to determine what kind of unlocking occurs. In addition, if a field function writes to the database, the **CODE4.lockEnforce** setting is checked to ensure the record is locked by the application prior to performing the write.

```
EX23.BAS
     'ex23 example code
Sub ExCode
     Dim cb As Long, info As Long, field As Long
     Dim rc As Integer, iRec As Long, recNum As Long

     cb = code4init( )
     info = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )

     rc = code4optStart( cb )
     field = d4field( info, "NAME" )

     recNum = d4recCount( info )
     For iRec = 1 To recNum
          rc = d4go( info, iRec )
          Call f4assign( field, "New Data" )
     Next

     rc = d4close( info )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

Data File Function Reference
d4alias

Usage: alias$ = d4alias(DATA4&)

Description: This function returns a character string containing the alias of the data file.

The data file alias is a string of characters that identifies the data file. By default, it is assigned the name that is passed to **d4open** or **d4create** (minus extension and path). However, once the data file is opened, the user may assign a different alias directly using **d4aliasSet.** The alias is used by **code4data** to return a data file pointer. It can also be used as part of a dBASE expression. Refer to the "Appendix C: dBASE Expressions".

Parameters:

DATA4 A pointer to the **DATA4** structure.

Return: This function returns a **string** containing the alias of the data file.

See Also: **d4aliasSet**

```
EX24.BAS
     'ex24 example code
Sub ExCode
     Dim cb As Long, db As Lo  ng
     Dim rc As Integer

     cb = code4init( )
     db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )

     Form1.Print "The alias of the data file INFO.DBF is " + d4alias( db )

     rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4aliasSet

Usage: Call d4aliasSet(DATA4&, alias$)

Description: The data file alias is a string of characters which identifies the data file. After the data file is opened, the user may assign a different alias directly using **d4aliasSet.** Refer to **d4alias** for more details.

Parameters:

DATA4 A pointer to the **DATA4** structure.

alias *alias* is a **string** that contains the data file alias.

See Also: **d4alias**

d4append

Usage: rc% = d4append(DATA4&)

Description: **d4append** works in conjunction with **d4appendStart** to add a new record to the end of a data file.

First, **d4appendStart** is called; next, the appropriate changes to the record buffer (if any) are made; and finally, **d4append** is called to create the new record.

d4append maintains all open index files by adding keys to respective tags. In addition, **d4append** ensures that any existing memo fields are handled in accordance with the *useMemoEntries* setting of **d4appendStart**.

The current record is set to the newly appended record.

When many records are being appended at once, the most efficient method for locking the files is to use either **d4lockAll**, or **d4lockAddAll** followed by **code4lock**. In addition, using write optimization while appending many records will improve performance.

If a file is write optimized, the file length on the disk will not be updated until the changes to the file are flushed. This can sometimes result in delayed "out of disk space" errors. For example, memory buffers could hold hundreds of appended records before determining that some could not be saved to disk.

Returns:

r4success Success

r4locked The record was not appended because a required lock attempt did not succeed.

r4unique The record was not appended because to do so would result in a non-unique key for a unique key tag. In this case **t4unique** returns **r4unique** for the tag so an error is not generated.

< 0 Error

Locking: The append bytes and the new record to be appended, must be locked before the append can proceed.

In the case where the append bytes required locking, the append bytes are unlocked according to **code4unlockAuto** after the append is completed. On the other hand, if the append bytes were previously locked, they remain locked after the append.

The new record remains locked after the append regardless of whether it was previously locked or newly locked.

See **code4unlockAuto** for details on how any necessary locking and unlocking is accomplished.

See Also: **d4appendBlank**, **d4appendStart, code4unlockAuto**

```
EX25.BAS
     'ex25 example code
Sub ExCode
     Dim cb As Long, db As Long, field As Long
     Dim rc As Integer

     cb = code4init( )
     db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
     rc = code4optStart( cb )

     rc = d4appendBlank( db )

              'Append a copy of record two, assuming record two exists
     rc = d4go( d b, 2 )
     rc = d4appendStart( db, 0 ) 'a false parameter means don't copy memo entries
     rc = d4append( db )            'append a copy of record 2 using a blank memo

     rc = d4go( db, 2 )
     rc = d4appendStart( db, 1 ) 'a true parameter means copy memo entries
     rc = d4append( db )            'append a copy of record 2 with its memo

     'Set the record buffer to blank, change a field's value, and append
    'the resulting record.
    rc = d4appendStart( db, 0 )
     Call d4blank( db )

     field = d4field( db, "NAME" )
     Call f4assign ( field, "New Field Value" )
     rc = d4append( db )

     'close all open files and release any allocated memory
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4appendBlank

Usage: rc% = d4appendBlank(DATA4&)

Description: A blank record is appended to the end of the data file. Any changes to the current record buffer are flushed to disk prior to the creation of the blank record. Any open index files are automatically updated.

The current record is set to the newly appended record.

If a data file is locked or opened exclusively and many records are being appended, the operation can be speeded up by using write optimization.

WARNING

If a file is write optimized, the file length on the disk will not be updated until the changes to the file are flushed. This can sometimes result in delayed "out of disk space" errors. For example, memory buffers could hold hundreds of appended records before determining that some could not be saved to disk.

Returns:

r4success Success

r4locked The record was not appended because a required lock attempt did not succeed.

r4unique The record was not appended. A non-unique key was detected in a unique tag when either flushing or when appending a blank record. In this case **t4unique** returns **r4unique** for the tag so an error is not generated.

< 0 Error

Locking: If record buffer flushing is required, the record and index files must be locked. The append bytes and the new record to be appended, must be locked before the append can proceed.

In the case where the append bytes required locking, the append bytes are unlocked according to **code4unlockAuto** after the append is completed. On the other hand, if the append bytes were previously locked, they remain locked after the append.

The new record remains locked after the append regardless of whether it was previously locked or newly locked.

See **d4flush** and **code4unlockAuto** for details on how any necessary locking and unlocking is accomplished.

See Also: **d4append, d4flush, code4unlockAuto**

```
EX26.BAS
     'ex26 example code
Sub ExCode
     Dim cb As Long, db As Long
     Dim rc As Integer, i As Integer

     cb = code4init( )
     db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )

     'Add 20 blank records
     For i = 1 To 20
          rc = d4appendBlank( db )
     Next

     'Close the data file
     rc = d4close( db )
     rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4appendStart

Usage: rc% = d4appendStart(DATA4&, useMemoEntries%)

Description: **d4appendStart** is used in conjunction with function **d4append** in order to append a record to a data file.

After **d4appendStart** is called, the current record number becomes zero. This lets CodeBase know that **d4appendStart** has been called; and that if changes are made to the record buffer, no automatic flushing should be done.

d4appendStart does not change the current record buffer. To initialize the record buffer to blank after **d4appendStart** is called, use **d4blank**.

WARNING

The first byte of the record buffer contains the 'record deletion' flag. This flag does not change when **d4appendStart** is called. To ensure that the 'record deletion' flag is not set (ie. blank) when appending a potentially deleted copy of another record, call **d4recall** after calling **d4appendStart**.

Note

It is not necessary to call **d4append** after **d4appendStart**. For example, after a **d4appendStart** call, an end user could decide to "Cancel Append". In this case, there would be no corresponding **d4append** call, and the record would not be appended. If flushing is suspended using **d4appendStart**, the field functions may be used to freely manipulate the record buffer without fear of corrupting the data on disk.

An example that illustrates this, is to read a record, suspend flushing, modify the record, and then write the record buffer to another record with **d4write**.

Another example is to store data file records in memory, copy them into the record buffer using **d4record**, and then access the record with field functions.

Parameters: Parameter *useMemoEntries* is true (non-zero) in order to make a copy the current record's memo entries for the new record. If *useMemoEntries* is false (zero), the new record starts with blank memos.

If there is no current record, then this parameter has no effect.

Returns:

r4success Success

r4locked The required flushing was not successful because a required lock attempt did not succeed.

r4unique The "append start" did not succeed. A non-unique key was detected in a unique tag when flushing the record buffer. In this case **t4unique** returns **r4unique** for the tag so an error is not generated.

< 0 Error

Locking: If the record changed flag is set prior to a call to **d4appendStart**, the current record buffer is flushed to disk. The record and index files must be locked before the flushing can proceed. See **d4flush** and

code4unlockAuto for details on how any necessary locking and unlocking is accomplished.

See Also: **d4append**, **d4write**, **d4changed, d4flush, code4unlockAuto**

Example: See **d4append**.

d4blank

Usage: Call d4blank(DATA4&)

Description: The record buffer for the data file is set to spaces. In addition, the "record changed" flag is set to true (non-zero) and the "deleted" flag is set to false (zero).

If the current record has one or more memo entries, calling **d4blank** will remove the record's reference to the entries. The orphaned memo entries may be removed from the memo file by calling **d4memoCompress**.

```
EX27.BAS
    'ex27 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
                                          'Blanks out all records in the data file
    rc = d4top( db )
    Do While d4eof( db ) = 0
        Call d4blank( db )
        rc = d4skip( db, 1 )
    Loop

    rc = code4initUndo( cb )       'close all files and release any memory
End Sub
```

d4bof

Usage: rc% = d4bof(DATA4&)

Description: This function returns true (non-zero) after **d4skip** attempts to skip backwards past the first record in the data file. Once this beginning of file condition is true (non-zero), it remains true (non-zero) until the data file is repositioned or written to.

It is impossible to skip backwards to record zero.

See Also: **d4skip**

```
EX28.BAS
    'ex28 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, field As Long
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
    field = d4fieldJ( db, 1 )

    'output the first field of every record in reverse sequential order.
    rc = d4bottom( db )
    Do While d4bof( db ) = 0
        Form1.Print f4str( field )
        rc = d4skip( db, -1 )
    Loop
```

```
    rc = d4close( db )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4bottom

Usage: rc% = d4bottom(DATA4&)

Description: The bottom record of the data file is read into the record buffer and the current record number is updated. The selected tag is used to determine which is the bottom record. If no tag is selected, the last record of the data file is read.

Returns:

r4success Success.

r4locked A required lock attempt did not succeed.

r4eof End of File. There are no records in the data file.

< 0 Error

Locking: The record and index files are locked if record buffer flushing is required. If **CODE4.readLock** is true (non-zero), the new record is locked before it is read. See **d4flush** and **code4unlockAuto** for details on how any necessary locking and unlocking is accomplished.

```
EX29.BAS
    'ex29 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, field As Long
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )

    rc = d4bottom( db )
    Form1.Print "Last Name added: " + f4str( d4field( db, "NAME" ) )
    rc = d4close( db )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4changed

Usage: rc% = d4changed(DATA4&, flag%)

Description: Normally, after the record buffer is changed using a field function, the change is automatically written to the data file at an appropriate time. (ie. When a data file function such as **d4go** or **d4skip** is called.) CodeBase accomplishes this by maintaining a 'record changed' flag for each data file. When a **field** function changes the record buffer, this flag is set to true (non-zero). When the changes are written to disk this flag is changed to false (zero). **d4changed** changes and returns the previous status of this 'record changed' flag.

Parameters:

flag This is the value to which the record changed flag is set. The possible settings are:

> 0 The record buffer is flagged as 'changed'. This is useful when the record buffer is modified directly by the application. CodeBase will then know to flush the changes at the appropriate time.

0 The record buffer is flagged as 'not changed'. This effectively tells CodeBase not to flush any record buffer changes.

< 0 Nothing is done except that the current status of the 'record changed' flag is returned.

Note

A typical data file edit function could directly change the data file record buffer, using the field functions, to save editing changes. If the end-user decides to abort the changes, **d4changed(database, 0)** could be called before any positioning statements to instruct CodeBase not to flush the changes to the data file.

Returns: The previous status of the "record changed" flag is returned.

Non-Zero The flag status was ‘changed’.

Zero The flag status was ‘not changed’.

Note

Changes that have been "written" to the data file but have not been flushed to disk, due to memory write optimization, may not be aborted.

See Also: **CODE4.lockEnforce, d4appendStart**

```
EX30.BAS
     'ex30 example code
Sub ExCode
     Dim cb As Long, db As Long, field As Long
     Dim rc As Integer

     cb = code4init( )
     db = d4open( cb, fPath + "DATA1" )
     field = d4field( db, "L_NAME" )
     rc = d4top( db )

     If d4changed( db, -1 ) = 0 Then                          'Displays false
          MsgBox "Changed Status: FALSE"
     Else
          MsgBox "Changed Status: TRUE"
     End If

     Call f4assign( field, "TEMP DATA" )
     If d4changed( db, -1 ) = 0 Then                          'Displays true
          MsgBox "Changed Status: FALSE"
     Else
          MsgBox "Changed Status: TRUE"
     End If

     rc = d4changed( db, 0 )
     rc = d4close( db )                                 'top record not flushed
     rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4check

Usage: rc% = d4check(DATA4&)

Description: The contents of all the open index files corresponding to the data file are verified against the contents of the data file.

This function is provided mainly for debugging purposes. It can take as long as reindexing.

WARNING

This member function may not be used to check a data file while a transaction is in progress. In fact, any attempt to do so will fail and generate an **e4transViolation** error.

Returns:

r4success Success

r4locked A required lock attempt did not succeed.

< 0 Error. An index file is not up to date.

Locking: The data file and corresponding index and memo files are locked during and after **d4check**.

```
EX31.BAS
    'ex31 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, checkData As Long, testIndex As Long
    Dim rc As Integer, fileName As String, indexName As String

    cb = code4init( )
    rc = code4autoOpen( cb, 0 )             'open index file manually
    fileName = InputBox$( "Enter data file name ", "EX31", "INFO" )
    indexName = InputBox$(   "Enter index file name ", "EX31", "INFO" )
    If fileName = "" Then
        Exit Sub
    Else
        checkData = d4open( cb, fPath + fileName )
        testIndex = i4open( checkData, fPath + indexName )

        error4exitTest( cb )
        rc = code4optStart( cb )

        If d4check( checkData ) = r4success Then
            MsgBox "Index is OK !"
        Else
            MsgBox "Problem with Index"
        End If
    End If
End Sub
```

d4close

Usage: rc% = d4close(DATA4&)

Description: **d4close** closes the data file and its corresponding index and memo files. Before closing the files, any necessary flushing to disk is done. If the data file has been modified, the time stamp is also updated.

If **d4close** is called during a transaction, the action of **d4close** is delayed until the transaction is committed or rolled back. However, the **DATA4** structure is no longer valid after **d4close** is called.

Returns:

r4success Success. The data file was successfully closed, or was not initially opened. The **DATA4** pointer is invalid after calling **d4close** and it should not be used.

< 0 Error

Locking: **d4close** does any locking necessary to flush changes to disk. After any necessary updating is done, **d4close** unlocks all files associated with the object.

Before closing the file, **d4close** attempts to flush the most recent changes to the record buffer. If the flush attempt does not succeed, **d4close** continues and closes the file anyway. Consequently, **d4close** never returns **r4locked** or **r4unique**. If these values must be checked for prior to the closure, call **d4flush**, **d4write** or **d4append**, as appropriate, before calling **d4close**.

d4create

Usage: DATA4& = d4create(CODE4&, name$, fieldInfo( ), tagInfo( ))

Description: **d4create** creates a data file, a "production" index file, and possibly a memo file. A memo file is created, if an entry in the *fieldInfo* array contains a memo field. See the chapters on field and tag functions for more information.

Note

If the creation of a production index is NOT desired, then use the function **d4createData** to create the data file.

Note

In the client-server configuration, **code4connect** will automatically be called if connection to the server has not been previously established.

Parameter *fieldInfo* is an array of FIELD4INFO structures that define the fields of the data file to be created. Each structure specifies the attributes for one of the fields. Specifically, the members of **FIELD4INFO** are defined as follows:

- **name** This is a **string** that defines the name of the field. Each field name should be unique to the data file. A field name is up to ten alphanumeric or underscore characters - except for the first character, which must be a letter. Any characters in the field name over ten are ignored.

- **type** This is a single character **string** that defines the type of the field. Fields must be one of the following types: Character, Date,

Numeric, Floating Point, Logical, Memo, Binary or General. ‘C’, ‘D’, ‘N’, ‘F’, ‘L’, ‘M’, ' B' or 'G' respectively.

- **len** This is an integer that determines the length of the field. Date, Memo and Logical fields, have pre-determined lengths. These pre-determined lengths are used regardless of the lengths specified for the **FIELD4INFO** structure by the application.

- **dec** This is an integer that specifies the number of decimals in Numeric or Floating Point fields.

Specifics on the types of fields and their limitations are listed in the following table:

Type	***Abbreviation***	***Length***	***Decimals***	***Information Type***
Binary	'B' or r4bin	Set to 10. Actual data is in a separate file.	0	Binary fields are handled in the same way as memo fields. It stores binary information. The amount of information is dependent upon the size of an **(unsigned int)**.
Character	'C' or r4str	1 to 65533 1 to 254 to keep dBASE and FoxPro file compatibility	0	Character fields can store any type of information including binary.
Date	'D' or r4date	8	0	Date Fields store date information only. It is stored in CCYYMMDD format.
Floating Point	'F' or r4float	The length depends on the format **Clipper** 1 to 19 **FoxPro** 1 to 20 **dBASE IV** 1 to 20	The number of decimals depends on the format **Clipper** is the minimum of (len - 2) and 15 **FoxPro** (len - 1) **dBASE IV** (len - 2)	CodeBase treats this field like it was a Numeric field. This field is useful for compatibility with dBASE and FoxPro, which treat Floating point and Numeric fields differently. Use this field to store values that will be used in floating point calculations.
General	'G' or r4gen	Set to 10.	0	General fields are handled in the same way as

		Actual data is in a separate file.		memo fields. It stores OLEs. The amount of information is dependent upon the size of an **(unsigned int)**.
Logical	'L' or r4log	1	0	Logical fields store either true or false. The values that represent true are 'T','t','Y','y'. The values that represent false are 'F','f','N','n'.
Memo	'M' or r4memo	Set to 10. Actual data is in a separate file.	0	Memo fields store the same type of information as the Character type. The amount of information is dependent upon the size of an **(unsigned int)**.
Numeric	'N' or r4num	The length depends on the format **Clipper** 1 to 19 **FoxPro** 1 to 20 **dBASE IV** 1 to 20	The number of decimals depends on the format **Clipper** is the minimum of (len - 2) and 15 **FoxPro** (len - 1) **dBASE IV** (len - 2)	Numeric fields store numerical information. It is stored internally as a string of digits. This field is useful for compatibility with dBASE and FoxPro, which treat Floating point and Numeric fields differently. Use this field to store values that will NOT be used in floating point calculations.

WARNING

The Binary and General field types are NOT compatible with some versions of dBASE, FoxPro, Clipper and other dBASE compatible products. Only use Binary and General fields with products that support these field types.

Parameters:

CODE4 This is a pointer to a **CODE4** structure. **code4init** must be executed before calling **d4create**. The **CODE4** structure contains default settings which are used to determine how the data file is opened and accessed. See **CODE4** member variables for more information.

name The name for the data file, index file and memo file. If an extension is not provided to **d4create**, the default extensions are used. The default data

file name extension is **.DBF**. See **d4open** for a list of default index and memo file extensions.

If a path is provided in the single user or multi-user configuration, it is used. Otherwise, the file is assumed to be in the current directory.

When using the client-server configuration, refer to the Catalog file documentation in the CodeServer manual for the details on how to specify the file name.

The default alias for the data file is initially set to *name*, disregarding path and extension.

fieldInfo This is an array of **FIELD4INFO** structures that specify the field definitions for the new data file. Each entry in the *fieldInfo* array specifies a field to be created in the new data file.

tagInfo This is an array of **TAG4INFO** structures that specify the tag definitions for the production index file. Each entry in the *tagInfo* array specifies a tag to be created in the new index file.

Returns:

! 0 Success. A pointer to the corresponding **DATA4** structure is returned.

0 The data, index or memo file was not successfully created. Inspect the **CODE4.errorCode** for more detailed information.

A file cannot be created when a file with the same name already exists and **CODE4.safety** is true (non-zero). Refer to **CODE4.safety** for more details.

CODE4.errorCode may contain **r4unique** or **r4noCreate**. **r4unique** indicates that a duplicate key was located for that tag and **TAG4INFO.unique** was **r4unique** for that tag. **r4noCreate** indicates that a file could not be created and **CODE4.errCreate** is false (zero).

Locking: Nothing related to the data file is locked upon completion.

See Also: **code4connect**, **i4create, d4createData, code4safety**

```
EX32.BAS
     'ex32 example code
Sub ExCode
     Dim cb As Long, db As Long, secondFile As Long
     Dim fieldArray() As FIELD4INFO, tagArray() As TAG4INFO
     Dim rc As Integer

     cb = code4init(  )
     rc = code4safety( cb, 0 )                       'overwrite the file if it exists
     ReDim fieldArray( 1 To 3 ) As FIELD4INFO
     fieldArray(1).fName = "NAME_FIELD"
     fieldArray(1).ftype = r4str
     fieldArray(1).flength = 20
     fieldArray(1).fdecimals = 0

     fieldArray(2).fName = "AGE_FIELD"
     fieldArray(2).ftype = r4num
     fieldArray(2).flength = 2
     fieldArray(2).fdecimals = 0

     fieldArray(3).fName = "BIRTH_DATE"
     fieldArray(3).ftype = r4date
     fieldArray(3).flength = 8
     fieldArray(3).fdecimals = 0
     ReDim tagArray( 1 To 1 ) As TAG4INFO
```

```
    tagArray(1).name = "NAME_TAG"
    tagArray(1).expression = "NAME_FIELD"

    db = d4create( cb, fPath + "NEWDBF", fieldArray(), tagArray() )

    error4exitTest( cb )

    If code4errorCode( cb, r4check ) < 0 Then
        MsgBox "An error occurred, NEWDBF was not created"
    Else
        MsgBox "Created successfully"
    End If

    rc = code4close( cb )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4createData

Usage: DATA4& = d4createData(CODE4&, name$, fieldInfo( ))

Description: This function is identical to **d4create** except that the "production" index file is not created.

Parameters:

name The name of the data file to open. If an extension is not provided to **d4create**, the default extensions are used.

If a path is provided in the single user or multi-user configuration, it is used. Otherwise, the file is assumed to be in the current directory.

When using the client-server configuration, refer to the Catalog file documentation in the CodeServer manual for the details on how to specify the file name.

The default alias for the data file is initially set to *name*, disregarding path and extension.

name The base name for the data file, index file, and memo file. The default data file name extension is **.DBF**. See **d4open** for a list of default index and memo file extensions.

fieldInfo This is an array of **FIELD4INFO** structures that specify the field definitions for the new data file. Each entry in the *fieldInfo* array specifies a field to be created in the new data file.

Returns:

!0 Success. A pointer to the corresponding **DATA4** structure is returned.

0 Error. The data or memo file was not successfully created. Inspect the **CODE4.errorCode** for more detailed information.

See Also: **d4create**

```
EX33.BAS
    'ex33 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, secondFile As Long
    Dim fieldArray() As FIELD4INFO
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    rc = code4safety( cb, 0 )                    'overwrite the file if it exists
    ReDim fieldArray( 1 To 3 ) As FIELD4INFO
```

```
    fieldArray(1).fName = "NAME_FIELD"
    fieldArray(1).ftype = r4str
    fieldArray(1).flength = 20
    fieldArray(1).fdecimals = 0

    fieldArray(2).fName = "AGE_FIELD"
    fieldArray(2).ftype = r4num
    fieldArray(2).flength = 2
    fieldArray(2).fdecimals = 0

    fieldArray(3).fName = "BIRTH_DATE"
    fieldArray(3).ftype = r4date
    fieldArray(3).flength = 8
    fieldArray(3).fdecimals = 0


    db = d4createData( cb, fPath + "NEWDBF", fieldArray() )

    error4exitTest( cb )

    If code4errorCode( cb, r4check ) < 0 Then
        MsgBox "An error occurred, NEWDBF was not created"
    Else
        MsgBox "Created successfully"
    End If

    rc = code4c lose( cb )
   rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4createCB

Usage: DATA4& = d4createCB(CODE4&, name$, ByVal CfldInfo&, ByVal CtagInfo&)

Description: This low level function creates data, index and memo files using user-defined Field and Tag structures that have been converted to 'C' format by CodeBase. Normally you would not call this function directly from your program. However, it can be useful when you need to copy the structure of an existing data file and possibly an index file.

Parameters:

name The name of the data file to open. If an extension is not provided to **d4create**, the default extensions are used.

If a path is provided in the single user or multi-user configuration, it is used. Otherwise, the file is assumed to be in the current directory.

When using the Client-Server model, refer to the Catalog file documentation in the CodeServer manual for the details on how to specify the file name.

CfldInfo This is a **long integer** pointer to a 'C' array of **FIELD4INFO** structures that specify the field definitions for the new data file. This pointer is obtained with a call to **d4fieldInfo.**

CtagInfo This is a **long integer** pointer to a 'C' array of **TAG4INFO** structures that specify the tag definitions for the index file. This pointer is obtained by a call to **i4tagInfo**. If there is no index file to create, this parameter should be set to a null pointer that is passed **ByVal** (**ByVal** 0&).

Returns:

!0 Success. A pointer to the corresponding **DATA4** structure is returned.

0 Error. The data or memo file was not successfully created. Inspect the **CODE4.errorCode** for more detailed information.

See Also: **d4fieldInfo, i4tagInfo, d4create, i4createCB**

d4delete

Usage: Call d4delete(DATA4&)

Description: The current record buffer is marked for deletion. In addition, the record changed flag is set to true (non-zero), so that the record -- including the deletion mark -- is flushed to disk at an appropriate time.

The deletion mark may be removed by calling **d4recall**.

See Also: **d4deleted**, **d4recall**, **d4pack**

```
EX34.BAS
    'ex34 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    rc = code4accessMode( cb, OPEN4DENY_RW )        'open file exclusively to speed pack
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
    error4exitTest( cb )

    rc = code4optStart( cb )
    rc = d4top( db )
    Do While rc = r4success
        Call d4delete( db )               'mark record for deletion
        rc = d4skip( db, 2 )
    Loop
                          'physically remove the deleted records from the disk
    rc = d4pack( db )
    rc = d4close( db )
    rc = code4initUndo( c b )
End Sub
```

d4deleted

Usage: rc% = d4deleted(DATA4&)

Description: This function returns whether the record in the current record buffer is marked for deletion. If there is no current record, the result is undefined.

Returns:

non-zero The record is marked for deletion.

0 The record is NOT marked for deletion.

See Also: **d4delete**, **d4recall**

```
EX35.BAS
    'ex35 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long
    Dim rc As Integer, count As Long

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath +   "INFO" )
    rc = code4optStart( cb )
    count = 0

    rc = d4top( db )
    Do While rc = r4success
        If d4deleted( db ) = 1 Then
            count = count + 1
```

```
        End If
        rc = d4skip( db, 1 )
    Loop
    Form1.Print "INFO has " + Str$( count ) + " deleted records"
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4eof

Usage: rc% = d4eof(DATA4&)

Description: If you attempt to position past the last record in the data file with **d4skip** or **d4seek**, the End of File flag is set and **d4eof** returns a true (non-zero) value. At any other point in the data file, false (zero) is returned.

Returns:

> 0 An end of file condition has occurred. **d4eof** will return this value until the data file is repositioned or modified.

0 This return indicates that an end of file condition has not occurred.

< 0 The **DATA4** structure is invalid or contains an error value.

```
EX36.BAS
    'ex36 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
                            'Go to the end of the file and set the End of    File flag
    rc = d4goEof( db )
                            'Check if the End of File flag is set
    If d4eof( db ) = 1 Then
        MsgBox "This is always true"
        rc = d4bottom( db )                'reset the eof flag
    End If

    rc = d4close( db )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4field

Usage: FIELD4& = d4field(DATA4&, name$)

Description: A field name is looked up in the data file. A pointer, which can be used with field functions, is returned.

Parameters:

name A **string** containing the name of a field in the data file.

Returns:

! 0 A pointer to the **FIELD4** structure corresponding to the field specified is returned.

0 The field was not located. This is an error condition, if **CODE4.errFieldName** is true (default).

WARNING

The field pointer returned becomes obsolete once the data file is closed.

See Also: **CODE4.errFieldName**

d4fieldInfo

Usage: FIELD4INFO& = d4fieldInfo(DATA4&)

Description: A pointer to a 'C' type **FIELD4INFO** array, which corresponds to the data file, is returned. CodeBase internally allocated memory for this array and copies the field structure information into it.

This array is created so that it can be used as a parameter to **d4createCB**, which creates a copy of the data file. Please note that **d4createCB** is not called directly by the application to create a data file. Instead, **d4createCB** is the function called by **d4create** after the user supplied field information has been converted to 'C' data by CodeBase.

WARNING

The return value becomes obsolete once the data file is closed. This is because the field names of the data file are referenced by the returned **FIELD4INFO** array.
The **FIELD4INFO** return value needs to be freed with function **u4free**.

Returns: A zero return means that not enough memory could be allocated.

See Also: **d4create**, **d4createCB**

d4fieldJ

Usage: FIELD4& = d4fieldJ(DATA4&, jField%)

Description: A pointer to the *jField*th data file field is returned.

The parameter *jField* must be between one and the number of fields.

(ie. 1<= *jField* <= **d4numFields**)

WARNING

This field pointer becomes obsolete once the data file is closed.

See Also: Field functions

d4fieldNumber

Usage: rc% = d4fieldNumber(DATA4&, name$)

Description: A search is made for the specified field name and its position in the data file, starting from one, is returned.

Parameters:

DATA4 A pointer to a **DATA4** structure.

name A **string** containing the name of the field to search for.

Returns:

> 0 The field number of the located field.

-1 The field name was not found. If **CODE4.errFieldName** is true (non-zero), this is an error condition.

See Also: **CODE4.errFieldName, f4number**

```
EX37.BAS
     'ex37 example code
```

d4fileName

Usage: fileName$ = d4fileName(DATA4&)

Description: The file name of the data file is returned as a **string** complete with the file extension and all path information. This information is Sub ExCode

```
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, field As Long
    Dim rc As Integer, num As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPat h + "INFO" )
    For num = d4numFields( db ) To 1 Step -1
        field = d4fieldJ( db, num )
        If num = d4fieldNumber( db, f4name( field ) ) Then
            MsgBox "This is always true"
        End If
    Next
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

returned regardless of whether a file extension or a path was specified in the name parameter passed to **d4open** or **d4create (**or **d4createData)**. This value is not altered by **d4alias**.

d4flush

Usage: rc% = d4flush(DATA4&)

Description: The data file, its index files (if any), and its memo files (if any) are all explicitly written to disk. This includes any field value changes. Once completed, the "record changed" flag is reset to false (zero).

In addition, **d4flush** tries to guarantee that all file changes are physically written to disk.

WARNING

This function does not work as expected with some cache software -- in particular RAM disk software. To determine whether it works for any particular operating system configuration, flush some information to the file and turn the computer's power off. Then turn the computer back on and check if the information is present.

If the current record number is unknown due to **d4appendStart** being called or due to the file having been opened but not positioned to a record, **d4flush** discards memo field changes and resets the "record changed" flag to false (zero).

If you are flushing a data file on a regular basis it is best to disable memory write optimization for the data file. This is because explicit flushing negates the benefits of write

Note optimization. Refer to **CODE4.optimizeWrite**.

Returns:

r4success Success.

r4locked A required lock attempt did not succeed.

r4unique The record was not written due to the following circumstances: writing the record caused a duplicate key in a unique key tag and **t4unique** returned **r4unique** for the tag.

< 0 Error.

Locking: If changes have been made to any field, the record must be locked before it can be flushed. If a new lock is required, everything is unlocked according to the **code4unlockAuto** setting and then the required lock is placed. If the required lock is already in place, **d4flush** does not unlock or lock anything and after the flush is completed, the previous locks remain in place.

The index files and append bytes may need to be locked during updates. If index files require locking, they are locked prior to the flush. After the flushing is complete, the index files are unlocked. If the index files are already locked, no new locking is required and after the flushing is finished, the index files remain locked.

The above discussion on locking procedures for index files not only applies to flushing but to any case where index locking is performed.

Client-Server: In the client-server configuration, the changes are flushed to the server.

See Also: **code4unlockAuto**, **CODE4.optimizeWrite**

```
EX38.BAS
     'ex38 example code
Sub ExCode
     Dim cb As Long, db As Long, age As Long
     Dim rc As Integer

     cb = code4init( )
     db = d4open( cb, fPath  + "INFO" )
     rc = d4go( db, 2 )
     age = d4field( db, "AGE" )
     Call f4assignLong( age, 49 )
                  'Explicitly flush the change to disk in case the power goes out
     rc = d4flush( db )
                  '... some other code....
     rc = d4close( db )
     rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4freeBlocks

Usage: rc% = d4freeBlocks(DATA4&)

Description: All tag blocks in memory for the tags of the data file are flushed to disk and freed for use by other tags.

Returns:

r4success Success.

< 0 Error.

See Also: "Appendix D: CodeBase Limits"

d4go

Usage: rc% = d4go(DATA4&, recordNumber&)

Description: Function **d4go** reads the specified record into the record buffer and *recordNumber* becomes the current record number. Before reading the new record, **d4go** writes the current record buffer to disk if the record changed flag is set.

If memory optimizations are being used, use **d4skip** instead of **d4go** when sequentially reading data file records. When memory optimizations are used, CodeBase detects the sequential skipping and automatically optimizes the operations when **d4skip** is used.

Parameters:

recordNumber This **long** value specifies the physical record number to read into the record buffer. To succeed, *recordNumber* must be > 0 and <= **d4recCount**.

Returns:

r4success Success.

r4locked A required lock attempt did not succeed.

r4entry **CODE4.errGo** is false (zero) and the data file record did not exist.

r4unique This value is returned when a record flush causes a duplicate key in a unique tag, and **t4unique** returned **r4unique** for the tag.

< 0 Error.

Locking: If record buffer flushing is required, the record and index files must be locked. If **CODE4.readLock** is true (non-zero), the new record must be locked before it is read. See **d4flush** and **code4unlockAuto** for details on how any necessary locking and unlocking is accomplished.

If the data file is shared and memory optimization is being used, the new record might not reflect recent changes or additions made by other users. To avoid this, disable memory optimization and set **CODE4.readLock** to true (non-zero), or explicitly lock the record before calling **d4go**, to ensure the new record is up to date.

See Also: **d4top**, **d4bottom**, **code4errGo, code4readLock, d4recCount, d4flush, code4unlockAuto**

```
EX39.BAS
     'ex39 example code
Sub ExCode
     Dim cb As Long, db As Long
     Dim rc As Integer

     cb = code4init( )
     db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )

     rc = code4lockAttempts( cb, 1 )                'do not wait when locking
     rc = code4readLock( cb, 1 )
```

```
    rc = d4go( db, 2 )
    If rc = r4locked Then
        MsgBox "R ecord 3 was locked by another user"
        rc = code4readLock( cb, 0 )                'turn off automatic locking
        rc = d4go( db, 2 )
        If rc = r4locked Then
            MsgBox "This will never happen because CODE4.readLock is false"
        End If
    End If
    rc = d4close( db )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4goBof

Usage: rc% = d4goBof(DATA4&)

Description: The the data file is positioned to the top record and the bof flag becomes true (non-zero).

Returns:

r4bof Success. The beginning of file flag was set.

r4locked A lock attempt, which is necessary to flush field changes, did not succeed.

r4unique The record was not written when attempting to flush because a duplicate key was encountered in a unique tag. In this case **t4unique** returns **r4unique** for the tag so an error is not generated.

< 0 Error.

Locking: The current record and the index files must be locked if flushing is required. See **d4flush** and **code4unlockAuto** for details on how any necessary locking and unlocking is accomplished.

See Also: **d4flush, code4unlockA uto, d4bof**

d4goEof

Usage: rc% = d4goEof(DATA4&)

Description: The record number becomes one past the number of records in the data file, the record is blanked and the eof flag becomes true (non-zero).

Returns:

r4eof Success. The end of file flag was set.

r4locked A lock attempt, which is necessary to flush field changes, did not succeed.

r4unique The record was not written when attempting to flush because a duplicate key was encountered in a unique tag. In this case **t4unique** returns **r4unique** for the tag so an error is not generated.

< 0 Error.

Locking: The current record and the index files must be locked if flushing is required. See **d4flush** and **code4unlockAuto** for details on how any necessary locking and unlocking is accomplished.

See Also: **d4flush, code4unlockAuto**

Example: See **d4eof**

d4index

Usage: INDEX4& = d4index(DATA4&, indexName$)

Description: A search is done to determine if the data file has an open index file under the name of *indexName.* If it does, a pointer to the corresponding **INDEX4** structure is returned. Otherwise, zero is returned. **d4index** is not used to open index files.

Parameters:

indexName A **string** containing the name of the index file to locate. If *indexName* is the zero length **string**, **d4index** uses the data file alias as the name of the index file.

See Also: **i4tag**, **d4tag**, **i4open**. Refer to **d4create** and **i4create** to create an index file.

```
EX40.BAS
     'ex40 example code
Sub ExCode
     Dim cb As Long, db As Long, index As Long
     Dim rc As Integer

     cb = co de4init( )
     db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
                  'Since CODE4.autoOpen is true (non-zero) by default
                  'the index file should have been opened
     index = d4index( db, "INFO" )
     If index <> 0 Then
          MsgBox "Index file INFO has been opened"
     End If

     index = d4index( db, fPath + "JUNK" )
     If index = 0 Then
          MsgBox "Index file JUNK has not been opened"
     End If

     rc = d4close( db )
     rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4lock

Usage: rc% = d4lock(DATA4&, recordNum&)

Description: **d4lock** locks the specified record. If the current application already has locked the entire file or the specific record, **d4lock** recognizes this and does nothing.

If a new lock is required, **d4lock** checks the setting of the **code4unlockAuto** function and performs the specified automatic unlocking, before performing the lock.

Note

Locking several records with **d4lock** while **code4unlockAuto** is set to **LOCK4OFF** can be used to simulate group locks. However, in the interests of avoiding deadlock, it is strongly suggested that **code4lock** be used to perform locks on multiple records.

Parameters:

recordNum This is the record number of the physical record to be locked.

Returns:

r4success Success.

r4locked The record was locked by another user. Locking did not succeed after **CODE4.lockAttempts** tries.

< 0 Error.

Locking: If successful, the specified record is locked.

See Also: **d4unlock**, **code4lock**, **CODE4.lockAttempts, code4unlockAuto, CODE4.readLock**

```
EX41.BAS
    'ex41 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "DATA1" )
    rc = code4lockAttempts( cb, 4 )                         'try lock 4 times
    rc = d4lock( db, 2 )                                'lock record 5
    If rc = r4success Then
        MsgBox "Record 2 is now locked"
    Else If rc = r4locked Then
        MsgBox "Record 2 is locked by another user"
    End If

    rc = code4lockAttempts( cb, WAIT4EVER )                 'try lock forever
    rc = d4lock( db, 2 )
    If rc = r4locked Then
        MsgBox "This should never happen"
    End If

    rc = d4close( db )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4lockAdd

Usage: rc% = d4lockAdd(DATA4&, recordNumber&)

Description: This function is used to add the specified record to the list of locks placed with the next call to **code4lock**.

Parameters: *recordNumber* contains the physical record number of the record to be placed in the queue to lock with **code4lock**.

Note

This function performs no locking. It merely places the specified record on the list of records to be locked by **code4lock**.

Returns:

r4success The specified record number was successfully placed in the **code4lock** list of pending locks.

< 0 Error. The memory required for the record lock information could not be allocated.

See Also: **code4lock, d4lockAddAppend, d4lockAddFile, d4lockAll**

d4lockAddAll

Usage: rc% = d4lockAddAll(DATA4&)

Description: The data file, along with corresponding index and memo files, are added to the list of locks placed with the next call to **code4lock**.

Note

This function performs no locking. It merely places the specified files on the list of locks to be locked by **code4lock**.

Returns:

r4success The files were successfully placed in the **code4lock** list of pending locks.

< 0 Error.

See Also: **d4unlock**, **CODE4.lockAttempts, code4lock, code4unlockAuto**

d4lockAddAppend

Usage: rc% = d4lockAddAppend(DATA4&)

Description: This function is used to add the data file's append bytes to the list of locks placed with the next call to **code4lock**.

Note

This function performs no locking. It merely places the specified record on the list of records to be locked by **code4lock**.

WARNING

When appending many records to a datafile, use **d4lockAddAll** instead of **d4lockAddAppend.** Using **d4lockAddAll** will significantly improve performance.

Returns:

r4success The data file's append bytes were successfully placed in the **code4lock** list of pending locks.

< 0 Error. The memory required for the append byte lock information could not be allocated.

See Also: **code4lock, d4lockAdd, d4lockAddFile, d4lockAddAll**

d4lockAddFile

Usage: rc% = d4lockAddFile(DATA4&)

Description: This function is used to add the entire data file, including all records and the append bytes, to the list of locks placed with the next call to **code4lock**.

Note

This function performs no locking. It merely places the specified record on the list of records to be locked by **code4lock**.

WARNING

If multiple updates are being made, use **d4lockAddAll** instead of **d4lockAddFile.** Using **d4lockAddAll** will significantly improve performance.

Returns:

r4success The data file and its append bytes were successfully placed in the **code4lock** list of pending locks.

< 0 Error. The memory required for the data file and append byte lock information could not be allocated.

See Also: **code4lock, d4lockAdd, d4lockAddAppend, d4lockAddAll**

d4lockAll

Usage: rc% = d4lockAll(DATA4&)

Description: The data file, along with corresponding index and memo files, are all locked. If the locking attempt fails on any of the files, everything is unlocked according to **code4unlockAuto** and **r4locked** is returned.

Note

If modifications are to be made on more than one data file, then use **d4lockAddAll** and **code4lock** to lock the files, instead of calling **d4lockAll**.

Returns:

r4success Success.

r4locked A required lock attempt did not succeed after the lock had been tried **CODE4.lockAttempts** times.

< 0 Error.

See Also: **d4unlock**, **CODE4.lockAttempts, code4lock, d4lockAddAll, code4unlockAuto**

```
EX42.BAS
     'ex42 example code
Sub ExCode
     Dim cb As Long, db As Long
     Dim rc As Integer

     cb = code4init( )
     db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )

     rc = d4lockAll( db )
     If rc = r4success Then
          MsgBox "Lock is successful"
     End If

     rc = code4initUndo( cb )
```

```
End Sub
```

d4lockAppend

Usage: rc% = d4lockAppend(DATA4&)

Description: This function locks the append bytes. If the entire data file is locked or if the append bytes have been explicitly locked, then this function does nothing and **r4success** is returned. If the append bytes require locking, **d4lockAppend** removes any locks in accordance with the **code4unlockAuto** setting and then locks the append bytes.

While the append bytes are locked, no other application may add new records to the data file.

WARNING

When appending many records to a datafile, use **d4lockAll** instead of **d4lockAppend.** Using **d4lockAll** will significantly improve performance.

Calling this function before **d4recCount** will guarantee that **d4recCount** returns the exact number of records in the data file.

Usually, there is no need to call this function directly from application programs.

Returns:

r4success The append bytes were successfully locked.

r4locked The append bytes were locked by another user and locking did not succeed after **CODE4.lockAttempts** tries.

< 0 Error.

Locking: Once **d4lockAppend** finishes successfully, the append bytes are locked.

See Also: **code4lock, d4lock**, **d4unlock**, **CODE4.lockAttempts, d4lockAll, d4recCount**

d4lockFile

Usage: rc% = d4lockFile(DATA4&)

Description: This function locks the entire data file. Locking the datafile ensures that it may not be modified by any other user.

If the data file has already been locked, this function does nothing and returns **r4success**.

WARNING

If multiple updates are being made, use **d4lockAll** instead of **d4lockFile.** Using **d4lockAll** will significantly improve performance.

Returns:

r4success The data file was successfully locked.

r4locked The file was locked by another user and locking did not succeed after **CODE4.lockAttempts** tries.

< 0 Error.

Locking: If **code4unlockAuto** is set with **LOCK4DATA** or **LOCK4OFF**, the data file will remain locked until it is explicitly unlocked or closed. On the other hand if **code4unlockAuto** is set with **LOCK4ALL**, the data file will be unlocked the next time a new lock is to be placed on a different open data file.

See Also: **code4lock, d4lock**, **d4unlock**, **CODE4.lockAttempts, code4unlockAuto**

```
EX43.BAS
    'ex43 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
                'Lock all the records in the data file as well as the append bytes
                'all at once. Existing locks are removed according to
                'code4unlockAuto

    rc = d4lockFile( db )
    If rc = r4success Then
        MsgBox "Other users can read this data file, but can not make modifications
        until the lock is removed"
    End If
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4log

Usage: rc% = d4log(DATA4&, logging%)

Description: All modifications made to the current data file, which are beyond the scope of a transaction, can be recorded in a log file, depending on the setting of **CODE4.log** when the data file was opened. **d4log** may be used to turn the logging off or on for an open data file. The log file must be explicitly opened, or implicitly opened by **d4open** or **d4create** before **d4log** may be called. **d4log** only has an effect on the logging status if the data file was opened with **CODE4.log** set to **LOG4ON** or **LOG4TRANS**. Setting **CODE4.log** to **LOG4ALWAYS,** before the data file is opened, ensures that the data file changes are always logged and can not be turned off by using **d4log**.

Changes are not logged for temporary files by default. **d4log** can be used to set the logging status to true (non-zero) for temporary files if desired.

It is useful to turn the logging off when copying data files or when a back up copy of the changes is not required. When the logging is off, the changes are made more quickly and less disk space is used.

Turning logging off with **d4log** will have no effect on logging during a transaction. See **code4tranStart** and **code4tranCommit** for more details about transactions.

Note that **d4log** will neither create, open nor close log files; it merely starts and stops the recording process.

Parameters:

logging This is the value to which the logging status is set. The possible settings are:

0 Do not record future transactions in the log file.

Non-Zero Record all future transactions in the log file.

Returns: The previous setting of the logging status is returned. **r4logOn** is returned if an attempt is made to turn off the logging when **CODE4.log** is set to **LOG4ALWAYS**.

Client-Server: This function does not have an effect in the client-server configuration.

See Also: **code4logCreate**, **code4logFileName**, **code4logOpen, code4log**

d4logStatus

Usage: rc% = d4logStatus(DATA4&)

Description: This function returns the current logging status.

Returns: The setting of the logging status.

0 Does not record future transactions in the log file.

Non-Zero Records all future transactions in the log file.

See Also: **code4logCreate**, **code4logFileName**, **code4logOpen, d4log, code4log**

d4memoCompress

Usage: rc% = d4memoCompress(DATA4&)

Description: The memo file corresponding to the data file is compressed. If the data file has no memo file, nothing happens.

A call to **d4memoCompress** may be desirable after packing or zapping a data file. This is because these functions do not remove memo entries. The unreferenced memo entries do no harm except waste disk space. In addition, when memo files entries are reduced in size, the disk space previously occupied by the entries becomes available for reuse by the memo file. However, the disk space is not necessarily returned to the operating system. This function compresses the memo file to return the disk space to the operating system.

d4memoCompress first makes a temporary memo file in the current directory with the same name as the original memo file but with a "**.TMP**" extension. The original memo file is then compressed into this file. In the stand-alone configuration, the original memo file is deleted and the newly created memo file is renamed to the original name. However, in the multi-user case, the contents of the new memo file are copied back

into the original file, the file size is shrunk, and the temporary file is deleted.

WARNING

Appropriate backup measures should be taken before calling this function. It does not make a permanent backup file. However, if the function fails for whatever reason, either the original memo file or the temporary file, containing the newly compressed memo file contents, should be present.

It is recommended that data files be opened exclusively (i.e. setting **CODE4.accessMode** to **OPEN4DENY_RW** before opening the datafile) before the memos are compressed. This ensures that other users cannot access the memo file while it is being compressed. Applications that access memo files that have not fully been compressed may generate errors or read random data.

WARNING

This function may not be used to compress a memo file while a transaction is in progress. Attempts to do so fail and generate an **e4transViolation** error.

Returns:

r4success	Success.
r4locked	The data file is already locked by another user.
r4unique	This value is returned when a record flush causes a duplicate key in a unique tag, and **t4unique** returned **r4unique** for the tag.
< 0	Error.

Locking: The data file and corresponding memo file must be locked before the memo file can be compressed. See **code4unlockAuto** for details on how any necessary locking and unlocking is accomplished.

See Also: **d4pack**, **d4zap, CODE4.accessMode, code4unlockAuto**

```
EX44.BAS
    'ex44 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "DATA1" )

    If d4pack( db ) = r4success Then
        MsgBox "Records marke d for deletion are removed"
    End If
    If d4memoCompress( db ) = r4success Then
        MsgBox "Memo entries are compressed"
    End If

    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4numFields

Usage: rc% = d4numFields(DATA4&)

Description: The number of fields in the data file is returned. If the **DATA4** structure is invalid, a negative value is returned. This function, when used with **d4fieldJ,** is useful for writing general data file utilities.

Returns:

>= 0 This is the number of fields in the data file.

< 0 Error.

See Also: **d4fieldJ**

```
EX45.BAS
    'ex45 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, field As Long
    Dim rc As Integer, fieldNum As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )

    rc = code4optStart( cb )
    rc = d4top( db )
    Do While rc <> r4eof
        For fieldNum = 1 To d4numFields( db )
            Form1.Print f4name( d4fieldJ( db, fieldNum ) )
        Next
        rc = d4skip( db, 1 )
    Loop
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4open

Usage: DATA4& = d4open(CODE4&, name$)

Description: Function **d4open** opens a data file and its corresponding memo file (if applicable). Finally, if **CODE4.autoOpen** is true (non-zero), any "production index file" corresponding to the data file is opened.

Under FoxPro and dBASE IV compatibility, a production index file is an index file created at the same time as the data file, using **d4create**. It can also be created by using **i4create** with a zero length string passed as the file name parameter. When a production index file is automatically opened, no tag is initially selected.

When an index is created with FoxPro or dBASE IV, it is automatically created as a production index file.

When Clipper index files are being used, and if **CODE4.autoOpen** is true (non-zero), **d4open** assumes that there is a corresponding group file and attempts to open it (refer to the User's Guide for more details about group files). Consequently, when using Clipper, it is often appropriate to set **CODE4.autoOpen** to false (zero). Doing so avoids an **e4open** error message saying that the "**.CGP**" file is not present.

Listed below are the default file extensions for the different compatibilities. If an extension is not provided to **d4open**, the default extensions are used.

Data	Index	Memo

dBASE IV	".DBF"	".MDX"	".DBT"
Clipper	".DBF"	".CGP"	".DBT"
FoxPro	".DBF"	".CDX"	".FPT"

Note

In the client-server configuration, **code4connect** will automatically be called if connection to the server has not been previously established.

WARNING

d4open does not leave the data file at a valid record. Call a positioning statement such as **d4top** to move to a valid record. It is inappropriate to call **d4skip** until a valid record is loaded into the record buffer.

Parameters:

CODE4 This is a pointer to a **CODE4** structure, which was initialized by a call to **code4init**. This pointer is saved in the **DATA4** structure so that all data file functions have access to the settings and information contained in the **CODE4** structure.

name The name of the data file to open. If a path is provided in the single user or multi-user configuration, it is used. Otherwise, the file is assumed to be in the current directory.

When using the client-server configuration, refer to the Catalog file documentation in the CodeServer manual for the details on how to specify the file name.

The default alias for the data file is initially set to *name*, disregarding path and extension.

Returns:

! 0 Success. A pointer to a **DATA4** structure, corresponding to the opened data file, is returned.

0 The data file was not opened. The problem could be with either the data, index or the memo file. Use **CODE4.errorCode** to determine the error.

If one of the files does not exist and **CODE4.errOpen** was false, then **CODE4.errorCode** is set to **r4noOpen**. Due to the setting of **CODE4.errOpen**, this is not considered an error.

See Also: **code4close**, **code4connect**, **code4init**, **code4logCreate**, **code4logOpen**, **code4logOpenOff**, **code4optimize**, **code4accessMode**, **code4readOnly**, **d4close**, **d4log**

```
EX46.BAS
     'ex46 example code
Sub ExCode
     Dim cb As Long, db As Long
     Dim rc As Integer

     cb = code4init( )
```

```
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )

    If db <> 0 Then
        Form1.Print "Data File INFO.DBF has " + Str$(d4recCount(db)) + " records"
    End If

    rc = d4close( db )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4openClone

Usage: newData4& = d4openClone(DATA4&)

Description: This function opens a data file that is already open. This function ignores the **CODE4.singleOpen** flag thus allowing a file to be opened more than once within the same process.

Parameters:

DATA4 This is a pointer to a **DATA4** structure that corresponds to a previously opened data file.

Returns:

Not Zero Success, a pointer to a **DATA4** structure, which corresponds to the opened data file,is returned.

Zero Error. The data file was not opened. The problem could be with either the data, index or the memo file. Check the **CODE4.errorCode** for details about the error.

See Also: **d4open**

d4optimize

Usage: rc% = d4optimize(DATA4&, optFlag%)

Description: This function sets the memory optimization strategy for the data file and corresponding memo and index files.

Memory optimization does not actually take place until **code4optStart** is called. If **code4optStart** has been called, the file's memory optimizations are effective once the file is flagged as memory optimized. This occurs when the file is opened or after a call to **d4optimize**.

If read optimization is turned off, then write optimization is also automatically turned off. If read optimization is turned on, then the write optimization strategy becomes the default as defined by **CODE4.optimizeWrite**.

Initially, files are optimized according to the status of the **CODE4.optimize** and **CODE4.optimizeWrite** values at the time the file is opened.

WARNING

Use memory optimization on shared files with caution. When using memory read optimization on shared files, it is possible for inconsistent data to be returned if another application is updating the data file. This means that any data returned from the memory optimized file could potentially be out of

date.

Parameters: Possible choices for parameter *optFlag* are as follows:

OPT4EXCLUSIVE Read-optimize when files are opened exclusively, when the read-only attribute is set for the file. Otherwise, do not read optimize. This is the default value.

Note

Note that there is a distinction between a read-only attribute and a network read file permission. A read-only attribute means that no one may write to the file, while a network permission setting for any given file may be different from user to user.

OPT4OFF Do not read optimize.

OPT4ALL This is the same as the **OPT4EXCLUSIVE** option except shared files are also read optimized.

Returns:

r4success Success.

< 0 Error. Flushing failed when optimization was disabled, or **CODE4.errorCode** contained a negative value.

Client-Server: In the client-server configuration, the optimization is controlled at the server level, so the function **d4optimize** always returns success.

See Also: **d4optimizeWrite**

```
EX47.BAS
    'ex47 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, extra As Long
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    rc = code4accessMode( cb, OPEN4DENY_RW )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
    'Open the file exclusively, default optimization is the same as if
    'd4optimize( db, OPT4EXCLUSIVE ) were called.

    'open a shared file.
    rc = code4accessMode( cb, OPEN4DENY_NONE )
    extra = d4open( cb, fPath + "DATA1" )

    rc = d4optimize( extra, OPT4ALL ) 'read optimize the extra "DATA" file

    rc = code4optStart( cb )       'Begin the memory optimizations.

    ' .... Some other code ....

    rc = code4close( cb )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4optimizeWrite

Usage: rc% = d4optimizeWrite(DATA4&, optFlag%)

Description: This function sets the memory write optimization strategy for the data file and corresponding memo and index files.

Memory optimization does not actually take place until **code4optStart** has been called. If **code4optStart** has already been called, the file's memory optimizations are effective immediately once it is flagged as a memory optimized file.

The initial write optimization strategy is set according to the value in flag **CODE4.optimizeWrite** when the file is opened. If write optimization is turned on, then memory optimization, as defined by the **CODE4.optimize** switch, is also turned on.

WARNING

Use write optimization on shared files with extreme care, because write optimized files can return inconsistent data, since parts of a file may not be updated immediately due to the optimization procedures. For shared files, write optimization never actually takes place until the file is locked.

Write optimization does not improve performance unless the entire data file is locked over a number of operations. Write optimization would improve performance, for example, when appending many records at once.

Parameters: The possible values for optFlag are:

OPT4EXCLUSIVE Write-optimize when files are opened exclusively. Otherwise, do not write optimize. If **d4optimizeWrite** is not called, this value is the default.

OPT4OFF Never write optimize.

OPT4ALL This is the same as the **OPT4EXCLUSIVE** option except shared files which are locked are also write optimized. Use this option with care. If concurrently running applications do not lock, they may be presented with inconsistent data.

Returns:

r4success Success.

< 0 An error occurred.

Client-Server: In the client-server configuration, the optimization is controlled at the server level, so the function **d4optimizeWrite** always returns success.

See Also: **d4optimize**, **CODE4.optimizeWrite**

```
EX48.BAS
     'ex48 example code
Sub ExCode
     Dim cb As Long, db As Long, ageField As Long
     Dim rc As Integer, age As Long

     cb = code4init( )
     db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )

     rc = d4optimizeWrite( db, OPT4ALL )
                  'when doing write optimization on shared files, it is necessary to
                  'lock the file, preferably with d4lockAll( )
```

```
    rc = d4lockAll( db )

    rc = code4optStart( cb )   'Begin optimization
    ageField = d4field( db, "AGE" )
                'append a copy of the first record, assigning the age field's
                'value from 20 to 65
    For age = 20 To 65
        rc = d4appendStart( db, 0 )
        Call f4assignLong( ageField, age )
        rc = d4append( db )
    Next
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4pack

Usage: rc% = d4pack(DATA4&)

Description: **d4pack** physically removes all records marked for deletion from the data file. **d4pack** automatically reindexes all open index files attached to the data file.

After **d4pack** completes, the contents of the record buffer and the record number are undefined. Explicitly call a positioning function such as **d4top** to position to a desired record.

Appropriate backup measures should be taken before calling this function.

d4pack does not alter the memo file. Consequently, memo entries referenced by removed records will be wasted disk space. Explicitly call **d4memoCompress** to compress the memo file. Alternatively, you could explicitly remove memo entries when records are marked for deletion.

Consider opening the data file exclusively (set **CODE4.accessMode** to **OPEN4DENY_RW** before opening the file) before packing, since **d4pack** can seriously interfere with the data retrieved by other users.

WARNING

This member function may not be used to remove records from a data file while a transaction is in progress. Attempts to do so fail and generate an **e4transViolation** error.

Returns:

r4success Success.

r4locked A required lock did not succeed.

r4unique An index file could not be rebuilt because doing so resulted in a non-unique key in an unique-key tag. In this case **t4unique** returns **r4unique** for the tag so an error is not generated. The records marked for deletion are removed, but the index file(s) are out of date. Refer to **CODE4.errDefaultUnique**.

< 0 Error

Locking: The data file and its index files must be locked. See **code4unlockAuto** for details on how any necessary locking and unlocking is accomplished.

See Also: **d4delete**, **d4recall**, **d4memoCompress, code4unlockAuto**

```
EX49.BAS
     'ex49 example code
Sub ExCode
     Dim cb As Long, db As Long
     Dim rc As Long

     cb = code4init( )
     rc = code4accessMode( cb, OPEN4DENY_RW )                 'open file exclusively
     db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
     error4exitTest( cb )
     rc = code4optStart( cb )

     rc = d4top( db )
     Do While rc = r4success
          Call d4delete( db )       'Mark every other record for deletion
          rc = d4skip( db, 2 )
     Loop
                                    'Remove the deleted records from the disk physically
     rc = d4pack( db )
     rc = d4close( db )
     rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4position

Usage: dblVal# = d4position(DATA4&)

Description: This function is the inverse of **d4positionSet**. **d4position** returns an estimate of the current position in the data file as a **double** percentage. For example, if the current position is half way down the data file, **(double)** .5 is returned.

Both **d4positionSet** and **d4position** use the currently selected tag to specify the ordering. If no tag is selected, record number ordering is used.

The purpose of **d4position** and **d4positionSet** is to facilitate the use of scroll bars when developing edit and browse functions. However, due to the nature of the function, it may return inaccurate results when used with a selected tag. The inaccuracy may be reduced by occasionally reindexing and becomes less apparent in larger data files.

Returns:

`>= 0` The current position in the data file represented as a percentage. This function returns **(double)** 1.1 if the end of file condition is true, and **(double)** 0.0 if the beginning of file condition is true or if the data file is empty.

`< 0` Error. A return of a negative number indicates that there was a problem determining or setting the position. This could be an error return or it could indicate that a tag was already locked by another user. Note that **CODE4.errorCode** can be examined to determine if the return is an error.

```
EX50.BAS
     'ex50 example code
Sub ExCode
     Dim cb As Long, db As Long, defaultTag As Long
     Dim rc As Integer

     cb = c ode4init( )
     db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
     defaultTag = d4tagDefault( db )
     error4exitTest( cb )

     Call d4tagSelect( db, defaultTag )      'select the default tag

     rc = d4positionSet( db, .25 )  'move one quarter through the index file.
     Form1.Print "Record number: " + Str$( d4recNo( db ) )
```

```
    Form1.Print "The current position is " + Str$( d4position( db ) )

    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4positionSet

Usage: rc% = d4positionSet(DATA4&, pos#)

Description: When **d4positionSet** is called, *pos* is taken as a percentage, and the record closest to that percentage becomes the current record. (ie. the record is loaded into the record buffer, and its record number is used as the current record number). Both **d4positionSet** and **d4position** use the currently selected tag to specify the ordering. If no tag is selected, record number ordering is used.

If **d4positionSet** cannot find a record at the precise location specified by *pos*, the next record in sequence is used. For example, if a data file has three records and **d4positionSet(** data, .25 **)** is called the second record (which is actually at .5) is used instead. In this type of case, **d4position** does not return the same value as passed to **d4positionSet**.

When **d4positionSet** is used with a selected tag, it may not position to the exact position within the tag. This is due to the nature of the index file structure. The inaccuracy may be reduced by occasionally reindexing.

Parameters:

pos — This percentage indicates which record to make current.

Returns:

r4success — The position was successfully set.

r4entry — Positioning was done with a tag and there was no corresponding data file entry. In addition, **CODE4.errGo** must be false (zero). Note that this implies that the index file is out of date.

r4eof — Either there were no records in the data file or the *pos* was greater than **(double)**1.0.

r4locked — A required lock attempt did not succeed. The lock was attempted for either flushing changes to disk or for reading a record (as required when **CODE4.readLock** is true (non-zero)).

r4unique — This value is returned when a record flush causes a duplicate key in a unique tag, and **t4unique** returned **r4unique** for the tag.

< 0 — Error. A return of a negative number indicates that there was a problem determining or setting the position. Note that **CODE4.errorCode** can be examined to determine if the return is an error.

Locking: If record buffer flushing is required, the record and index files must be locked to accomplish this task. If **CODE4.readLock** is true (non-zero), the new record is locked before it is read. See **d4flush** and **code4unlockAuto** for details on how any necessary locking and unlocking is accomplished.

See Also: **d4flush, code4unlockAuto**

d4recall

Usage: Call d4recall(DATA4&)

Description: If the current record is marked for deletion, the mark is removed.

This is done by changing the first byte of the record buffer from an '*' to a ' ' character. In addition, the record buffer is flagged as being changed. Consequently, when other data file functions are called, the change to the record is flushed to disk before a new record is read.

See Also: **d4delete**, **d4deleted**, **d4pack**

```
EX51.BAS
    'ex51 example code
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long
    Dim rc As Long
Function recallAll( lockTries% )
    Dim saveSelected As Long
    Dim count As Long

    saveSelected = d4tagSelected( db )
    Call d4tagSelect( db, 0 )              'use record number ordering
    count = 0
    rc = d4top( db )
    Do While rc = r4success
        Call d4recall( db )
        If d4changed( db, -1) Then count = count + 1            'count th e number recalled
        rc = d4skip( db, 1 )
    Loop

    Call d4tagSelect( db, saveSelected )               'reset the selected tag
    recallAll = count
End Function

Sub ExCode
    Dim count As Long, lockTries As Integer

    lockTries = WAIT4EVER
    cb = code4init( )

    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
    count = recallAll( lockTries )
    Form1.Print "The number os recalled records is " + Str$( count )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4recCount

Usage: numRecs& = d4recCount(DATA4&)

Description: The number of records in the data file is returned.

If the data file is shared, the record count might not reflect the most recent additions made by other users. An accurate count can be obtained by manually locking the append bytes prior to calling **d4recCount**, since no other user can modify the number of records in the data file.

Returns:

>= 0 The number of records in the data file.

< 0 Error.

See Also: **d4recNo**

```
EX52.BAS
    'ex52 example code
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long
```

```
    Dim rc As Integer

Function recsInFile( )
    Dim count  As Long

    If code4errorCode( cb, r4check ) < 0 Then       'an error occurred
        recsInFile = -1
        Exit Sub
    End If
    count = d4recCount( db )                        'save the record count
    recsInFile = count
End Sub

Sub ExCode
    Dim count As Long

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO")

    count = recsInFile( )
    Form1.Print "the number of records in the file is " + Str$( count )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4recNo

Usage: recNo& = d4recNo(DATA4&)

Description: The current record number of the data file is returned. If the record number returned is greater than the number of records in the data file, this indicates an end of file condition.

Returns:

>= 1 The current record number.

0 There is no current record number. **d4appendStart** has just been called to start appending a record.

-1 There is no current record number. The file has just been opened, created, packed or zapped. -1 is also returned when the **DATA4** structure is invalid.

See Also: **d4recCount**

```
EX53.BAS
    'ex53 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, defaultTag As Long
    Dim rc As Integer, count As Long

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
    defaultTag = d4tagDefault( db )
    Call d4tagSelect( db, defaultTag )              'select the default tag
    count = 1
    rc = d4top( db )
    Do While rc = r4success
        Form1.Print "Tag position: " + Str$( count )
        Form1.Print "Record position: " + Str$( d4recNo( db ) )
        count = count + 1
        rc = d4skip( db, 1 )
    Loop

    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4record

Usage: recPtr& = d4record(DATA4&)

Description: **d4record** returns a pointer to the record buffer of the data file. This pointer allows you to access the record directly.

WARNING

Unless you are an expert and know exactly what you are doing, it is best to use the field functions to manipulate the record buffer.

See Also: **d4recWidth**

Example: See **d4recWidth**

d4recWidth

Usage: recWidth& = d4recWidth(DATA4&)

Description: The width of the internal record buffer is returned. This value includes the deleted flag of the record, but does not include the record buffer's null terminator.

Returns:

> 0 The length of the record buffer.

0 An error has occurred in determining the length of the record buffer.

See Also: **d4record**

```
EX54.BAS
    'ex54 example code
Sub ExCode ()
    Dim cb As Long, fromFile As Long, toFile As Long
    Dim fromField As Long, toField As Long, toStr As String
    Dim rc As Integer, iRecs As Long, i As Integer

    'Copy records from one database to another.

    cb = code4init()
                    'Data file TO_DBF and FROM_DBF have the same file structure
    fromFile = d4open(cb, fPath + "FROM_DBF")
    toFile = d4open(cb, fPath + "TO_DBF")
    rc = code4optStart(cb)

    If d4recWidth(fromFile) <> d4recWidth(toFile) Then
        rc = error4describe(cb, e4result, 0, "Structures not identical", "", "")
        code4exit (cb)
    End If

    error4exitTest (cb)
    For iRecs = 1 To d4recCount(fromFile)
        rc = d4go(fromFile, iRecs)       'read the data file record
        rc = d4appendStart(toFile, 0)       'copy the data file buffer
        For i = 1 To d4numFields(fromFile)
            fromField = d4fieldJ(fromFile, i)
            rc = f4nCpy(fromField, toStr, f4len(fromField))
            toField = d4fieldJ(toFile, i)
            Call f4assign(toField, toStr)
        Next
        rc = d4append(toFile)
    Next
    rc = code4close(cb)
    rc = code4initUndo(cb)
End Sub
```

d4refresh

Usage: rc% = d4refresh(DATA4&)

Description: If memory optimization is being used, all buffered information for the data file and its corresponding index and memo files are flushed to disk and then discarded from memory.

Effectively, this 'refreshes' the information because the next time the information is accessed, it must be read directly from disk.

Note

There is no point to calling this function in single-user applications, in client-server applications, or if memory optimization is not being used. In addition, calling this function regularly defeats the purpose of memory optimization. If this function is needed frequently, remove all memory optimizations, and calls to **d4refresh** will be unnecessary.

Returns:

r4success Success.

< 0 Error.

See Also: **d4refreshRecord**

```
EX55.BAS
     'ex55 example code
Sub ExCode
     Dim cb As Long, db As Long
     Dim rc As Integer

     cb = code4init( )
     db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
     rc = d4optimize( db, OPT4ALL )
     rc = code4optStart( cb )
     rc = d4top( db )
     MsgBox "Click OK when you want to refresh your data", MB_OK
     rc = d4refresh( db )
     rc = d4top( db )                        're-read the record from disk
     MsgBox "The latest infomation is now in the buffer"
     rc = d4close( db )
     rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4refreshRecord

Usage: rc% = d4refreshRecord(DATA4&)

Description: This function refreshes the current record, directly from disk, into the record buffer. In addition, the 'record changed' flag is reset. Consequently, any recent changes to the current record buffer are not flushed.

This function may be used to update a record from disk when another application may have changed it.

Returns:

r4success Success.

< 0 Error.

See Also: **d4refresh**

```
EX56.BAS
     'ex56 example code
```

```
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long
    Dim rc As Integer

Sub updateData( )
    If d4changed( db, -1 ) > 0 Then
        Form1.Print "Changes not discarded"
    Else
        rc = d4refreshRecord( db )
    End If
End Sub

Sub ExCode
    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "DATA1" )
    rc = d4top( db )
    Call updateData
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4reindex

Usage: rc% = d4reindex(DATA4&)

Description: All of the index files corresponding to the data file are recreated. It is generally a good idea to open the files exclusively (set **CODE4.accessMode** to **OPEN4DENY_RW** before opening the data file) before reindexing.

After **d4reindex** completes, the contents of the record buffer and the record number are undefined. Explicitly call a positioning function such as **d4top** to position to a desired record.

Returns:

r4success Success.

r4unique A unique key tag has a repeated key and **t4unique** returns **r4unique** for that tag.

r4locked A required lock attempt did not succeed.

< 0 Error.

Locking: The data file and corresponding index files are locked. It is recommended that the index files be opened exclusively if a reindex is to occur. This will ensure that other users cannot access the file while it is being reindexed. Applications that access index files that have not been fully reindexed may generate errors or obtain incorrect database information.

See Also: **i4create**, **d4check, i4reindex**

```
EX57.BAS
    'ex57 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    rc = code4accessMode( cb, OPEN4DENY_RW )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )

    Form1.Print "Reindexing " + d4alias( db ) + "Please Wait"
    If d4reindex( db ) <> 0 Then
        MsgBox "Reindex NOT successful"
    Else
        MsgBox "Reindex Successful"
```

```
    End If
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4remove

Usage: rc% = d4remove(DATA4&)

Description: This member function permanently removes the data file, its associated index and memo files, from disk.

WARNING

This function may not be used to delete a data file while a transaction is in progress. Attempts to do so fail and generate an **e4transViolation** error.

WARNING

This member function irrevocably removes the database from disk. If the database contains useful information, consider performing a backup on the database prior to calling **d4remove**.

Returns:

r4success The data file and any open index and memo files associated with the data file are deleted from disk.

< 0 An error occurred removing the files from disk.

Client-Server: This function will also remove all references to the data file contained in all the system tables held by the server (eg. catalog file, table authorization file).

d4seek

Usage: rc% = d4seek(DATA4&, seekStr$)

Description: Function **d4seek** searches using the default tag, which is the currently selected tag if one is selected (See **d4tagDefault**). Once the search value is located in the tag, the corresponding data file record is read into the record buffer. Searching always begins from the first logical record in the database as determined by the selected tag.

d4seek may be used with any tag type, as long as it is formatted correctly. Seeking on memo fields is not allowed.

Parameters:

seekStr *seekStr* is a **string** containing the value for which the search is conducted.

If the tag is of type Date, the date search value should be formatted "CCYYMMDD" (Century, Year, Month, Day).

If the tag is of type Character, the *seekStr* may have fewer characters than the tag's key length. In this case, a search is done for the first key which matches the supplied characters. If *seekStr* is longer than the tag key length, the extra characters are ignored.

If the tag is of type Numeric, the character value should represent a valid number. eg. d4seek(db, “33.7”). This number is internally converted to a double value before the seek is performed.

Returns:

r4success Success. The key was found and the record was positioned.

r4after The search value was not found. The data file is positioned to the record after the position where the search key would have been located if it had existed.

r4eof The search value was not found and the search value was greater than the last key of the tag. Consequently, **d4goEof** was called to turn the EOF condition on.

r4entry **CODE4.errGo** is false (zero) and the data file record did not exist.

r4locked A required lock attempt did not succeed. The lock was required either for flushing changes to disk or to lock the found record as required when **CODE4.readLock** is true (non-zero).

r4unique This value is returned when a record flush causes a duplicate key in a unique tag, and **t4unique** returned **r4unique** for the tag.

r4noTag The seek could not be accomplished because no tag exists for the data file.

< 0 Error.

Locking: If record buffer flushing is required, the record and index files are locked to accomplish this task. If **CODE4.readLock** is true (non-zero), the new record is locked before it is read. See **d4flush** and **code4unlockAuto** for details on how any necessary locking and unlocking is accomplished.

See Also: **d4tagSelect, d4seekDouble, d4seekN, d4seekNext, d4seekNextDouble, d4seekNextN, d4flush, code4unlockAuto**

```
EX58.BAS
    'ex58 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, age As Long
    Dim rc As Integer, birth As String, birthLong As Long, result As String

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "PEOPLE.DBF" )
                'Assume PEOPLE.DBF has a production index file with
                'tags NAME_TAG, AGE_TAG, BIRTH_TAG
    Call d4tagSelect( db, d4tag( db, "NAME_TAG" ) )

    If d4seek( db, "fred") = r4success Then
        Form1.Print "fred is in record # " + Str$( d4recNo( db ))
    End If

    If d4seek( db, "HANK STEVENS" ) = r4success Then
        Form1.Print "HANK STEVENS is in record #" + Str$( d4recNo( db ) )
    End If

    Call d4tagSelect( db, d4tag( db, "AGE_TAG" ) )
    age = d4field( db, "AGE" )

    rc = d4seekDouble( db, 0.0 )

    If rc = r4success Or  rc = r4after Then
        Form1.Print "The youngest age is " + Str$( f4int( age ) )
    End If

    'Seek using the character version
    rc = d4seek( db, "0" )
```

```
    If rc = r4success Or rc = r4after Then
        Form1.Print "The youngest age is " + Str$( f4int( age ) )
    End If

    'Assume BIRTH_TAG is a Date key expression

    Call d4tagSelect( db, d4tag( db, "BIRTH_TAG" ) )

    birth = "19600415"

    If d4seek( db, birth ) = r4success Then
        Call date4format( birth, result, "MMM DD, CCYY" )
        Form1.Print "Found " + resul  t
    End If

    birthLong = date4long( birth )

    If d4seekDouble( db, birthLong) = r4success Then
        Form1.Print "Found " + result
    End If

    rc = d4close( db )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4seekDouble

Usage: rc% = d4seekDouble(DATA4&, dblVal#)

Description: Function **d4seekDouble** searches using the default tag which is the currently selected tag if one is selected (See **d4tagDefault**). Once the search value is located in the tag, the corresponding data file record is read into the record buffer. Searching always begins from the first logical record in the database as determined by the selected tag.

In order to use **d4seekDouble,** the tag key must be of type Numeric or Date.

Parameters:

dblVal *dblVal* is a **double** value used to seek in numeric or date keys. If the key type is of type Date, *dblVal* should represent a Julian day.

Returns: Refer to **d4seek** for the possible return values.

Locking: Refer to **d4seek** for locking procedures.

See Also: **d4tagSelect, d4seek**

d4seekN

Usage: rc% = d4seekN(DATA4&, seekStr$, len%)

Description: Function **d4seekN** searches using the default tag which is the currently selected tag if one is selected (See **d4tagDefault**). Once the search value is located in the tag, the corresponding data file record is read into the record buffer. Searching always begins from the first logical record in the database as determined by the selected tag.

If a character field is composed of binary data, **d4seekN** may be used with to seek without regard for nulls because the length of the key is specified. Seeking on memo fields is not allowed.

Parameters:

seekStr *seekStr* to a **string** containing the value for which the search is conducted. See **d4seek** for more details.

len This is the length of the data pointed to by *seekStr*. This should be less than or equal to the length of the key size for the selected tag. If *len* is greater than the tag key length, then the extra characters are ignored. If *len* less than zero, then *len* is treated as though it is equal to zero. If *len* is greater than the key length, then *len* is treated as though it is equal to the key length.

seekStr can point to null characters and still remain a valid search key, since the *len* specifies the length of data pointed to by *seekStr*.

Returns: Refer to **d4seek** for the possible return values.

Locking: Refer to **d4seek** for locking procedures.

See Also: **d4tagSelect**, **d4seek**

d4seekNext

Usage: rc% = d4seekNext(DATA4&, seekStr$)

Description: **d4seekNext** function differs from **d4seek**, in that the current position within the tag is used, instead of the beginning of the tag. This provides the capability of performing an incremental search through the database.

If the index key at the current position in the tag is not equal to that of the search key, **d4seekNext** calls **d4seek** to find the first occurance of the search key in the tag. Should the seek fail to find a match, **r4after** is returned.

If the index key at the current position in the tag is equal to the search key then **d4seekNext** tries to find the next occurrance of the search key. If **d4seekNext** fails to find an index key that matches the search key, **r4entry** is returned and the data file is positioned to the record after the position where the search key would have been located if it had existed.

d4seekNext may be used with any tag type, as long as it is formatted correctly. (e.g. **d4seekNext(** dataptr, " 123.44" **)** for seeking on a numeric tag). Seeking on memo fields is not allowed.

Parameters:

seekStr *seekStr* is a **string** containing the value for which the search is conducted. See **d4seek** for more details.

Returns:

r4success Success. The key was found and the record was positioned.

r4after This value is returned when there is no index key in the tag that matches the search value. The data file is positioned to the record after.

r4eof The search value was not found and the search value was greater than the last key of the tag. Consequently, **d4goEof** was called to turn the EOF condition on.

r4entry **CODE4.errGo** is false (zero) and the data file record did not exist. This value is also returned when the seek fails to find the next occurrance of the search key. The data file is positioned to the record after.

r4locked A required lock attempt did not succeed. The lock was required either for flushing changes to disk or to lock the found record as required when **CODE4.readLock** is true (non-zero).

r4unique This value is returned when a record flush causes a duplicate key in a unique tag, and **t4unique** returned **r4unique** for the tag.

r4noTag The seek could not be accomplished because no tag exists for the data file.

< 0 Error.

Locking: If record buffer flushing is required, the record and index files are locked to accomplish this task. If **CODE4.readLock** is true (non-zero), the new record is locked before it is read. See **d4flush** and **code4unlockAuto** for details on how any necessary locking and unlocking is accomplished.

See Also: **d4seek, d4tagSelect**

```
EX59.BAS
    'ex59 example code
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long
    Dim rc As Integer

Function SeekSeries( s As String )
    rc = d4seekNext( db, s )

    If rc = r4noTag Or rc = r4entry Or rc = r4locked Then
        SeekSeries = rc
        Exit Function
    End If

    If rc = r4after Or rc = r4eof Then rc = d4seek( db, s )

    SeekSeries = rc
End Function

Sub ExCode
    Dim nameTag As Long

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "PEOPLE" )
    nameTag = d4tag( db, "NAME_TAG" )
    Call d4tagSelect( db, nameTag )
    rc = d4top( db )
    rc = SeekSeries( "mickey" )
    Form1.Print "return code " + Str$( rc )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4seekNextDouble

Usage: rc% = d4seekNextDouble(DATA4&, dblValue#)

Description: **d4seekNextDouble** function differs from **d4seekDouble**, in that the current position within the tag is used, instead of the beginning of the tag. This provides the capability of performing an incremental search through the database.

If the index key at the current position in the tag is not equal to that of the search key, **d4seekNextDouble** calls **d4seekDouble** to find the first occurance of the search key in the tag. Should the seek fail to find a match, **r4after** is returned.

If the index key at the current position in the tag is equal to the search key then **d4seekNextDouble** tries to find the next occurrance of the search key. If **d4seekNextDouble** fails to find an index key that matches the search key, **r4entry** is returned and the data file is positioned to the record after the position where the search key would have been located if it had existed.

In order to use **d4seekNextDouble**, the tag key must be of type Numeric or Date.

Parameters:

dblVal *dblVal* is a double value used to seek in numeric or date keys. If the key type is of type Date, *dblVal* should represent a Julian day.

Returns: Refer to **d4seekNext** for the possible return values.

Locking: Refer to **d4seekNext** for locking procedures.

See Also: **d4seekNext, d4seekDouble, d4tagSelect**

d4seekNextN

Usage: rc% = d4seekNextN(DATA4&, seekStr$, len%)

Description: **d4seekNextN** function differs from **d4seekN**, in that the current position within the tag is used, instead of the beginning of the tag. This provides the capability of performing an incremental search through the database.

If the index key at the current position in the tag is not equal to that of the search key, **d4seekNextN** calls **d4seekN** to find the first occurance of the search key in the tag. Should the seek fail to find a match, **r4after** is returned.

If the index key at the current position in the tag is equal to the search key then **d4seekNextN** tries to find the next occurrance of the search key. If **d4seekNextN** fails to find an index key that matches the search key, **r4entry** is returned and the data file is positioned to the record after the position where the search key would have been located if it had existed.

d4seekNextN may be used to seek without regard to nulls. Seeking on memo fields is not allowed.

Parameters:

seekStr *seekStr* is a **string** containing the value for which the search is conducted. See **d4seek** for more details.

len This is the length of the *seekStr*. See **d4seekN** for more details.

Returns: Refer to **d4seekNext** for the possible return values.

Locking: Refer to **d4seekNext** for locking procedures.

See Also: **d4seekNext, d4tagSelect, d4seekN, d4seek**

d4skip

Usage: rc% = d4skip(DATA4&, numRecords&)

Description: This function skips *numRecords* from the current record number. The selected tag is used. If no tag is selected, record number ordering is used. If there is no current record, either because the data file has no records or the data file has just been opened, **d4skip** generates an error since there is no record to skip from.

The new record is read into the record buffer and becomes the current record.

If there is no entry in the selected tag for the current record, the closest entry, as determined by a call to **d4tagSync**, is used as the starting point.

If the data file is shared and memory optimization is being used, the new record might not reflect recent changes or additions made by other users. Disable memory optimization or set **CODE4.readLock** to true (non-zero), to ensure access to the latest file changes.

It is possible to skip one record past the last record in the data file and create an end of file condition. Refer to **d4eof** for the exact effect.

Parameters:

numRecords The number of logical records to skip forward. If *numRecords* is negative, the skip is made backwards.

Returns:

r4success Success.

r4bof The current record is the top record. In addition, the last skip call attempted to skip before the top record of the data file.

r4eof Skipped to the end of the file.

r4unique This value is returned when a record flush causes a duplicate key in a unique tag, and **t4unique** returned **r4unique** for the tag.

r4locked A required lock attempt did not succeed. The locking attempt was either for flushing changes to disk or an attempt to lock the new record as required when **CODE4.readLock** is true (non-zero).

< 0 Error.

Locking: If record buffer flushing is required, the record and index files are locked to accomplish this task. If **CODE4.readLock** is true (non-zero), the new record is locked before it is read. See **d4flush** and **code4unlockAuto** for details on how any necessary locking and unlocking is accomplished.

See Also: **CODE4.lockEnforce, code4unlockAuto, d4eof, d4flush**

```
EX60.BAS
    'ex60 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, name As Long
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "NAMES" )
    'Skip to the last record in the file whose NAME field contains "John"

    rc = code4optStart( cb )
    name = d4fiel d( db, "NAME" )
```

```
    rc = d4bottom( db )
    Do While d4bof( db ) = 0       'Do while bof is false
        If InStr( 1, f4str(name), "White     ") <> 0 Then Exit Do
        rc = d4skip( db, -1 )
    Loop

    If d4bof( db ) <> 0 Then
        Form1.Print "White not located"
    Else
        Form1.Print "The last White is located in record # " + Str$( d4recNo(db) )
    End If

    rc = d4close( db )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4tag

Usage: TAG4& = d4tag(DATA4&, tagName$)

Description: A search is made for the tag name in one of the index files of the data file. If the tag name is located, a pointer to the corresponding **TAG4** structure is returned.

Parameters:

tagName This is a **string**, which contains the name of the tag to search for.

Returns:

! 0 A pointer to the tag structure corresponding to the tag name is returned.

0 If the tag name could not be located, then zero is returned. This is an error condition, if **CODE4.errTagName** is true (non-zero).

See Also: **code4errTagName**

d4tagDefault

Usage: TAG4& = d4tagDefault(DATA4&)

Description: The default tag is the currently selected tag, if one is selected. Otherwise, the default tag depends on the index type. For CodeBase created dBASE IV files, the default tag is the first tag created in the index file. For CodeBase created FoxPro files, it is the tag with the lowest alphabetical name. For CodeBase created Clipper files, it is the first index listed in the Control Group File or if there is no Group File, it is the first index opened.

d4tagDefault returns a pointer to the **TAG4** structure of the default tag. If there are no tags for the data file, zero is returned.

d4tagNext

Usage: TAG4& = d4tagNext(DATA4&, tagOn&)

Description: **d4tagNext** allows you to iterate sequentially through all of the tags corresponding to the data file.

Parameters:

tagOn This is a pointer to the current tag in the iteration.

Returns:

! 0 The tag following *tagOn* is returned. If *tagOn* is zero, then the first tag is returned.

0 On the other hand, if *tagOn* is the last tag, then zero is returned.

See Also: **d4tagPrev**

d4tagPrev

Usage: TAG4& = d4tagPrev(DATA4&, tagOn&)

Description: **d4tagPrev** allows you to iterate backwards through all of the tags corresponding to the data file.

Parameters:

tagOn This is the current tag in the iteration.

Returns:

! 0 The tag occurring before *tagOn* is returned. If *tagOn* is zero, then the last tag is returned.

0 On the other hand, if *tagOn* is the first tag, then zero is returned.

See Also: **d4tagNext**

d4tagSelect

Usage: Call d4tagSelect(DATA4&, TAG4&)

Description: **d4tagSelect** selects a tag to be used for the next data file positioning statements. The selected tag is used by positioning calls to **d4skip**, **d4seek**, **d4seekNext**, **d4position**, **d4top**, and **d4bottom**. To select record number ordering,, make the parameter *TAG4* equal to zero.

Parameters:

TAG4 This is a pointer to a **TAG4** structure, which identifies the tag to make the "selected" tag. If tag is zero, then CodeBase positioning functions access the records in physical order.

See Also: **d4skip**, **d4seek**, **d4seekNext**, **d4position**, **d4top**, **d4bottom**.

```
EX61.BAS
     'ex61 example code
Sub ExCode ()
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, nameTag As Long, defaultTag As Long
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init()
    db = d4open(cb, fPath + "DATA1")
    nameTag = d4tag(db, "NAME_TAG")
    defaultTag = d4tagDefault(db)

    Call d4tagSelect(db, nameTag)           'Select the NAME_TAG tag
    rc = d4seek(db, "John  ")               'seek using the NAME_TAG tag
    If rc = r4success Then Form1.Print "Found John"
                                'Select the default tag which is the "AGE" tag
    Call d4tagSelect(db, defaultTag)
    rc = d4seekDouble(db, 32)               'seek using the selected tag "AGE"
    If rc = r4success Then Form1.Print "Found age 32"

    Call d4tagSelect(db, 0)             'Select record number ordering
    rc = d4top(db)                      'physical top of the data file

    rc = code4initUndo(cb)
End Sub
```

d4tagSelected

Usage: TAG4& = d4tagSelect(DATA4&)

Description: A pointer to the selected tag is returned. If there is no selected tag, then zero is returned.

d4tagSync

Usage: rc% = d4tagSync(DATA4&, TAG4&)

Description: This function is used to position the current record to a valid record position within the currently selected tag. Changes to the current record are flushed to disk if required.

This function is useful for moving to a new record when changes to the record cause it to no longer be found within the tag. For example, if the change to the record causes it to contain a duplicate key entry in a unique tag, the record no longer is in a valid position. Calling **d4tagSync** ensures that the record and the tag are in valid positions within the tag.

Note

This function is only useful prior to a call to **d4skip, d4seekNext**, **d4seekNextDouble** or **d4seekNextN,** when the current record is not found within the tag. Other positioning functions, such as **d4go**, **d4top**, and **d4seek** perform their movements regardless of the state of the current record.

Returns:

r4success The record is in a valid position.

r4after The record was not found. The data file is positioned to the record after.

r4eof The record was not found and the search value was greater than the last key of the tag. Consequently, **d4goEof** was called to turn the *EOF* condition on.

r4locked A required lock failed. The database is in an invalid position, and a explicit positioning statement, such as **d4top** should be called prior to calling **d4skip**.

r4unique This value is returned when a record flush causes a duplicate key in a unique tag, and **t4unique** returned **r4unique** for the tag.

< 0 An error has occurred during the repositioning.

Locking: If record buffer flushing is required, the record and index files are locked. If **CODE4.readLock** is true (non-zero), the new record is locked before it is read. See **d4flush** and **code4unlockAuto** for details on how any necessary locking and unlocking is accomplished.

See Also: **d4flush, code4unlockAuto**

```
EX62.BAS
     'ex62 example code
Sub ExCode
     Dim cb As Long, db As Long, tag As Lo  ng
```

```
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "DBF" )
    tag = d4tag( db, "NAME_TAG" )  'a tag with a '.NOT.DELETED()' filter

    rc = d4top( db )              'position to the first record that is not deleted
    Call d4delete( db )       'current record is no longer located in the tag

    rc = d4tagSync( db, tag )
    rc = d4skip( db, 1 )

    'some other code
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4top

Usage: rc% = d4top(DATA4&)

Description: The top record of the data file is read into the data file record buffer and the current record number is updated. The selected tag is used to determine which is the top logical record. If no tag is selected, the first physical record of the data file is read.

Returns:

r4success Success.

r4eof End of File (Empty tag or data file.)

r4locked A required lock attempt did not succeed. This was either a lock to flush changes to disk, or an attempt to lock the top record as required when **CODE4.readLock** is true (non-zero).

r4unique This value is returned when a record flush causes a duplicate key in a unique tag, and **t4unique** returned **r4unique** for the tag.

< 0 Error.

Locking: If record buffer flushing is required, the record and index files are locked to accomplish this task. If **CODE4.readLock** is true (non-zero), the top record is locked before it is read. See **d4flush** and **code4unlockAuto** for details on how any necessary locking and unlocking is accomplished.

See Also: **d4bottom**, **d4bof**, **d4eof, code4readLock, code4unlockAuto, d4flush**

```
EX63.BAS
    'ex63 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, defaultTag As Long
    Dim rc As Integer, count As Long

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
    defaultTag = d4tagDefault( db )

    Call d4tagSelect( db, defaultTag )
    count = 0
    rc = d4top( db )                        'top record in default tag
    Do While d4eof(db) = 0
        count = count + 1
        rc = d4skip( db, 1 )
    Loop
    Form1.Print Str$( count ) + " records in the tag" + t4alias( defaultTag )

    rc = d4close( db )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4unlock

Usage: rc% = d4unlock(DATA4&)

Description: **d4unlock** writes any changes to disk and removes any file locks on the data file and its corresponding index and memo files. Locks on individual records and/or the append bytes are also removed.

d4unlock writes any changes to disk prior to removing the file locks. When disk caching software is used, these disk writes may not immediately be placed on disk. If this is a concern, call **d4flush** to bypass the disk caching. Doing this, however, sacrifices some application performance.

Returns:

r4success Success.

r4unique The record was not flushed due to the following circumstances: first, writing the record caused a duplicate key in a unique key tag. In addition, **t4unique** returns **r4unique**. Regardless, the data and any corresponding index and memo files were unlocked.

< 0 Error.

Locking: If record buffer flushing is required, the record and index files are locked. See **d4flush** and **code4unlockAuto** for details on how any necessary locking and unlocking is accomplished. If a required lock fails, then the flushing does not occur.

d4unlock removes all the locks from the data file and its index and memo files regardless of whether the flushing was successful.

See Also: **code4lock**, **d4flush**, **d4lockAdd**, **d4lock, d4flush, code4unlockAuto**

```
EX64.BAS
    'ex64 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, nameTag As Long, name As Long
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
    nameTag = d4tag( db, "NAME" )
    name = d4field( db, "NAME" )

    Call error4exitTest( cb )
    rc = d4lockAll( db )
    Call d4tagSelect( db, nameTag )

    rc = d4top( db )
    Do While rc = r4success
        If StrComp( f4str( name ), "John          " ) = 0 Then
            Form1.Print "John in record " + Str$( d4recNo( db ) )
        Else
            Exit Do
        End If
        rc = d4skip( db, 1 )
    Loop

    rc = d4unlock( db )
    rc = d4close( db )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4write

Usage: rc% = d4write(DATA4&, recordNumber&)

Description: **d4write** explicitly writes the current record buffer to a specific record in the data file. If *recordNumber* is **(long)** -1, the current record number is used.

The 'record changed flag' for the current record buffer is reset to unchanged (zero). The record buffer is NOT flushed. In fact, **d4flushData** uses **d4write** to perform flushing.

The record is written regardless of the status of the 'record changed flag'. **d4write** also locks and updates all open index files. Finally, **d4write** checks to see if any memo fields have been changed. If they have, they are updated to disk and the record buffer references to the memo entries are updated.

Parameters:

recordNumber *recordNumber* specifies the record to which the record buffer is written. This may reference any valid record number. If *recordNumber* is **(long)** -1, the current record buffer is written to the current record.

Returns:

r4success Success.

r4locked A required lock attempt did not succeed. If there was a problem locking the record or an index file tag, the record will not have been written. However, if the problem was due to not being able to lock the memo file when extending the memo file, only that memo file entry will not have been written.

r4unique The record was not written due to the following circumstances: first, writing the record caused a duplicate key in a unique key tag. In addition, **t4unique** for the tag returned **r4unique**.

< 0 Error.

Note

Usually, it is not necessary to explicitly call **d4write**. If the data file is modified using a field function, the record is written automatically upon skipping, seeking, flushing, going, or closing. This is possible because the record changed flag determines whether the data file record buffer has been written to disk since it was last changed. When using **d4write** on a modified record buffer, it may be a good idea to call **d4appendStart**, to suspend flushing, before changing the record buffer with the field functions.

Locking: **d4write** locks the record and may lock the index files during the write. See **code4unlockAuto** for details on how any necessary locking and unlocking is accomplished.

```
EX65.BAS
     'ex65 example code
Sub ExCode
     Dim cb As Long, db As Long
     Dim rc As Integer, numRecs As Long, i As Integer

     cb = code4init( )
     rc = code4accessMode( cb, OPEN4DENY_RW )
     db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )

     rc = d4go( db, 1 )
          'Make all the records in the data file the same as the first record
     numRecs = d4recCount( db )
     For i    = numRecs To 2 Step -1
          If d4write( db, numRecs ) <> 0 Then Exit For
     Next

     rc = d4close( db )
     rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

d4zap

Usage: rc% = d4zap(DATA4&, startRec&, endRec&)

Description: **d4zap** removes the stated range of records from the data file. This range is always specified using record number ordering. Consequently, if *endRec* is less than *startRec*, no records are removed. Once the records are removed, **d4zap** also reindexes all open index files.

To zap the entire data file, call **d4zap** with *startRec* equal to 1 and *endRec* equal to a really large number or equal to **d4recCount**.

After **d4zap** completes, the contents of the record buffer and the record number are undefined. Explicitly call a positioning function such as **d4top** to position to a desired record.

d4zap does not alter the memo file. Consequently, memo entries referenced by removed records will be wasted disk space. Call **d4memoCompress** to compress the memo file.

WARNING

Be careful when using this function as it can immediately remove large numbers of records. It can also take a long time to complete. Appropriate backup measures should be taken before calling this function. **d4zap** does not make a backup file.

WARNING

This member function may not be used to remove records from a data file while a transaction is in progress. Attempts to do so fail and generate an **e4transViolation** error.

Parameters:

startRec This is the first record to remove from the data file. If *startRec* is greater than the number of records in the data file, nothing happens.

endRec This is the last record to remove from the data file. This parameter may be greater than the actual number of records in the data file.

Returns:

r4success Success.

r4locked A required lock attempt did not succeed.

r4unique A repeat key occurred while rebuilding a unique-key tag. In this case **t4unique** returns **r4unique** for the tag so an error is not generated. Consequently, one of the index files was not reindexed correctly. The data file was successfully zapped.

< 0 Error.

Locking: **d4zap** locks the data file and its index files. See **code4unlockAuto** for details on how any necessary locking and unlocking is accomplished.

See Also: **d4pack**, **d4memoCompress, code4unlockAuto**

```
EX66.BAS
    'ex66 example code
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long
    Dim rc As Long
Function zapLast( toDelete As Long )
    Form1.Print d4alias(db) + " has " + Str$(d4recCount(db)) + " records"
    rc = d4zap( db, d4recCount(db) - toDelete + 1, 1000000 )
    Form1.Print d4alias(db) + " now has " + Str$(d4recCount(db)) + " records"
    zapLast = d4r ecCount(db)
End Function

Sub ExCode
    Dim toDelete As Long

    cb = code4init( )
    rc = code4accessMode( cb, OPEN4DENY_RW )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
    toDelete = 2
    rc = zapLast( toDelete )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

Date Functions

date4assign	date4init
date4cdow	date4isLeap
date4cmonth	date4long
date4day	date4month
date4dow	date4today
date4format	date4year

The date functions are used to perform basic manipulations on dates. This is necessary because dBASE, FoxPro, Clipper, and CodeBase store dates in "CCYYMMDD" format on disk (eg. January 1, 1990 is stored as "19900101"). This date format, however, is not one that most people use in day to day life, nor are character strings particularly easy to use in mathematical computations.

Note

Date arithmetic is done using Julian days. A Julian day is defined as the number of days since Jan. 1, 4713 BC. The smallest Julian day that can be used is 1721425L (Dec. 30, 0000).

The date functions are low level. Consequently, it is not necessary to have a **CODE4** structure initialized before these functions may be used.

```
EX67.BAS
    'ex67 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, birthField As Long, birthTag As Long
    Dim today As String, tomorrow As String, result As String, yesterday As String
    Dim myBirthDate As String, rc As Integer

    Call date4today( today )
    Call date4format( today, result, "MMMMMMMM DD, CCYY" )
    Form1.Print "Today is " + date4cdow( today ) + "    " + result

    Call date4assign( tomorrow, date4long( today ) + 1 )
    Call date4format( tomorrow, result, "MMMMMMMM DD, CCYY" )
    Form1.Print "Tomorrow is " + date4cdow( tomorrow ) + " " +  result

    Call date4assign( yesterday, date4long( tomorrow ) -2 )
    Call date4format( yesterday, result, "MMMMMMMM DD, CCYY")
    Form1.Print "Yesterday was " + date4cdow( yesterday ) + " " +  result

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
    birthField = d4field( db, "BIRTH_DATE" )
    birthTag = d4tag( db, "BIRTH  _TAG" )
    Call d4tagSelect( db, birthTag )
    myBirthDate = "19690225"
    If d4seek( db, myBirthDate ) = r4success Then
        Form1.Print "I'm in record " + Str$( d4recNo( db ) )
    End If

    'change all birthdate fields to my birth date
    rc = d4top( db )
    Do While d4eof( db ) = 0
        Call f4assign( birthField, myBirthDate )
        rc = d4skip( db, 1 )
    Loop

    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

Date Function Reference

date4assign

Usage: Call date4assign(date$, julianDay&)

Description: A **long** integer, in Julian date form, is converted into a character date and copied into *date*.

This function is the inverse function of **date4long**.

Parameters:

date The parameter *date* must be **string** of at least eight characters. The character form is in the "CCYYMMDD" (century, year, month, day) format. All of the date functions, which have *date* as an parameter, use this definition.

julianDay This is a **long** integer, which is date in Julian date form.

See Also: Date functions chapter in User's Guide

```
EX68.BAS
    'ex68 example cod e
Sub ExCode
    Dim dateStr As String, dayBefore As String, result As String, resultBefore As String

    dateStr = "19900101"

    Call date4assign( dayBefore, date4long(dateStr) - 1 )
    Call date4format( dateStr, result, "MMM DD, 'YY")
    Call date4format( dayBefore, resultBefore, "MMM DD, 'YY")
    Form1.Print result + " is after " + resultBefore
End Sub
```

date4cdow

Usage: day$ = date4cdow(date$)

Description: A **string,** representing the day of the week corresponding to *date* is returned.

Parameters:

date This is a **string** containing a date of the form "CCYYMMDD".

Returns: A **string** containing the day of the week is returned.

If *date* does not contain a valid date, a zero length **string** is returned.

See Also: **date4day**, **date4cmonth**

```
EX69.BAS
    'ex69 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim birthDate As String

    birthDate = InputBox( "Enter your birth date in CCYYMMDD format" )
    Form1.Print "You were born on a " + date4cdow( birthDate )
    'displays "You were born on a Monday" if a Monday was entered
End Sub
```

date4cmonth

Usage: month$ = date4cmonth(date$)

Description: A **string** containing the month of the year corresponding to *date* is returned.

Parameters:

date This is a **string** in the form of "CCYYMMDD".

Returns: A **string** containing the month of the year is returned.

If *date* does not contain a valid date, a zero length **string** is returned.

See Also: **date4month**

```
EX70.BAS
    'ex70 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim today As String

    Call date4today( today )
    Form1.Print "The current month is " + date4cmonth( today )
    'displays "The current month is January" if the system clock says that it is
End Sub
```

date4day

Usage: day% = date4day(date$)

Description: The day of the month, from 1 to 31, corresponding to *date*, is returned as an integer. If the *date* contains an invalid date, zero is returned.

See Also: **date4cdow**, **date4dow**

date4dow

Usage: dow% = date4dow(date$)

Description: The day of the week, from 1 to 7, is returned as an integer according to the following table:

Day	Numeric Day of Week
Sunday	1
Monday	2
Tuesday	3
Wednesday	4
Thursday	5
Friday	6
Saturday	7

See Also: **date4cdow**, **date4day**

```
EX71.BAS
    'ex71 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim tillEnd As Integer, dateStr As String
```

```
    Call date4today( dateStr )
    tillEnd = 7 - date4dow( dateStr )
    Form1.Print Str$( tillEnd ) + " days left till the end of the week"
End Sub
```

date4format

Usage: Call date4format(date$, result$, picture$)

Description: *date* is formatted according to the date picture parameter *picture* and copied into parameter *result*. The special formatting characters are 'C' - Century, 'Y' - Year, 'M' - Month, and 'D' - Day. If there are more than two 'M' characters, a character representation of the month is returned.

Parameters:

date A **string** in standard date format “CCYYMMDD”.

result This is a **string** into which the formatted date will be copied. *result* does not have to be dimensioned, since **date4format** will change the length of *result* to match that of *picture.*

picture This is a **string** that contains a date picture, which specifies the format of *result*.

```
EX72.BAS
    'ex72 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim dt As String, result As String

    dt = "19901002"
    Call date4format( dt, result, "YY.MM.DD" )       'result will contain "90.10.02"
    Form1.Print result
    Call date4format( dt, result, "CCYY.MM.DD" )     'result will contain "1990.10.02"
    Form1.Print result
    Call date4format( dt, result, "MM/DD/YY" )       'result will contain "10/02/90"
    Form1.Print result
    Call date4format( dt, result, "MMM DD/CCYY" )    'result will contain "Oct 02/1990"
    Form1.Print result
End Sub
```

date4init

Usage: Call date4init(date$, value$, picture$)

Description: The *date* is initialized from parameter *value*. The parameter *value* must be formatted according to picture parameter *picture*.

This is the inverse function of **date4format**.

If any part of the date is missing, the missing portion is filled in using the date January 1, 1980.

Parameters:

date After the call to **date4init** is completed, *date* will contain a **string** in standard date format “CCYYMMDD”.

value This is a **string** that represents a date..

picture This **string** specifies the format of the parameter *value*.

See Also: Date Functions chapter in the Users Guide, **date4assign**

```
EX73.BAS
    'ex73 example code
```

```
Sub ExCode
    Dim dayStr As String

    'date4init puts a given date in CCYYMMDD format
    Call date4init( dayStr, "Oct 07/90", "MMM DD/YY" )
    Form1.Print "Oct 07/90 becomes " + dayStr
    Call date4init( dayStr, "08/07/1989", "MM/DD/CCYY" )
    Form1.Print "08/07/1989 becomes " + dayStr
End Sub
```

date4isLeap

Usage: isLeap% = date4isLeap(date$)

Description: This function is used to determine whether *date* contains a date within a leap year.

Returns:

Non-zero The date is within a leap year.

0 The date is invalid, or the date is not within a leap year.

date4long

Usage: julianDay& = date4long(date$)

Description: **date4long** converts *date* from standard format to a Julian day.

Note

You can use **date4long** to verify whether a date value is legitimate by checking for a negative return code.

Returns:

< 0 The date value was not legitimate.

0 The date was blank.

> 0 A Julian date value representing the date.

See Also: **f4long, f4assignLong**

```
EX74.BAS
    'ex74 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim yesterday As Long, today As String, tomorrow As String, result As String

    Call date4today( today )
    yesterday = date4long( today ) - 1
    Call date4assign( tomorrow, yesterday + 2 )
    Call date4format( today, result, "MMM DD, CCYY" )
    Form1.Print "Today is " + result
    Form1.Print "The Julian date for   yesterday is " + Str$( yesterday )
    Form1.Print "The Julian date for tomorrow is " + Str$( date4long( tomorrow ) )
End Sub
```

date4month

Usage: month% = date4month(date$)

Description: The month of *date*, from 1 to 12, is returned as an integer. If the date stored in *date* is invalid, 0 is returned.

See Also: **date4cmonth**

```
EX75.BAS
    'ex75 example code
Sub ExCode ()
    Dim daysInMonth() As Integer
    Dim endOfMonth As Integer, today As String

    ReDim daysInMonth(1 To 12)   As Integer
    daysInMonth(1) = 31
    daysInMonth(2) = 28
    daysInMonth(3) = 31
    daysInMonth(4) = 30
    daysInMonth(5) = 31
    daysInMonth(6) = 30
    daysInMonth(7) = 31
    daysInMonth(8) = 31
    daysInMonth(9) = 30
    daysInMonth(10) = 31
    daysInMonth(11) = 30
    daysInMonth(12) = 31

    Call date4today(today)
    endOfMonth = daysInMonth(date4month(today))
    If date4month(today) = 2 And date4isLeap(today) = 1 Then
        endOfMonth = endOfMonth + 1
    End If
    Form1.Print "There are " + Str$(endOfMonth - date4day(today)) +
                                                          " days till the end of the month"
End Sub
```

date4today

Usage: Call date4today(date$)

Description: **date4today** sets *date* to the current date from the system clock.

See Also: **date4assign**

```
EX76.BAS
    'ex76 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim d As String, daysToWeekEnd As Integer

    Call date4today( d )
    Form1.Print "Today is " + date4cdow( d )
    daysToWeekEnd = 7 - date4dow( d )
    If daysToWeekEnd = 0 Or daysToWeekEnd = 6 Then
        Form1.Print "Better enjoy it!"
    Else
        Form1.Print "Only "  + Str$(daysToWeekEnd) + " days to go till the weekend"
    End If
End Sub
```

date4year

Usage: year% = date4year(date$)

Description: The century/year of *date* is returned as an integer. If the date contains blanks, 0 is returned.

See Also: **date4format**, **date4month**, **date4day**

```
EX77.BAS
    'ex77 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, bDate As Long
    Dim date1 As String, date2 As String, year1 As Integer, year2 As Integer
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
    bDate = d4field( db, "BIRTH_DATE" )
```

```
    rc = d4top( db )
    date1 = Mid( f4str(bDate), 1 )                  'make a copy of the field's contents
    rc = d4skip( db, 1 )
    date2 = Mid( f4str(bDate), 1 )
    year1 = date4year( date1 )
    year2 = date4year( date2 )
    If  year1 <> year2 Then
        Form1.Print "The people in the 1st and 2nd records were born in different years "
                                                + Str$(year1) + ", " + Str$(year2 )
    Else
        Form1.Print "The people in the 1st and 2nd records were born in the same year"
                                                                              + Str$(year1)
    End If

    rc = d4close( db )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

Error Functions

error4	error4file
error4describe	error4set
error4exitTest	error4text

Once a CodeBase error is generated, CodeBase functions from most modules will do nothing, until instructed to do otherwise. In addition, once any CodeBase function generates an error, functions from most modules return an error.

This feature is very useful because it becomes unnecessary to constantly check for error returns. For example, it may be appropriate to open a number of files and then check the error code. Note that it is easy to reset the error code. An exception to the above rule are functions, such as **d4close**, which close files. These functions always close any file that is open and free appropriate memory.

The modules which do nothing except return an error once an error has occurred are as follows: data, file, index file, tag, expression evaluation, field, memo, sort and relate. All of these modules are initialized with a pointer to the **CODE4** structure and thereby have access to the error code.

CodeBase displays most error messages through the error functions **error4** and **error4describe**. When the error function is called, the first parameter specifies an integer constant defined in the header file "CODEBASE.BAS". The error function uses this constant to lookup and display a small error description. Refer to Appendix A for a list of the integer constants, their small error descriptions and a more detailed explanation.

Error Function Reference

error4

Usage: rc% = error4(CODE4&, errCode%, extraInfo&)

Description: This function sets the error code and displays an error message.

Once an error code has been set, functions from many modules do nothing except return an error. Refer to the introduction.

Parameters:

CODE4 A pointer to a **CODE4** structure.

errCode This is an error code corresponding to the error. Its potential values are defined in "CODEBASE.BAS". This value is assigned to variable **CODE4.errorCode**.

extraInfo This stores a code which may be used to contain some additional diagnostic information on the error and where it originated within the

CodeBase library. The pre-defined constant values which are passed by CodeBase may be found in file "CODEBASE.BAS".

Returns: The parameter *errCode* is returned.

See Also: **code4errOff**, **code4errorCode, error4text,** Appendix A: Error Codes

error4describe

Usage: rc% = error4describe(CODE4&, errCode%, extraInfo&, desc1$, desc2$, desc3$)

Description: These functions are used to report errors to the program and the end user. When an error occurs within the CodeBase library, either **error4** or **error4describe** is called.

Parameters:

CODE4 A pointer to a **CODE4** structure.

errCode This is an error code corresponding to the error. CodeBase recognizes the values specified in "Appendix A: Error Codes". This value is assigned to **CODE4.errorCode**.

extraInfo This is a variable which contains extra information for the error processing. It is only used internally.

desc1 This string contains the first line of the error message. If *desc1* is a zero length string, no additional information on the error is displayed.

desc2 This string contains the second line of the error message. If *desc2* is a zero length string, only the message in *desc1* is displayed.

desc3 This string contains the final line of the error message. If *desc3* is a zero length string, only *desc1* and *desc2* messages are displayed.

Returns: *errCode* is returned.

See Also: **CODE4.errOff**, **CODE4.errorCode, error4, error4text, E4OFF_STRING**, "Appendix A: Error Codes"

```
EX78.BAS
    'ex78 example code
    Dim cb As Long, rc As Integer

Function display( p As String )
    If p = "" Then
        display = error4describe( cb, e4parm, 0 , "Null display string", "", "" )
    End If
    Form1.Print p
    display = r4success
End Function

Sub ExCode
    Dim p As  String

    p = "some string"
    cb = code4init()
    rc = display( p )
    rc = display( "" )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

error4exitTest

Usage: Call error4exitTest(CODE4&)

Description: This function tests to see if there has been an error. If **CODE4.errorCode** is negative, **code4exit** is called to exit the application. If **CODE4.errorCode** is zero or a positive value, **error4exitTest** returns and the application continues to execute.

```
EX79.BAS
     'ex79 example code
Sub ExCode
     Dim cb As Long, db As Long,   rc As Integer

     cb = code4init( )
     db = d4open( cb, fPath + "FILE"  )
     Call error4exitTest( cb )
     '... other code....
     rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

error4file

Usage: rc% = error4file(CODE4&, fileName$, overwrite%)

Description: This function re-directs the messages of the standard error functions to a file instead of displaying them on the screen. This is useful for tracking error messages without interrupting program execution.

Parameters:

CODE4 A pointer to a **CODE4** structure.

fileName *fileName* is a string containing the file name in which the error messages are written. If *fileName* contains a path, it is used, otherwise the file is written in the current directory. If the file does not exist, it is created.

overwrite If *fileName* already exists, *overwrite* is used to determine whether the new error messages are added to the end of the file, or any existing errors should be overwritten. If *overwrite* is true (non-zero), the default, the contents of the file are erased as it is opened. If *overwrite* is false (zero), new error messages are appended to the end of the file.

Returns:

r4success The error file was successfully opened or created.

r4noCreate The error file could not be opened or created with the file name and path provided.

See Also: **error4**

error4set

Usage: rc% = error4set(CODE4&, errCode%)

Description: This function sets the **CODE4.errorCode** member variable to *errCode* and returns the previous setting. **error4set** does not display an error message, even if *errCode* is an error value.

Returns: The previous setting of is returned.

See Also: **code4errorCode**

error4text

Usage: errMsg$ = error4text(CODE4&, errCode&)

Description: This function retrieves a string containing an error message associated with an error code. Often, this error code is obtained from **CODE4.errorCode**.

This is a string that CodeBase displays, by default, when an error is generated.

Returns: A string containing the error message.

See Also: **code4errorCode**

Expression Evaluation Functions

expr4data	expr4parse
expr4double	expr4source
expr4free	expr4str
expr4len	expr4true

This module evaluates dBASE expressions, which are used to specify tag keys and filters. For example, dBASE expression evaluation could also be useful in applications where a user enters an expression interactively in order to specify relation queries.

Note

Avoid using this module to perform calculations on fields. To do this, use the field functions and regular Visual Basic functions. Otherwise, your application will execute slower than necessary.

CodeBase evaluates expressions as a two step process. First, the expression is pseudo-compiled. Then the pseudo-compiled expression is executed to return the result. This is efficient when expressions are evaluated repeatedly, since the pseudo-compiled form only needs to be generated once.

"Appendix C: dBASE Expressions" describes the supported dBASE expressions in-depth.

The following example uses the expression functions to return the contents of the fields "FNAME" and "LNAME".

```
EX80.BAS
     'ex80 example code
Sub ExCode
     Dim cb As Long, db As Long, expr As Long
     Dim rc As Integer

     cb = code4init( )
     db = d4open( cb, fPath + "DATA1" )
     rc = d4go( db, 1 )
     'FNAME and LNAME are character field names of data file DATA1.DBF

     expr = expr4parse( db, "FNAME+' '+LNAME" )
     Form1.Print "FNAME and LNAME for record one: " + expr4str( expr )

     Call expr4free( expr )
     rc = d4close( db )
     rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

Expression Function Reference

expr4data

Usage: DATA4& = expr4data(EXPR4&)

Description: A pointer to a **DATA4** structure for *EXPR'S* database is returned.

Example: See **expr4double**

expr4double

Usage: double# = expr4double(EXPR4&)

Description: The expression is evaluated and the result is returned as a **double**. This operator assumes that if the dBASE expression evaluates to a character result, the result is a character representation of a decimal number. If the result is a numeric result, it is cast to a **double**. If the expression evaluates to a date value, **expr4double** converts the resulting date into a Julian date value.

Parameters:

EXPR4 This is a **long** integer pointer to an **EXPR4** structure, obtained by calling **expr4parse**. This definition of *EXPR4* applies to all the expression functions using this parameter.

Returns: **expr4double** returns the **double** value of the evaluated expression. Since there is no error return on this operator, check the **CODE4**.**errorCode**, or call **error4exitTest** to determine if an error occurred.

```
EX81.BAS
    'ex81 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, expr As Long
    Dim rc As Integer, count As Long, VoteAge As Double

    VoteAge = 18
    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
    expr = expr4parse( db, "AGE" )
    count = 0
    rc = d4top( db )
    Do While rc <> r4eof
        If expr4double( expr ) >= VoteAge Then
            count = count + 1
        End If
        rc = d4skip( db, 1 )
    Loop
    Form1.Print "Possible voters: " + Str$( count )
    Call expr4free( expr )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

expr4free

Usage: Call expr4free(EXPR4&)

Description: All of the memory associated with the parsed expression is freed. If *EXPR4* has already been freed then the result is undefined. There should be exactly one call to **expr4free** for each call to **expr4parse**.

If the call to **expr4parse** is unsuccessful (invalid), a call to **expr4free** is optional.

Parameters:

EXPR4 A pointer to the expression's **EXPR4** structure.

See Also: **expr4parse**

Example: See the introduction.

expr4len

Usage: len% = expr4len(EXPR4&)

Description: The length of the expression is returned. This maximum length is determined when the expression is initially pseudo-compiled with **expr4parse**.

The length of the evaluated expression is not altered by using the dBASE functions TRIM() or LTRIM(), since these functions do nothing when a field is filled.

Returns: The length of the expression is returned.

```
EX82.BAS
    'ex82 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, fullName As Long
    Dim rc As Integer, nameStr As String, nextName As String

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "DATA1" )

    rc = d4top( db )
    fullName = expr4parse( db, "TRIM( L_NAME )+', '+F_NAME" )
    nameStr = expr4str( fullName )

    rc = d4skip( db, 1 )
    nextName  = expr4str( fullName )
             'For illustration purposes only: Avoid using the expression module
             'when the field functions will suffice
    Form1.Print nameStr + " is the first person in the data file"
    Form1.Print nextName + " is the second person in the data file "

    Call expr4free( fullName )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

expr4parse

Usage: EXPR4& = expr4parse(DATA4&, expression$)

Description: A dBASE expression is pseudo-compiled (parsed) and an **EXPR4** structure is created to contain the newly parsed expression.

expr4parse dynamically allocates memory. Once the expression is no longer needed, it is a good idea to free the memory with **expr4free**.

Parameters:

DATA4 If a field name without a data file qualifier is specified in the expression it is assumed to be associated with the data file referenced by *DATA4*. Parameter *DATA4* is also used to access a pointer to the **CODE4** structure for error message generation.

expression A string containing the dBASE expression to be parsed.

Returns:

! 0 A pointer to an **EXPR4** structure containing the parse information.

0 The expression could not be parsed and an error has occurred.

See Also: **code4errExpr**

```
EX83.BAS
    'ex83 example code
```

```
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, info As Long, expr As Long
    Dim  rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb , fPath + "DATA1" )
    info = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )

    expr = expr4parse( db, "F_NAME+' '+DTOS( INFO->BIRTH_DATE)" )
    rc = d4top( db )
    rc = d4top( info )
    Form1.Print "First name from DAT  A1 and birth date from INFO: " + expr4str( expr )

    rc = code4close( cb )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

expr4source

Usage: source$ = expr4source(EXPR4&)

Description: **expr4source** returns a copy of the original parsed dBASE expression **string.**

expr4str

Usage: result$ = expr4str(EXPR4&)

Description: The expression is evaluated and the parsed string is returned.

Returns: If the result of the evaluated expression is a **r4date** type, a string of the form “CCYYMMDD” is returned. If the result is a **r4str** type, then a character string is returned. If the result is a **r4num**, **r4numDoub**, **r4log** or **r4dateDoub** type, an error is generated. Refer to the return values of **expr4type** for details about the different types of dBASE expressions. Check **CODE4.errorCode** to determine whether an error has occurred.

See Also: **expr4type**

expr4true

Usage: log% = expr4true(EXPR4&)

Description: The expression is evaluated and assuming the expression evaluates to a logical result, either true (> zero) or false (zero) is returned.

If the expression is not logical, an error message is generated and **CODE4.errorCode** is set to an appropriate error value. In this case, the return code from **expr4true** should be ignored.

Parameters:

EXPR4 A pointer to the expression’s **EXPR4** structure.

Returns:

> 0 The evaluated expression was true (> zero) for the current record.

0 The evaluated expression was false (zero) for the current record.

< 0 Error.

See Also: **expr4source**

expr4type

Usage: type$ = expr4type(EXPR4&)

Description: The type of the evaluated dBASE expression is returned.

Parameters:

expr A pointer to the expression's **EXPR4** structure.

Returns: The specific format returned is the format of the information returned when the expression is evaluated using function **expr4vary**.

r4date A date formatted as a character array in "CCYYMMDD" format.

r4dateDoub A Julian date, formatted as a double, is returned. A **(double)** 0 value represents a blank date.

r4log An integer with a true (non-zero) or false (zero) value.

r4num A numeric value formatted as displayable characters.

r4numDoub A numeric value formatted as a **(double)**.

r4str A string of characters.

See Also: **expr4double**

```
EX84.BAS
    'ex84 example code
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, expr As Long
    Dim rc As Integer

Sub showExpr( )
    Select Case expr4type( expr )
        Case r4date
            Form1.Print "type is r4date"
        Case r4dateDoub
            Form1.Print "type is r4dateDoub"
        Case r4log
            Form1.Print "type is r4log"
        Case r4num
            Form1.Print "typ e is r4num"
        Case r4numDoub
            Form1.Print "type is r4numDoub"
        Case r4str
            Form1.Print "type is r4str"
        Case r4memo
            Form1.Print "type is r4memo"
    End Select
End Sub

Sub ExCode

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
    rc = d4top( db )

    expr = expr4parse( db, "NAME" )
    Call showExpr
    Call expr4free( expr )

    expr = expr4parse( db, "AGE" )
    Call showExpr
    Call expr4free( expr )

    expr = expr4parse( db, "BIRTH_DATE" )
    Call showExpr
    Call expr4free( expr )

    rc = code4close( cb )
```

```
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

Field Functions

f4assign	f4long
f4assignChar	f4memoAssign
f4assignDouble	f4memoAssignN
f4assignField	f4memoFree
f4assignInt	f4memoLen
f4assignLong	f4memoStr
f4assignN	f4memoStr64
f4blank	f4name
f4char	f4number
f4data	f4ptr
f4decimals	f4str
f4double	f4true
f4int	f4type
f4len	

The field functions are used to access and store information in the data file record buffers and to obtain information about fields.

Access to the contents of a database field depend upon the database being positioned to a valid record. That is, no assignments or retrieval of information may be done if the database is just opened or created and has not been explicitly positioned (e.g. calling **d4top**, **d4go**, etc.), if the database is in an End of File condition, or if the database is in any other invalid position as described by the data file functions.

Field Types

dBASE data files, including those created and used by CodeBase, have several possible field types:

Character Fields

Character fields usually store character information. The maximum width, for dBASE/FoxPro file compatibility, is 254 characters. However, you can increase the width to the CodeBase maximum, 32K, and still maintain Clipper data file compatibility.

CodeBase lets you store any binary data, including normal alphanumeric characters, in a Character field.

Date Fields

Date fields, of width 8, contain information in the following character format: CCYYMMDD (Century, Year, Month, Day).

Eg. "19900430" is April, 30th, 1990

For more information on dates refer to the date functions chapter in the User's Guide.

Floating Point Fields

dBASE IV introduced this field type. With regard to how data is stored in the data file, this field type is identical to a Numeric field. CodeBase treats this field type as a Numeric field.

Logical

This field type, of width 1, stores logical data as one of the following characters: Y, y, N, n, T, t, F or f.

Memo Fields

This is a memo field. It is more complicated than other field types because the variable length memo field data is stored in a separate memo

file. The data file contains a ten byte reference into the memo file.

By using the memo field functions this extra complexity is hidden. From a user perspective, the memo fields are similar to Character fields.

There can be lots of data for a single memo field entry. Most 16 bit compilers are limited to 64K memo entries, while 32 bit compilers can store gigabytes per memo entry. A memo entry may store binary as well as character data.

The field functions do not manipulate the memo entries. In order to manipulate memo entries, refer to the memo field functions.

Numeric Fields

This field type is used to store numbers in character format. The maximum length of the field depends on the format of the file.

File Format	Field Length	Maximum Number of Decimals
Clipper	1 to 19	minimum of (length - 2) and 15
FoxPro	1 to 20	(length - 1)
dBASE IV	1 to 20	(length - 2)

In the data file, the numbers are represented by using the following characters: '+', '-', '.', and '0' through '9'.

Binary Fields

CodeBase treats this field type as though it was a memo field, except that the associated memo file contains binary information. The memo field functions should be used to manipulate the binary entry. This field type provides compatibility with other products that can manipulate binary fields.

General Fields

CodeBase treats this field type as though it was a memo field, except that the associated memo file contains OLEs. This field type is not directly supported by CodeBase, but it provides compatibility with other products, such as FoxPro, which can manipulate OLEs.

Note

Since the dBASE data file standard (used by Clipper and FoxPro) stores all information in the data file as characters, the character based assignment and retrieval functions may be used no matter the defined type of the field.

The Record Buffer

For those interested in dBASE data file internals, field information is stored consecutively without any kind of separator.

Example Record:

"*T19900430Mary17.2"

The first byte represents the single character deletion flag in which the '*' means the record is marked for deletion. Next comes the character 'T' which is likely to be logical field data. Following the 'T' is "19000430"

which could correspond to a date field. The data "Mary" is likely to correspond to a Character field of width 4. Finally, "17.2" is probably a numeric field with a width of 4 and 1 decimal.

```
EX85.BAS
    'ex85 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, birthDate As Long
    Dim rc As Integer, today As String, result As String, ageInDays As Long

    cb = code4init( )
    rc = code4accessMode( cb, OPEN4DENY_RW )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
    birthDate = d4field( db, "BIRTH_DATE"    )
    error4exitTest( cb )

    rc = d4go( db, 1 )
    Call date4today( today )
    ageInDays = date4long( today ) - date4long( f4str( birthDate ) )
    Form1.Print "Age in days: " + Str$( ageInDays )

    'display all current birth dates in formatted form
    rc = d4top( db )
    Do While rc = r4success
        Call date4format( f4str( birthDate ), result, "MMM DD, CCYY" )
        Form1.Print result
        rc = d4skip( db, 1 )
    Loop

    'assign today's date to all birth dates in the data file
    rc = d4top( db )
    Do While rc = r4success
        Call f4ass ign( birthDate, today )
        rc = d4skip( db , 1 )
    Loop

    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

The f4memo Functions

Many memo field functions are similar to corresponding field functions except that they make memo file entries act like the contents of a Character field. Note that memo entries are stored in separate memo files. All that is kept in the data file is a reference to the memo file.

The memo field functions support all of the field types. Consequently it is best to use them when writing generic functions which need to work with all field types.

Field Function Reference

f4assign

Usage: Call f4assign(FIELD4&, data$)

Description: The existing field's value is replaced by the information contained in the string *data*.

If the length of the new data is less than the field length, then the extra space in the field is filled with blanks. On the other hand, if *data* contains too much data, the extra data is ignored.

WARNING

CodeBase does not do any field type checking. It is the programmer's responsibility to ensure that appropriate data is being assigned. Refer to **f4assignDouble**.
Example Error:

```
// This creates a formatting problem unless
// the numeric field is of width two with zero decimals.
f4assign( numericFieldPtr, "33");
```

Parameters:

FIELD4 A pointer to a field's **FIELD4** structure.

data A **string** containing the field information that is to be written.

See Also: **f4assignDouble.**

f4assignChar

Usage: Call f4assignChar (FIELD4&, Asc(chr$))

Description: The contents of the specified field are replaced by the value **Asc(***chr***)**, which is an integer. If the field width is greater than one, the extra characters are filled with blanks.

Parameters:

FIELD4 A pointer to a field's **FIELD4** structure.

chr *chr* is a character. The ASCII value of *chr* will replace the first character in the field.

See Also: **f4char**

f4assignDouble

Usage: Call f4assignDouble(FIELD4&, value#)

Description: The contents of the specified field are replaced by parameter *value*. There is right justified formatting.

If the field is of type Numeric or Floating Point, the number of decimals is used to help determine the formatting. Otherwise, zero decimals are used.

Parameters:

FIELD4 A pointer to a field's **FIELD4** structure.

value A **double** value that will be assigned to the field.

See Also: **f4double**

f4assignField

Usage: Call f4assignField(FIELD& fieldTo, FIELD& fieldFrom)

Description: The contents of *fieldTo* are replaced by the contents of *fieldFrom*.

Parameters:

fieldTo A pointer to a field's **FIELD4** structure whose contents will be replaced.

fieldFrom A pointer to a field's **FIELD4** structure whose contents will be copied.

Type of fieldTo	Copying Method
Character	The characters in *fieldFrom* are copied into *fieldTo* regardless of the type of *fieldFrom*. If *fieldTo* has a longer width, it is padded with blanks.
Numeric or Floating Point	If *fieldFrom* is of type Numeric or Floating Point and *fieldFrom* has the same number of decimals and the same width, then the value in *fieldFrom* is efficiently copied into *fieldTo*. Otherwise, regardless of the type of *fieldFrom*, the data in *fieldFrom* is converted into a **double** using **f4double** and then assigned using **f4assignDouble** .
Date	Information is copied only if *fieldFrom* is of type Date.
Logical	Information is copied only if *fieldFrom* is of type Logical.
Memo, Binary or General	Nothing is copied if *fieldTo* is of type Memo, Binary or General. An error is also generated.

```
EX86.BAS
     'ex86 example code
Sub ExCode
     Dim cb As Long,  db As Long, info As Long
     Dim infoName As Long, dataLname As Long
     Dim rc As Integer

     cb = code4init( )
     rc = code4accessMode( cb, OPEN4DENY_RW )
     info = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
     db = d4open( cb, fPath + "DATA1" )
     Call error4exitTest( cb )

     infoName = d4field( info, "NAME" )
     dataLname = d4field( db, "L_NAME" )
     rc = d4top( info )
     rc = d4top( db )
     Do While d4eof( info ) = 0 And d4eof( db ) = 0
          CalL f4assignField( infoName, dataLname )            'copy "L_NAME" into "NAME"
          rc = d4skip( info, 1 )
          rc = d4skip( db, 1 )
     Loop

     rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

f4assignInt

Usage: Call f4assignInt (FIELD4&, value%)

Description: The contents of the specified field are replaced by the parameter *value*. There is right justified formatting.

If the field is of type Numeric or Floating Point then any decimals are filled with zeroes.

Parameters:

field A pointer to a field's **FIELD4** structure.

value An **integer** which will replace the value in the field.

See Also: **f4int**

f4assignLong

Usage: Call f4assignLong (FIELD4&, value&)

Description: The contents of the specified field are replaced by the parameter *value*. There is right justified formatting.

If the field is of type Date then *value* should represent a Julian day.

If the field is of type Numeric or Floating Point then any decimals are filled with zeroes.

Parameters:

field A pointer to a field's **FIELD4** structure.

value A **long** which will replace the value in the field.

See Also: **f4long**

f4assignN

Usage: Call f4assignN (FIELD4&, data$, dataLen%)

Description: The contents of the specified field are replaced by the **string** *data*.

Parameters:

FIELD4 A pointer to a field's **FIELD4** structure.

data A pointer to a character array of length *dataLen*. If the length of the new data is less than the field length, then the extra space in the field is filled with blanks. On the other hand, if *data* points to too much data then the extra data is ignored.

dataLen The length of the **string**.

f4blank

Usage: Call f4blank (FIELD4&)

Description: The contents of the specified field are filled with blanks.

Parameters:

field A pointer to a field's **FIELD4** structure.

See Also: **f4assign**

f4char

Usage: AsciiVal% = f4char (FIELD4&)

Description: The ASCII value of the first character of the field is returned as an **integer.**

Parameters:

FIELD4 A pointer to a field's **FIELD4** structure.

See Also: **f4assignChar**

f4data

Usage: DATA4& = f4data(FIELD4&)

Description: This function returns a pointer to **DATA4** structure corresponding to the field.

```
EX87.BAS
    'ex87 example code

Sub displayFieldStats( f As Long )
    Dim dFile As Long

    dFile = f4data( f )
    Form1.Print "-----------------------------------------------------"
    Form1.Print "DataFile: " + d4alias( dFile ) + " Field : " + f4name( f )
    Form1.Print "Length: " + Str$(f4len(f)) + " Type : " + Chr$(f4type(f))
    Form1.Print "Decimals: " + Str$(f4decimals(f))
    Form1.Print   "-----------------------------------------------------"
End Sub

Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, field As Long
    Dim rc As integer

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, "INFO" )
    field = d4field( db, "NAME" )

    Call displayFieldStats( field )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

f4decimals

Usage: decimals% = f4decimals(FIELD4&)

Description: The number of decimals in the field is returned. This number is always zero for field types other than Numeric or Floating Point fields.

See Also: **f4type**

Example: See **f4data**

f4double

Usage: double# = f4double(FIELD4&)

Description: The value of the field is returned as a **double.** This function assumes that the field contains a numeric value and converts that value into a **double.**

See Also: **f4assignDouble**

f4int

Usage: val% = f4int(FIELD4&)

Description: The value of the field is returned as an **integer. f4int** also works for Character fields containing numeric values since **f4int** assumes the value of the field is a number.

Any decimals are truncated. If the value of the field overflows the maximum value that can be contained by an integer, then the result is undefined.

See Also: **f4assignInt**

Example: See **f4data**

f4len

Usage: len% = f4len(FIELD4&)

Description: The length of the field is returned. This is the length specified for the field when the data file was originally created.

```
EX88.BAS
    'ex88 example code
Function createBufCopy$( f As Long )
    Dim buf As String

    buf = Space$( f4len( f ) + 1 )
    buf = Mid$( f4str( f ), 1 )
    createBufCopy = buf
End Function

Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, field As Long
    Dim buffer As String, rc As Intege  r

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
    field = d4field( db, "NAME" )
    rc = d4top( db )
    buffer = createBufCopy( field )
    Form1.Print "the copy of the buffer is " + buffer
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

f4long

Usage: val& = f4long(FIELD4&)

Description: The value of the field is returned as a **long** . However, the value returned depends on the type of the field.

Specifically if the field is of type Date, then the date is returned as a Julian day. **f4long** also works for Character fields containing numeric values since **f4long** assumes the value of the field is a number.

Any decimals are truncated. If the value of the field overflows the maximum value which can be contained by a long integer then the result is undefined.

See Also: **date4long**, **f4assignLong**

f4memoAssign

Usage: rc% = f4memoAssign (FIELD4&, data$)

Description: This function assigns a character string to a memo entry. It is the same as **f4assign** except that it supports memo fields.

The memo entry is automatically flushed to disk at a later time. In order to update the disk file immediately use the **d4flush** function.

Returns:

r4success Success.

< 0 Error.

See Also: **f4memoAssignN, f4assign, d4flush**

f4memoAssignN

Usage: rc% = f4memoAssignN(FIELD4&, data$, dataLen%)

Description: This function assigns the information in the **string** *data* to a memo entry. The length of the information , in bytes, is in parameter ptrLen. The information may be in any format and it may contain binary data.

The memo entry is automatically flushed to disk at a later time. In order to update the disk file immediately use the **d4flush** function.

Returns:

r4success Success.

<0 Error.

See Also: **f4memoAssign, f4assign, d4flush**

f4memoFree

Usage: Call f4memoFree(FIELD4&)

Description: This function explicitly causes CodeBase to free internal CodeBase memory corresponding to the memo field. It is not generally necessary to use this function since the internal CodeBase memory is freed automatically when the data file is closed.

However, it is worthwhile to use this function if the application is short of memory and the memo entries are large.

Note

The next time the memo field is used, internal CodeBase memory corresponding to the memo field is automatically allocated again.

WARNING

Any changes made to the memo entry that have not yet been flushed to disk will be lost when calling **f4memoFree**. To avoid data loss, use the **d4flush** function before using **f4memoFree**.

Returns:

r4success Success.

< 0 An error can occur if a bad parameter is passed to the function.

See Also: **f4memoAssignN, f4assign, d4flush**

f4memoLen

Usage: len& = f4memoLen(FIELD4&)

Description: This function is used to determine the length of the field or memo entry. If the field does not refer to a memo field, then the length of the field is returned.

Returns:

> 0 The length of the field or memo entry, in bytes, is returned.

<= 0 If the length could not be determined, zero is returned. Check **CODE4.errorCode** for a negative value to determine if an error has occurred. A return of zero may also indicate that there is no memo entry associated with the memo field.

```
EX89.BAS
    'ex89 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, comments As Long
    Dim rc As Integer, count As Long

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, "DATA1" )
    comments = d4field( db, "COMMENT" )
    Call error4exitTest( cb )

    count = 0
    rc = d4top( db )
    Do While d4eof( db ) = 0
        If f4memoLen( comments ) > 0   Then
            count = count + 1
        End If
        rc = d4skip( db, 1 )
    Loop
    Form1.Print "There were " + Str$(count) + " memo entries out of "
    Form1.Print Str$(d4recCount(db)) + " records"

    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

f4memoStr

Usage: data$ = f4memoStr(FIELD4&)

Description: The function returns a **string** that contains a copy of the field's contents. This function works for both memo and non-memo fields.

Returns:

String A **string** containing the memo contents is returned.

Zero Length String **f4memoStr** returns this value when either an error occurs or when the memo is locked by another user. **CODE4.errorCode** can be used to determine if it is an error.

See Also: **f4str, f4memoLen, f4memoStr64**

```
EX90.BAS
    'ex90 example code
Sub displayTheRecord( d As Long )
    Dim numFields As Integer, curField As Integer
    Dim genericField As Long
```

```
    numFields = d4numFields( d )
    For curField = 1 To numFields
        genericField = d4fieldJ( d, curField )
        Form1.Print f4memoStr( genericField )
    Next
    Form1.Print
End Sub

Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
    rc = d4top( db )
    displayTheRecord( db )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

f4memoStr64

Usage: Call f4memoStr64(FIELD4&, buf$)

Decriptions: A copy of the field's contents are copied into *buf*. Use this function instead of **f4memoStr** if your memo entries can be greater than 32K, and up to 64K in size.

Parameters:

buf A Visual Basic **string** variable. The **f4memoStr64** function resizes this string to match the size of the memo field contents.

See Also: **f4memoStr**, **f4str**

f4name

Usage: name$ = f4name(FIELD4&)

Description: The name of the field is returned as a **string**. This is the name of the field originally specified when the data file was created.

```
EX91.BAS
    'ex91 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, field As Long
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
    field = d4fieldJ( db, 1 )
    Form1.Print "The first field is call " + f4name( field )
    rc = code4i nitUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

f4number

Usage: pos% = f4number(FIELD4&)

Description: **f4number** returns the position of the current field in the data file.

For example, if a data file had three fields (ordered LNAME, FNAME and ADDRESS) and FNAME field is being referenced then the function would return 2.

Returns: **f4number** returns the position of the field being referenced. This number is always greater than or equal to 1 and less than or equal to **d4numFields**.

f4ptr

Usage: ptr& = f4ptr(FIELD4&)

Description: This function returns a **long integer** pointer to the location within the record buffer where the field information is located. This low-level function is not normally called from an application, although it can be used for direct access to parts of the record buffer.

Since **f4ptr** does not return a **string**, **f4len** is often used in conjunction with **f4ptr**.

For a **string** copy of the field, use the function **f4str**.

WARNING

If the corresponding database is closed and then reopened, the pointer must be reassigned.

See Also: **f4str, f4len**

f4str

Usage: data$ = f4str(FIELD4&)

Description: A copy of the field's contents is returned.

WARNING

The buffer is overlaid with data from the new field each time **f4str** is called. Consequently if the field's value needs to be saved, it is necessary to copy the field's value to a memory area declared by the application.
INCORRECT Example:

```
printf( "Field One %s Field Two %s", f4str(d4fieldJ(data,1)),
f4str(d4fieldJ(data,2)));
```

In the above example, **f4str** is evaluated twice before printf is called. Since **f4str** always returns the same pointer to the same internal buffer, either field one or field two is printed out twice depending on which parameter is evaluated first.
Refer to the CORRECT example below.

Returns:

String — A pointer to the field's value is returned.

Zero Length String — A zero length string indicates that an error has occurred or that the field is blank. Check **CODE4.errorCode** to determine whether an error has occurred.

See Also: **f4memoStr**, **f4memoStr64**

```
EX92.BAS
     'ex92 example code
Sub ExCode
     Dim cb As Long, db As Long, field1 As Long, field2 As Long
     Dim rc As Integer

     cb = code4init( )
     db = d4open( cb, fpath + "INFO" )
     field1 = d4fieldJ( db, 1 )
     field2 = d4fieldJ( db, 2 )
     rc = d4top( db )
     Form1.Print "Field 1: " + f4str( field1 )
     Form1.Print "Field 2: " + f4str( field2 )
     rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

f4true

Usage: logical% = f4true(FIELD4&)

Description: This function **f4true** is used to determine if a logical field is true of false.

Returns:

1 The field is true.

0 The field is false.

< 0 An error has occurred.

f4type

Usage: AsciiVal% = f4type(FIELD4&)

Description: The type of the field, as defined when the data file was created, is returned as an ASCII value.

Returns:

Asc(“B”) Binary Field

Asc(“C”) Character Field

Asc(“D”) Date Field

Asc(“F”) Floating Point Field

Asc(“G”) General Field

Asc(“L”) Logical Field

Asc(“M”) Memo Field

Asc(“N”) Numeric or Floating Point Field

Index Functions

i4close	i4reindex
i4create	i4tag
i4createCB	i4tagAdd
i4fileName	i4tagInfo
i4open	

The CodeBase data file functions use the index functions to create sorted orderings of the information contained in data files. The sorted orderings can then be used when searching and skipping through the data file. These functions may be used by application programmers to open and create additional index files.

Each index file, represented by an **INDEX4** structure, can contain an unlimited number of sorted orderings (except **.MDX** indexes which can only store 47). Each of these orderings corresponds to a tag within the index file. When, **i4open**, **i4create** or **d4index** are called, a pointer to the **INDEX4** structure is returned. When other index functions are to be called, this pointer is passed as the first parameter.

When information is written to a data file, all open index files corresponding to the data file are automatically updated.

Index Function Reference

i4close

Usage: rc% = i4close(INDEX4&)

Description: **i4close** closes an index file that was opened by **i4open**. If a production index was opened by **d4open**, then **d4close** must be used to close the index file. The index file is flushed to disk if necessary, and then closed. If the record buffer of the corresponding data file has been changed, the record is flushed to disk and the index file is updated before it is closed.

If the index must be updated, **i4close** locks the file, performs the flushing, and then closes the file. **i4close** temporarily sets the **CODE4.lockAttempts** flag to **WAIT4EVER** to ensure the index file is locked and updated before returning. As a result, **i4close** never returns **r4locked**. If **i4close** encounters a non-unique key in a unique index tag while flushing the data file, the index file is closed, but not updated.

An error will be generated if **i4close** is called during a transaction.

Returns:

r4success Success.

< 0 Error.

Locking: If flushing is required, the index file is locked. When **i4close** returns, the file is closed and all locks on the index file are removed.

See Also: **d4close**, **code4close**, **i4open**, **code4tranStart**

```
EX93.BAS
    'ex93 example code
    Dim rc As Integer

Function addLotsOfRecords( d As Long )
    Dim production As Long
    Dim i As Integer

    production =  d4index( d, d4alias( d ) )                'get the production index file
    If production <> 0 Then
        rc = i4close( production )
    End If

    rc = d4top( d )
    for i = 1 To 20
        rc = d4appendStart( d, 0 )
        rc = d4append( d )                          'make 20 copies of the top record
    Next

                          'open the index file and update it
    production = i4open( d, d4alias( d ) )
    addLotsOfRecords = i4reindex( production )
End Function

Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "DATA1" )
    rc = addLotsOfRecords( db   )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

i4create

Usage: INDEX4& = i4create(DATA4&, fileName$, tagInfo())

Description: **i4create** creates a new index file and associates it with the data file *DATA4*. The **TAG4INFO** array is used to specify the sort orderings stored in the index file.

An index file may also be created using **d4create**.

WARNING

In the multi-user configuration, open the data file exclusively, which can be done by setting **CODE4.accessMode** to **OPEN4DENY_RW** before opening or creating the data file. If the data file is not opened exclusively before **i4create** is called, the other applications may not be aware of the newly created index file and as a result the new index file may not be updated correctly.

TAG4INFO structure

The first two members of every **TAG4INFO** structure must be defined. The last three members are used to specify special properties of the tag which are discussed later in this chapter.

- **name** This is a pointer to a character array containing the name of the tag. The name may be composed of letters, numbers and underscores. Only letters and underscores are

permitted as the first character of the name. This member cannot have zero length.

When using FoxPro or **.MDX** formats, the tag name must be unique to the data file and have a length of ten characters or less.

If you are using the **.NTX** index format, then this name includes the index file name with a path. In this case, the index file name within the path is limited to eight characters or less, excluding the extension.

- **expression** This is a string that represents the tag's index expression. This expression determines the sorting order of the tag. Refer to the dBASE Expression appendix for more information on possible key expressions. This is often just a field name. This member cannot have zero length.
- **filter** This is a string representing a Logical dBASE expression. If this filter expression evaluates to true (non-zero) for any given data file record, a key for the record is included in the tag. If a zero length string is specified, keys for all data file records are included in the tag.
- **unique** This integer code specifies how to treat duplicate keys. See below for more information.
- **descending** This flag must be zero or the **r4descending**. If it is **r4descending**, the keys are in a reverse order compared to how they would otherwise be arranged.

Following is information about the possible values for the **unique** member of **TAG4INFO**. The integers are defined in 'D4DATA.H'.

- **0** Duplicate keys are allowed.
- **r4uniqueContinue** Any duplicate keys are discarded. In this case, there may not be a tag entry for a particular record.
- **e4unique** Generate an **e4unique** error if a duplicate key is encountered.
- **r4unique** Do not generate an error if a duplicate key is encountered. However, the operation is aborted and **r4unique** is returned.

Unique Tags

The dBASE file format, which CodeBase uses, only saves to disk a TRUE/FALSE flag, which indicates whether a tag is unique or non-unique. No information on how to respond to a duplicate key for unique key tags is saved.

If a duplicate key is encountered for a unique key tag, dBASE responds by ensuring there is no corresponding key for the record. Any duplicate keys are ignored and are not saved in the tag. Consequently, there may be records in the data file that do not have a corresponding tag entry.

CodeBase mimics the dBASE response to non-unique keys when **t4uniqueSet** is called with **r4uniqueContinue**. CodeBase also provides extra flexibility by allowing different responses when a non-unique key is encountered in unique key tags. **t4uniqueSet** can accept either **e4unique**, **r4unique** or **r4uniqueContinue** as an argument.

t4uniqueSet can be set directly by passing the desired value to the function or indirectly when an index file is created or opened. When an index file is created, the **TAG4INFO.unique** value is passed to **t4uniqueSet**. When an index file is opened, **t4uniqueSet** is initialized according to **CODE4.errDefaultUnique** for any unique tags.

code4init initializes **CODE4.errDefaultUnique** to **r4uniqueContinue** by default. Note that this setting only applies to unique key tags. For non-unique key tags, **t4uniqueSet** is internally initialized to false (zero), meaning there can be duplicate keys.

See the Indexing chapter of the User's Guide for more information.

Parameters:

DATA4 The data file corresponding to the index file to be created.

fileName This is the name of the index file to be created.

When using FoxPro **.CDX** or dBASE IV **.MDX** files, it is possible to create a "production" index file with **i4create** when a data file already exists. This is done by passing a zero length string for *fileName*. In this case, the index file name is the same as the data file name. This creates a production index file, which is automatically opened when the data file is opened exclusively. The data file can be opened exclusively by setting the **CODE4.accessMode** to **OPEN4DENY_RW** before the data file is opened.

When the **S4CLIPPER** switch is defined, the *fileName* parameter specifies the name of the index group file. This index group file is filled with a list of the created tag files. If the *fileName* parameter is not provided, all of the tag files are created but no index group file is created. Even if the index group file is not created, CodeBase still creates an **INDEX4** structure which can be used by all of the index file functions. For more information on group files, refer to the section on Clipper support in the User's Guide.

If a path is provided in the single user or multi-user configuration, it is used. Otherwise, the file is assumed to be in the current directory.

tags This is an array of **TAG4INFO** structures. Refer to the example below.

Returns:

! 0 Success. A pointer to the corresponding **INDEX4** structure is returned.

0 The index file was not successfully created. Inspect **CODE4.errorCode** for more detailed information. If the **CODE4.errorCode** is negative, then an error has occurred.

Locking: The data file is locked. In general, consider opening a data file exclusively before calling **i4create**. The data file can be opened exclusively by setting **CODE4.accessMode** to **OPEN4DENY_RW** before opening or creating the data file.

See Also: **d4create, d4createData, code4accessMode**

```
EX94.BAS
    'ex94 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, index As Long
    Dim fieldInfo() As FIELD4INFO
    Dim tagInfo() As TAG4INFO
    Dim rc As Integer

    ReDim fieldInfo( 1 To 2 ) As FIELD4INFO
    fieldInfo(1).fName = "FIELD_NAME"
    fieldInfo(1).ftype = r4str
    fieldInfo(1).flength = 10
    fieldInfo(1).fdecimals = 0

    fieldInfo(2).fName = "VALUE"
    fieldInfo(2).ftype = r4num
    fieldInfo(2).flength = 7
    fieldInfo(2).fdecimals = 2

    ReDim tagInfo( 1 To 2 ) As TAG4INFO
    tagInfo(1).name = "T_NAME"
    tagInfo(1).expression = "FIELD_NAME"
    tagInfo(1).filter = "FIELD_NAME > 'A'"

    tagInfo(2).name = "NAME_TWO"
    tagInfo(2).expression = "VALUE"
    tagInfo(2).unique = e4unique
    tagInfo(2).descending = r4descending

    cb = code4init( )
    rc = code4safety( cb, 0 )
    db = d4createData( cb, "DB_NAME", fieldInfo() )
    index = i4create( db, "NAME",   tagInfo() )

    rc = d4close( db )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

i4createCB

Usage: INDEX4& = i4createCB(CODE4&, name$, ByVal CtagInfo&)

Description: This low level function creates an index file using user-defined Tag structures that have been converted to ‘C’ format by CodeBase. Normally you would not call this function directly from your program. However, it can be useful when you need to copy the structure of an existing index file.

Parameters:

CODE4 The pointer to the **CODE4** structure.

name A **string** containing the name of the index file.

CtagInfo A **long** integer pointer to a 'C' array of **TAG4INFO** structures that define the index tag information for the data file. This pointer, which must always be passed **ByVal**, is obtained by calling **i4tagInfo**.

Returns:

! 0 Success. A pointer to the corresponding **INDEX4** structure is returned.

0 The index file was not successfully created. Inspect **CODE4.errorCode** for more detailed information. If the **CODE4.errorCode** is negative, then an error has occurred.

See Also: **d4open**, **i4close**

i4fileName

Usage: name$ = i4fileName(INDEX4&)

Description: **i4fileName** returns a **string** containing the index file name complete with the file extension and any path information. This information is returned regardless of whether a file extension or a path was specified in the name parameter passed to **i4open** or **i4create**.

See Also: **d4fileName**

i4open

Usage: INDEX& = i4open(DATA4&, name$)

Description: An index file is opened. Note that if **CODE4.autoOpen** is true (non-zero), a production index file is automatically opened when **d4open** is called.

Parameters:

DATA4 The data file corresponding to the index file being opened.

name This is normally the name of the index file. Alternatively, if *name* is the zero length string, the name of the data file (with the appropriate index file extension) is used as the name of the index file. This feature is used by **d4open** to open production index files.

Opening an index file does not change which tag is selected.

When Clipper index files are being used, by default CodeBase attempts to open a CodeBase group file. However, specifying a **.NTX** Clipper index file name extension for *name*, causes CodeBase to open a single index file. In this case, there is a single tag which has the same name as the index file.

If a path is provided in the single user or multi-user configuration, it is used. Otherwise, the file is assumed to be in the current directory.

Returns:

! 0 A pointer to the **INDEX4** structure corresponding to the opened index file.

0 The index file could not be opened. This is usually an error condition. However, if **CODE4.errOpen** is false and the file does not exist, then there is no error and **CODE4.errorCode** is set to **r4noOpen**.

See Also: **d4open**, **i4close**

```
EX95.BAS
    'ex95 example code
Sub ExCode
    Dim cb As Long, db As Long, index As Long
    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )
    index = i4open( db, "INFO2" )          'Open a seconday index file

    rc = code4lockAttempts( cb,   WAIT4EVER )        'Wait until the lock succeeds
    rc = d4lockAll( db )
    If i4reindex( index ) = r4success Then
        Form1.Print "Reindexed successfully"
    End If

    rc = code4close( cb )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

i4reindex

Usage: rc% = i4reindex(INDEX4&)

Description: All of the tags in the index file are rebuilt using the current data file information. This compacts the index file and ensures that it is up to date.

After **i4reindex** completes, the contents of the record buffer and the record number are undefined. Explicitly call a positioning function such as **d4top** to position to a desired record.

Returns:

r4success Success.

r4unique A unique key tag has a repeat key and **t4unique** returned **r4unique** for that tag.

r4locked A lock was attempted and failed **CODE4.lockAttempts** for either the data file or index file. The index was not updated.

< 0 Error.

Locking: The corresponding data file and the index file are locked. It is recommended that index files be opened exclusively if a reindex is to occur. This will ensure that other users cannot access the file while it is being reindexed. Applications that access index files that have not been fully reindexed may generate errors.

See Also: **d4reindex**, **i4create**

Example: See **i4open**

i4tag

Usage: TAG4& = i4tag(INDEX4&, name$)

Description: **i4tag** looks up the tag name and returns a pointer to the corresponding tag structure.

Parameters:

name A **string** containing the name of the tag to be looked up in the index file.

Returns:

!0 A pointer to the tag structure.

0 The tag name was not located.

See Also: **d4tagSelect**, **d4index**

i4tagAdd

Usage: rc% = i4tagAdd(INDEX4&, newTags())

Description: **i4tagAdd** adds new tags to an existing index file. This function is only available for **.MDX** and **.CDX** index files.

WARNING

In the multi-user configuration, the data file should be opened exclusively before calling **i4tagAdd**. The data file can be opened exclusively by setting **CODE4.accessMode** to **OPEN4DENY_RW** before opening or creating the data file. Unless the data file is opened exclusively, the other applications, which have opened the index file before the new tag was added, will not recognize the new tag. Consequently, these applications might not update the index file correctly.

Note

It is more efficient to add all the tags necessary for an index file at one time using **d4create** or **i4create**, than to add them later with **i4tagAdd**.

Note

If you want to add a new tag in Clipper, just edit the .CGP file and add the name of the new tag to the list of tags. See the Group Files section of the CodeBase User's Guide for details.

Parameters:

newTags This is an array **TAG4INFO** structures defining the tags to add.

Returns:

r4success Success.

r4locked The index file could not be locked.

< 0 Error.

Locking: **i4tagAdd** locks the index file and unlocks it upon completion.

See Also: **d4unlock**

i4tagInfo

Usage: TAG4INFO& = i4tagInfo(INDEX4&)

Description: This function creates a 'C' version of the **TAG4INFO** array that corresponds to the index file. The return value can be used as a parameter for **d4createCB** or **i4createCB.**

WARNING

The return value becomes obsolete once *INDEX4* is closed. This is because the tag names of the index file *INDEX*4 are referenced by the returned **TAG4INFO** array.

WARNING

The **TAG4INFO** return value needs to be freed with the function **u4free**.

Returns:

!0 A pointer to the **TAG4INFO** array.

0 A zero return indicates that not enough memory could be allocated.

See Also: **d4createCB, i4createCB**

Relate/Query Module

relate4bottom	relate4master
relate4changed	relate4masterExpr
relate4createSlave	relate4matchLen
relate4data	relate4next
relate4dataTag	relate4optimizeable
relate4doAll	relate4querySet
relate4doOne	relate4skip
relate4eof	relate4skipEnable
relate4errorAction	relate4sortSet
relate4free	relate4top
relate4init	relate4type
relate4lockAdd	

The Relation module is used to define and access a hierarchical master - slave relationship between two or more data files. That is, when a slave data file contains supplementary information for another master data file, they are "related".

The exact interaction between the two data files is called a relation. In addition, a relation can be established between a new data file and a slave data file of another relation. The slave in one relation is then treated as a master data file in the new relation. This process builds a relation "tree" where one data file can be a master data file to many different databases.

Once the data file relations have all been specified, you can conceptualize the result as being a single "composite" data file consisting of all the fields of all the related data files. Since the relations are automatically maintained, you can skip backwards and forwards in the "composite" data file and be assured that the related data files are positioned to the appropriate records.

The largest single benefit in using the relation module is the advanced features of Query Optimization. This gives you access to high performance queries with little or no additional programming. Even though Query Optimization contains an extensive amount of complex code, it is almost transparent to the programmer.

Note

The CodeBase Query Optimization is used in the Relation module when queries are specified. Query Optimization is automatically enabled when the relation is used. See the User's Guide for more information on Query Optimization.

Glossary

Composite Record	A composite record consists of all of the records in the data files of a relation set.
Composite Data File	A composite data file consists of all of the composite records that satisfy the query condition. A composite data file does not really exist since the information is scattered throughout a number of data files. The relation module makes it seem as if

	the composite data file exists. There are three types of relations: *exact match*, *scan* and *approximate match* relations. It is possible for a composite data file in a scan relation to have more records than the top master. In a scan relation, there can be multiple slave data file records corresponding to one master data file record resulting in a composite record for each of the matching slaves. In exact match and approximate match relation, the composite data file has the same number of records as the top master. Refer to **relate4type** for more information.
Master	A master is the controlling data file in a relation. The slave data file record is looked up based on the master data file record. See Also - Top Master
Relation	A relation is a specification of how a slave data file record can be located from a master data file record. A relation corresponds to a **RELATE4** structure, which is initialized through a call to **relate4createSlave**. Note that **relate4init** initializes a **RELATE4** structure to just specify the top master data file and it does not indicate how to locate particular records. This top master data file does not have a master and its current record is generally determined by the sort order. Consequently, the **RELATE4** structure specifies a kind of pseudo-relation.
Relation Data File	This is the data file corresponding to a **RELATE4** structure. This is the new data file (or slave) added in the relation set. The relation data file may be both a slave and a master to another data file.
Relation Set	A relation set consists of a pseudo-relation created by a **relate4init** and all other connected relations created by **relate4createSlave**. The data files specified by a relation set consists of the top master, its slaves, the slaves of its slaves, and so on.
Slave	The slave data file is used to look up supplementary information, based on the record contents of its master data file.
Slave List	A list of slaves of a relation data file.
Slave Family	The slave family of a relation data file consists of its slaves, the slaves of its slaves and so on.
Top Master	A master data file is a master only in the context of a specific relation. It can be a slave in a different relation. However, there is exactly one data file in a relation set that has no master. This data file is called the top master. It is specified when

	relate4init is initially called.

Using the Relate Module

To use the relate module, follow these steps:

- First, initialize the relate module by calling **relate4init**.
- Specify any relations using **relate4createSlave**.
- Change the relation defaults by calling **relate4errorAction** and **relate4type** as needed. These calls can be made anytime after the relevant relation has been created.
- Set a query by calling **relate4querySet** and set the sort order by calling **relate4sortSet,** if desired.
- If there is a possibility of skipping backwards, call **relate4skipEnable**.
- If applicable, call **relate4lockAdd** followed by **code4lock**.
- Ensure Query Optimization can fully be utilized by having the appropriate index files open for the data files. (See "Query Optimization" in the User's Guide.)
- Initiate the relation/query by calling **relate4top** or **relate4bottom**.
- Skip through the resulting composite records using **relate4skip**. Start and skip through the relation/query additional times as necessary. Call **relate4querySet** or **relate4sortSet** as necessary to change the query or sort order.
- Call **code4unlock** if applicable. Free the relation set by calling **relate4free**.

Performance Considerations

When **relate4querySet** is called to specify a subset of the composite data file, the relate module contains two major optimizations, which can improve performance tremendously.

The first optimization is the use of Query Optimization in conjunction with data file tags. Query Optimization is possible when the query expression contains the following:

```
Key Expression   Logical Operator   Constant
```

For example, if a tag contains the key expression "LAST_NAME" and the dBASE query expression is "LAST_NAME='SMITH'", then the relate module uses Query Optimization to drastically improve performance. Performance improvements could be hundreds or even thousands of times faster than traditional algorithms.

Query Optimization is possible even when using more complicated query expressions involving .AND. and .OR. operators.

For example, the query expression could be "LAST_NAME='SMITH' .AND. AGE > 20". If there is a tag on either or both LAST_NAME and AGE, then the expression is optimizable. The optimizations are most effective if there is a tag on both.

The second major optimization involves minimizing data file relation evaluation. If it is possible to reject a potential composite record due to the query condition without reading the entire composite record, then the relate module does so. This can significantly improve performance.

For example, suppose the query expression contains the clause "COUNTRY = 'US'", where COUNTRY is a field in the master data file. In this case, the relate module can determine whether to reject the potential composite record before reading any slave data file records.

Multi-user Considerations

Relate module locking must be handled carefully. No difficulties will be encountered, however, if the following conventions are followed:

- If current data is required, call **relate4lockAdd** and then **code4lock** before calling **relate4top** or **relate4bottom**. This prevents file modification by other users, which could lead to inconsistent results.

Note

The relation set is NOT automatically locked by **relate4top** and **relate4bottom** when **CODE4.readLock** is true (non-zero). Explicitly lock the relation set by calling **relate4lockAdd** and **code4lock.**

- If completely current results are not essential, then do not explicitly lock the files. This allows other users to change the data; the changes may or may not be reflected in the returned composite records. Calling **d4refresh** prior to calling **relate4top** is permissible. In fact, **d4refresh** may be called at any time; however, once **relate4top** is called, it is not guaranteed that subsequently changed data will be reflected in the returned composite records. Call **relate4changed** and **relate4top** to force the relate module to regenerate the composite data file in order to return more current data.
- Once the composite records have been read, it is a good idea to call **code4unlock** to ensure that all locked files are unlocked.

Memory Optimization

For best performance results, memory read optimization should be enabled on all files involved in the relation. Read optimization can be used whether the relation is locked or not, so in either case the performance will be enhanced.

If memory is unavailable to perform needed sorting, memory optimization may be automatically disabled. Consequently, if memory optimization is desired after the composite data file has been read, it is best to explicitly call **code4optStart** to do so.

Sort Order

There are three possible orderings in which the composite records can be presented:

- In a specified sort order as specified using function **relate4sortSet**.
- In the order specified by the selected tag of the top master data file.
- Using record number ordering if the top master data file has no selected tag.

Note

When a scan relationship is defined, there may be several records in the related data file for each master. If a sort order is not specified, the sub-ordering of the related data file records is undefined.

The following discussion assumes that **relate4sortSet** specifies the same sort order as the selected tag from the top master. If a query results in a relatively small record set when compared to the size of the database, the best way to specify a sort order is to use **relate4sortSet**. If the query set is almost the same size as the database, then do NOT use **relate4sortSet** to specify the sort order. In this case, the best way to specify a sort order is to use the selected tag from the top master data file or record number ordering.

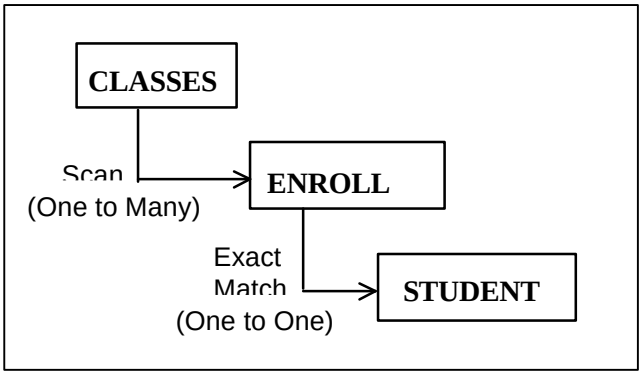
If there is no tag that specifies a desired sort order, use **relate4sortSet** to sort the query set. Using **relate4sortSet** will be faster than creating a new tag to specify the sort order, regardless of the size of the query set.

If **relate4sortSet** is not called, then the selected tag ordering of the top master data file is used. If the top master data file has no selected tag, record number ordering is used.

```
EX96.BAS
    'ex96 example code
Sub ExCode
'CODE4 pointer
    Dim cb As Long
'DATA4 pointers
    Dim enroll As Long, master As Long, student As Long
'TAG4 pointers
    Dim enrollTag As Long, studentTag As Long
'RELATE4 pointers
    Dim MasterRelation As Long, relation1 As Long, relation2 As Long
'FIELD4 pointers
    Dim classCode As Long, classTitle As Long, enrollStudentId As Long
    Dim studentName As Long

    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    enroll = d4open( cb, fPath + "ENROLL" )
    master = d4open( cb, fPath + "CLASSES" )
    student = d4open( cb, fPath + "STUDENT" )

    enrollTag = d4tag( enroll, "C  _CODE_TAG" )
    studentTag = d4tag( student, "ID_TAG" )

    MasterRelation = relate4init( master )
    relation1 = relate4createSlave( MasterRelation, enroll, "CODE", enrollTag )
    relation2 = relate4createSlave( relation1, student, "STU_ID_TAG", studentTag)

    rc = relate4type( relation1, relate4scan )
    rc = relate4sortSet( MasterRelation,  "STUDENT->L_NAME,8,0+ENROLL->CODE" )

    classCode = d4field( master, "CODE" )
    classTitle = d4field( master, "TITLE" )
    enrollStudentId = d4field( enroll, "STU_ID_TAG")
    student Name = d4field( student, "L_NAME" )

   error4exitTest( cb )

    rc = relate4top( MasterRelation )
    Do While rc = r4success                'onle one f4str per statement
        Form1.List1.AddItem f4str( studentName )
        Form1.List1.AddItem f4str( enrollStudentId )
        Form1.List1.AddItem f4str( classCode )
        Form1.List1.AddItem f4str( classTitle )
        Form1.List1.AddItem ""
        rc = relate4skip( MasterRelation, 1 )
    Loop
```

```
    Form1.Print "Number of records in "; d4alias( master ); " is ";
                                        Str$(d4recCount(master))

    rc = re late4free( MasterRelation, 1 )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

The above code creates a two tiered Master - Slave hierarchy. This relation set is illustrated below. Since each class has many students enrolled in it, it is necessary that a scan relationship be established between the CLASSES and ENROLL data files. This is accomplished by calling **relate4type** with a **relate4scan** value. Each entry in the ENROLL data file references a single, exact student, so an Exact match relation (the default) must be established between the ENROLL and STUDENT data files.



Relation Function Reference
relate4bottom

Usage: rc% = relate4bottom(RELATE4&)

Description: This function moves to the bottom of the relation. Essentially, the top master data file is positioned to its bottom according to the sort order of the relation set. Then the slave data files (and their slaves) are positioned accordingly.

If there is a scan relation in the relation set, then the last scan record of the last scan is used to determine the bottom of the relation. **relate4bottom** automatically enables backwards skipping through the relation. Consequently, it is not necessary to call **relate4skipEnable** before **relate4bottom** is called.

Parameters:

RELATE4 The parameter *relate* specifies a relation set. Any **RELATE4** structure pointer in the relation set can be used. Regardless, **relate4bottom** acts on the whole relation.

Returns:

r4success Success

r4eof There were no records in the composite data file.

r4terminate A lookup into a slave data file failed and the error action was set to **relate4terminate** and **CODE4.errRelate** is set to false (zero).

< 0 Error

Locking: **relate4bottom** does not do any automatic locking. Explicitly call **relate4lockAdd** and **code4lock** to lock the relation set.

relate4changed

Usage: Call relate4changed(RELATE4&)

Description: When a query expression is used, the relate module calculates the resulting set of data at the time that **relate4top** or **relate4bottom** is called. Then when **relate4skip** is called, **relate4skip** returns the information that may just be waiting in an internal CodeBase memory buffer.

If **relate4querySet** or **relate4sortSet** is called -- or if one of the relations in the relation set is modified -- and **relate4changed** is not called to notify the relation set that a change has occurred, **relate4top** and/or **relate4bottom** may just return the same set of information regardless of whether the underlying data might have changed.

Consequently, **relate4changed** should be called to explicitly force the relate module to completely regenerate the result the next time **relate4top** or **relate4bottom** is called.

It is legitimate to call this function more than once. However, once called, do not call **relate4skip** until the relation is positioned through a call to **relate4top** or **relate4bottom**. Otherwise, an error message is generated.

See Also: **relate4querySet**, **relate4sortSet**, **relate4top**, **relate4bottom**

relate4createSlave

Usage: RELATE& = relate4createSlave(RELATE4&, DATA4&, masterExpr$, TAG4&)

Description: This function specifies a relation between a master data file and a slave data file.

When the relation is performed, the *masterExpr* is evaluated, based on the master data file, to obtain either a record number into the slave data file or a key expression that can be used in conjunction with the *TAG4* to seek to a record in the slave data file.

WARNING

When a new data file is added to the relation set, **relate4top** or **relate4bottom** must be called to reset the entire relation set. Using an out of date relation set can cause unpredictable results.

Parameters:

RELATE4 The relation data file of this **RELATE4** pointer is the master data file of the new relation. This **RELATE4** pointer could have been returned by **relate4init** or by a previous call to **relate4createSlave**.

DATA4 This **DATA4** pointer specifies the slave data file.

masterExpr This is a string, which specifies a dBASE expression. This expression is evaluated with **expr4parse** using the master data file as the default data file. There is no need to specify the master data file in the expression. (ie. "MASTER->NAME" may be entered as "NAME") The evaluated expression is then used to locate the corresponding record in the slave data file, when the relation is used.

This expression should evaluate to an index key corresponding to *slaveTag* or a record number if no tag is used on the slave data file.

TAG4 This **TAG4** pointer is a reference to a tag for the slave data file, which corresponds to the evaluated *masterExpr* expression. Any seeking is performed using the *masterExpr* expression on this tag to locate the appropriate record in the slave data file.

If the **TAG4** pointer is null, then the *masterExpr* parameter must evaluate to a record number of the slave data file. **d4go** is then used to locate the appropriate record in the slave data file.

Returns:

! 0 This is a pointer to the **RELATE4** structure of the created relation.

0 Zero is returned to indicate that the relation could not be created. Generally this results from an out of memory error condition. It could also mean that the parameter *RELATE4* was zero. Check the **CODE4.errorCode** for details.

See Also: **relate4querySet**, **relate4sortSet**, **relate4top**, **relate4bottom, relate4init**

relate4data

Usage: DATA4& = relate4data(RELATE4&)

Description: **relate4data** returns a pointer to the **DATA4** structure that specifies the relation's data file. It is the data file specified when the relate structure was initialized with a call to either **relate4init** or **relate4createSlave**

See Also: **relate4init**, **relate4createSlave**

relate4dataTag

Usage: TAG4& = relate4dataTag(RELATE4&)

Description: **relate4dataTag** returns the slave tag pointer used in the relation to locate the appropriate records in the slave data file. *RELATE4* was initialized by a call to **relate4createSlave.**

This function returns zero when the relate structure has no corresponding master or if the lookup expression evaluates to a record number.

See Also: **relate4createSlave**

relate4doAll

Usage: rc% = relate4doAll(RELATE4&)

Description: This function looks up the slave family of the specified parameter *RELATE4*. It assumes that the relation data file specified by this parameter is positioned appropriately.

relate4doAll provides a way to use the relate module to perform automatic lookups. Consequently, you can go to records directly using lower level data file functions (such as **d4go**) and then have related records looked up.

The relation set's query and sort expressions are ignored by **relate4doAll**. Consequently, this function provides somewhat independent functionality. This means using **relate4doAll** in conjunction with relate functions such as **relate4top** and **relate4skip** is not particularly useful. For this reason, it is not necessary to call **relate4top** or **relate4bottom** before calling **relate4doAll**.

Note

To use this function on the entire relation set, position the top master file using a call to a function such as **d4go**. Then call **relate4doAll** using the **RELATE4** pointer returned by **relate4init**.

Note

relate4doAll ignores any query expression set by **relate4querySet**.

Returns:

r4success Success

r4terminate A lookup into a slave data file failed. This was returned because the error action was set to **relate4terminate** and **CODE4.errRelate** is set to false (zero).

< 0 Error

See Also: **relate4doOne**

```
EX97.BAS
    'ex97 example code
Sub ExCode
'CODE4 pointer
    Dim cb As Long
'DATA4 pointers
    Dim employee As  Long, office As Long, building As Long
'TAG4 pointers
    Dim officeNo As Long, buildNo As Long
'RELATE4 pointers
    Dim master As Long, toOffice As Long, toBuilding As Long

    Dim rc As Integer

    cb = code4init( )
    employee = d4open( cb, fPath + "EMPLOYEE" )
    office = d4open( cb, fPath + "OFFICE" )
    building = d4open( cb, fPath + "BUILDING" )

    'set up the tags
    officeNo = d4tag( office, "OFFICE_NO" )
    buildNo = d4tag( building, "BUILD_NO" )
```

```
    'Create the relations
    master = relate4init( employee )
    toOffice  = relate4createSlave(master,office, "EMPLOYEE->OFFICE_NO",officeNo )
    toBuilding = relate4createSlave( toOffice, building, "OFFICE->BUILD_NO",
                                                                        buildNo )
    'Go to employee, at record 2
    rc = d4go( employee, 2 )

    'Lock the data files and their index files.
    rc = relate4lockAdd( master )
    rc = code4lock( cb )

    'This call causes the corresponding records in data files "OFFICE" and
    '"BUILDING" to be looked up.
    rc = relate4doAll( master )
    Form1.Print Str$(d4recNo(employee)  ); " employee rec no"
    Form1.Print Str$(d4recNo(office)); " office rec no"
    Form1.Print Str$(d4recNo(building)); " building rec no"

    'Go to office, at record 3
    rc = d4go( office, 3 )

    'This call causes the building record to be looked up from the office
    rc = relate4doOne( toBuilding )
    Form1.Print Str$(d4recNo(employee)); " employee rec no"
    Form1.Print Str$(d4recNo(office)); " office rec no"
    Form1.Print Str$(d4recNo(building)); " building rec no"

    '  ..  and so on

    rc = relate4free( master, 1 )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb  )
End Sub
```

relate4doOne

Usage: rc% = relate4doOne(RELATE4&)

Description: **relate4doOne** looks up the relation data file using the specified relation. That is, the relation's master expression is evaluated and a seek is performed into the slave data file using the relation's slave tag. The slaves (if any) of the relation's slave data file are not repositioned.

Note

The function **relate4doOne** looks up the relation data file and **relate4doAll** looks up the slaves of the relation data file (and the slaves of those slaves).
For example, if a relation set has exactly one slave, the slave could be looked up using either **relate4doAll** or **relate4doOne**.
However, a different **RELATE4** pointer must be used depending on which function is called. If **relate4doOne** is called, the **RELATE4** pointer parameter must be the one returned from **relate4createSlave**. If **relate4doAll** is called, the **RELATE4** pointer parameter must be the one returned from **relate4init**.

Note

relate4doOne ignores any query expression set by **relate4querySet**.

Returns:

r4success Success.

r4terminate A lookup into the slave data file failed. This was returned because the error action was set to **relate4terminate** and **CODE4.errRelate** is set to a false (zero) value.

< 0 Error.

See Also: **relate4init**, **relate4doAll**

```
EX98.BAS
    'ex98 example code
    Dim rc As Integer
Function seekMaster( master&, r&, masterTag&, seekKey$ )
    Call d4ta gSelect( master, masterTag )
    rc = d4seek( master, seekKey )                  'seek for requested value
    If rc = r4success Then
        rc = relate4doOne( r )             'position the slave data file to the
                                           'appropriate record, according to its master
    End If
    seekMaster = rc
End Function

Sub ExCode
'CODE4 pointer
    Dim cb As Long
'DATA4 pointers
    Dim enroll As Long, master As Long
'TAG4 pointers
    Dim enrollTag As Long, codeTag As Long
'RELATE4 pointers
    Dim MasterRelation As Long, relation1 As Long
'FIELD4 pointers
    Dim classCod e As Long, classTitle As Long, enrollStudentId As Long

    cb = code4init( )
    enroll = d4open( cb, fPath + "ENROLL" )
    master = d4open( cb, fPath + "CLASSES" )

    enrollTag = d4tag( enroll, "C_CODE_TAG" )
    codeTag = d4tag( master, "CODE_TAG" )

    MasterRelation = relate4init( master )
    relation1 = relate4createSlave( MasterRelation, enroll, "CODE", enrollTag )

    rc = relate4type( relation1, relate4scan )

    classCode = d4field( master, "CODE" )
    classTitle = d4field( master, "TITLE" )
    enrollStudentId = d4field  ( enroll, "STU_ID_TAG")

    Call error4exitTest( cb )

    rc = seekMaster( master, relation1, codeTag, "MATH521" )
    Form1.Print f4str( enrollStudentId )
    Form1.Print f4str( classCode )
    Form1.Print f4str(classTitle )

    rc = relate4free( MasterRelation, 1 )
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

relate4eof

Usage: rc% = relate4eof(RELATE4&)

Description: This function returns whether the relation set is in an end of file position. For example, this would occur when **relate4skip** returns **r4eof**.

Returns:

> 0 The relation set is in an end of file position and this will be returned until the relation set is repositioned.

0 The relation set is not in an end of file position.

< 0 The **RELATE4** structure is invalid or contains an error value.

relate4errorAction

Usage: rc% = relate4errorAction(RELATE4&, newAction%)

Description: At times, a slave data file record cannot be located when the relation is performed. For example, the master key expression has no corresponding entry in the slave tag.

When a slave record cannot be located, the relation module performs one of the following actions, depending on the setting of *newAction*.

relate4blank This is the default action. It means that when a slave record cannot be located, it becomes blank. When using scan relations, a blank composite record will be generated for each slave data file that does not contain a match for the master's record.

relate4skipRec This code means that the entire composite record is skipped as if it did not exist.

relate4terminate This means that a CodeBase error is generated and the CodeBase relate module function, possibly **relate4skip**, returns an error code. When using a master with more than one slave, an error is generated if any slave data files do not contain a match for the mater's record.

If the **CODE4.errRelate** member variable is set to false (zero), the error message is suppressed, although the executing function still returns **r4terminate**.

Note

Approximate Match relations are unaffected by this setting. In this type of relation, a blank record is generated if no match is found in the slave data file.

Parameters:

RELATE4 This parameter specifies the relation on which the new error action applies. *RELATE4* must be initialized by a call to **relate4createSlave**. If *RELATE4* was initialized by **relate4init** then this function has no effect.

newAction This code specifies the new error action to take. The possible values are **relate4blank**, **relate4skipRec**, and **relate4terminate**.

Returns: **relate4errorAction** returns the previous error action code. If the relation is not initialized, '-1' is returned.

relate4free

Usage: rc% = relate4free(RELATE4&, closeFiles%)

Description: This function frees all of the memory associated with the relation set. Only make one call to **relate4free** for each call to **relate4init**. Do not call **relate4free** for each call to **relate4createSlave**.

Parameters:

RELATE4 This pointer specifies the relation set to be freed. Any **RELATE4** structure pointer in the relation may be used since **relate4free** frees the entire relation set.

closeFiles If this parameter contains a true (non-zero) value, all data, index and memo files in the relation tree are flushed and closed once **relate4free** is called. If *closeFiles* is false (zero) all files are left open.

Returns:

r4success Success

< 0 If *closeFiles* is true (non-zero), a negative return indicates there was an error closing a file. A negative value is also returned if the parameter *RELATE4* was zero.

Locking: See the locking under **d4close**

relate4init

Usage: RELATE4& = relate4init(DATA4&)

Description: **relate4init** initializes the relation set and assigns the top master data file.

Slaves to the top master data file are added with the **relate4createSlave** function.

WARNING

It is important to call **relate4free** prior to calling **relate4init** if a **RELATE4** structure is to be reinitialized with a new top master data file. Failure to do so can result in substantial memory loss.

Parameters:

DATA4 *DATA4* specifies the data file to be the top master for the entire relation set.

Returns:

Not Zero A pointer to the RELATE4 structure that specifies the new relation set is returned.

Zero An error has occurred, check the **CODE4.errorCode** for details on which error occurred.

See Also: **relate4free**, **relate4createSlave**

```
EX99.BAS
     'ex99 example code
Sub ExCode
     Dim cb As Long, db As Long, TopMaster As Long
     Dim rc As Integer

     cb = code4init( )
     db = d4open( cb, fPath + "INFO" )

     TopMaster = re late4init( db )

   ' ... other code ...

   'This relation tree is no longer needed. Create a new one
     rc = relate4free( TopMaster, 0 )
```

```
    TopMaster = relate4init( db )

   ' ... other code ...
                         ' Automatically close all files in the relation
    rc = relate4free( TopMaster, 1 )

    rc = code4close( cb )    'close any remaining files
    rc = code4initUndo( cb )
End Sub
```

relate4lockAdd

Usage: rc% = relate4lockAdd(RELATE4&)

Description: This function adds all of the data files referenced by the relation set along with their corresponding index files to the list of locks placed with the next call to **code4lock**.

Parameters:

RELATE4 This pointer specifies the relation set. Any **RELATE4** structure pointer in the relation may be used since **relate4lockAdd** adds all of the data files in the relation set to the list of pending locks.

Returns:

r4success Success. The specified relation set was successfully placed in the **code4lock** list of pending locks.

< 0 Error. The memory required for the record lock information could not be allocated.

See Also: **code4lock**

relate4master

Usage: RELATE4& = relate4master(RELATE4&)

Description: This function returns a pointer to a **RELATE4** structure, which specifies the relation that is the master of *RELATE4*.

This function returns zero, if the relation specified by *RELATE4* has no master. In this case, the relate structure was created by **relate4init** and it represents the top master.

relate4masterExpr

Usage: expr$ = relate4masterExpr(RELATE4&)

Description: **relate4masterExpr** returns a string containing the dBASE expression that was specified in the call to **relate4createSlave**.

This function returns the zero length string, if *RELATE4* was initialized by **relate4init**.

See Also: **relate4master, relate4createSlave**

relate4matchLen

Usage: rc% = relate4matchLen(RELATE4&, len%)

Description: A relation's tag has a key length and a relation's master expression has a length. Normally, assuming a Character tag and master expression, the number of characters used from the master expression is the smaller of the two lengths. However, **relate4matchLen** can be called to further decrease the number of characters used from the master expression.

WARNING

If this function is called to change the relation's match length, **relate4top** or **relate4bottom** must be called to reset the relation set. Using a relation with an out of date length can cause unpredictable results.

Parameters:

len Parameter *len* is the number of characters from the evaluated master expression to use. If the value specified is illegal (eg. negative), then the default is used.

Returns: The actual match length is returned. Normally, this is the same as parameter *len*. However, if *len* is an illegal value, then the returned value will be the maximum possible value.

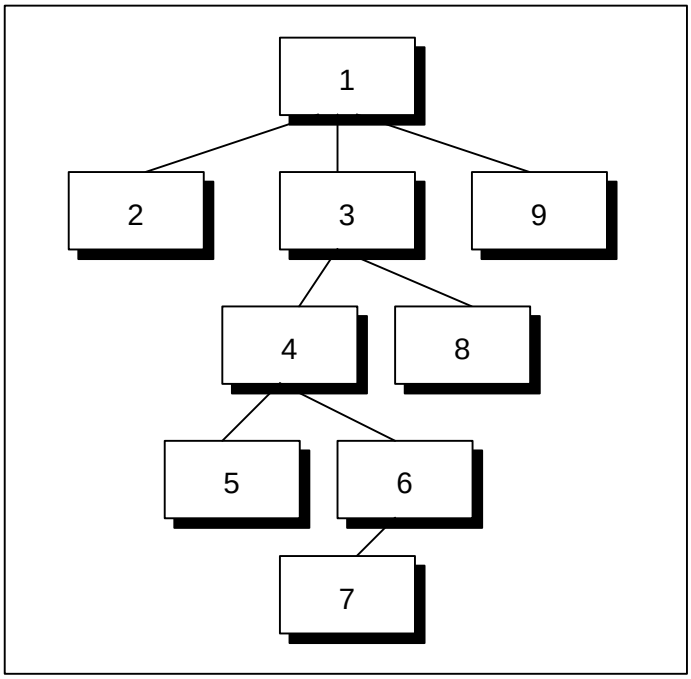
See Also: **relate4masterExpr**

relate4next

Usage: rc% = relate4next(RELATE4&)

Description: This function can be used to iterate through all the relations in the relation set. **relate4next** references the next relation in the tree after it has completed.

relate4next uses the Depth-First algorithm to move through the relation set. The following diagram illustrates the order in which the relation data files are accessed.



Parameters:

RELATE4 This is a pointer which points to the current **RELATE4** structure in the relation set. This function copies the next **RELATE4** pointer in the iteration into *RELATE4*, erasing the old value. After **relate4next** has completed, the long value will contain a pointer to the next **RELATE4** structure in the iteration.

Parameter *RELATE4* is set to zero once there are no more relations left in the relation set.

In order to iterate through the entire relation set, the first **RELATE4** pointer in the iteration should point to the top master **RELATE4** structure returned by **relate4init**.

Returns:

r4complete Done. There are no additional relations in the relation set.

r4down The new *RELATE4* pointer is one further down in the relation set.

r4same The new *RELATE4* is the next slave of the same master.

-X The new *RELATE4* is 'X' masters up. For example, a return of **integer** -1 means that the master had no additional slaves and the master's next slave is the new *RELATE4*.

relate4optimizeable

Usage: rc% = relate4optimizeable(RELATE4&)

Description: This function indicates whether Query Optimization can be used for a particular query expression. **relate4optimizeable** returns true (non-zero)

if Query Optimization can be used and false (zero) if not. When false is returned, a programmer can create a new index file with the appropriate tags so that Query Optimization can be fully utilized.

Note that even when this function returns true, Query Optimization may not be used if there is insufficient memory.

relate4querySet

Usage: rc% = relate4querySet(RELATE4&, query$)

Description: This function sets a query for the relation set. The dBASE expression *query* is evaluated for each composite record. If the expression is true (non-zero), the record is kept. Otherwise, it is ignored as if it did not exist.

WARNING

It is legitimate to call this function more than once. However, once this function is called, do not call **relate4skip** until the relation is positioned through a call to **relate4top** or **relate4bottom**. If this is done, an error is generated.

Parameters:

RELATE4 This pointer specifies the relation set. Any **RELATE4** structure pointer in the relation may be used since the query expression applies to the entire relation set.

query This is a logical dBASE expression that can be parsed by function **expr4parse**. Field names in queries must be qualified with a data file name unless the field belongs to the top master data file.

Example:`"PEOPLE->LAST_NAME = 'SMITH'"`

If *query* is a zero length string (“”), then the query is canceled.

Returns:

r4success Success

< 0 Error or *RELATE4* was zero.

relate4skip

Usage: rc% = relate4skip(RELATE4&, numSkip&)

Description: Conceptually, the relation set defines a composite data file with a set of composite records. This function skips forward or backwards in the composite data file.

Parameters:

RELATE4 *RELATE4* specifies the relation set. Any **RELATE4** structure pointer in the relation set can be used. Regardless, skipping is done in the composite data file corresponding to the entire relation set.

numSkip The number of records to skip. If *numSkip* is negative, then skipping is done backwards. If you pass **relate4skip** a negative parameter for

numSkip without first calling **relate4bottom** or **relate4skipEnable**, an error message is generated.

Returns:

r4success Success

r4terminate A lookup into a slave data file failed. This value was returned because the error action was set to **relate4terminate** and **CODE4.errRelate** is set to false (zero).

r4bof An attempt was made to skip before the first record in the composite data file. The 'beginning of file' condition becomes true (non-zero) for the master data file.

r4eof An attempt was made to skip past the last record in the composite data file. The 'end of file' condition becomes true (non-zero) for the master data file.

< 0 Error.

relate4skipEnable

Usage: rc% = relate4skipEnable(RELATE4&, doEnable%)

Description: In order to allow skipping backwards the relate module needs to perform some extra work and save some extra information.

Calling **relate4skip** with a negative parameter for *numSkip* causes an error condition unless skipping backwards is explicitly enabled for the relation set.

Skipping backwards is enabled either through a call to **relate4skipEnable** or a call to **relate4bottom**.

WARNING

It is legitimate to call this function more than once. However, once this function is called, do not call **relate4skip** until the relation is positioned through a call to **relate4top** or **relate4bottom**. Otherwise, an error is generated.

Parameters:

RELATE4 *RELATE4* specifies the relation set. Any **RELATE4** structure pointer in the relation set can be used. Regardless, skipping is enabled or disabled for the entire relation set.

doEnable Skipping backwards is enabled if *doEnable* is true (non-zero). Otherwise, skipping backwards is disabled.

Returns:

r4success Success

< 0 Error or *RELATE4* was zero.

relate4sortSet

Usage: rc% = relate4sortSet(RELATE4&, sort$)

Description: This function specifies the sorted order in which **relate4skip** returns the various composite records.

WARNING

It is legitimate to call this function more than once. However, once this function is called, do not call **relate4skip** until the relation is positioned through a call to **relate4top** or **relate4bottom**. Otherwise, an error is generated.

Note

Only call **relate4sortSet** when the Query Optimization has reduced the record set to a relatively small size compared to the size of the database. Calling this function to specify the sorted order of a very large record set will be slow compared to an equivalent sort order specified by the selected tag of the master data file. See the **Relation/Query** introduction for more details on alternative methods of specifying the sorted order.

Parameters:

RELATE4 *RELATE4* specifies the relation set. Any **RELATE4** structure pointer in the relation set can be used. Regardless, the specified sort order applies to the entire relation set.

sort This is a dBASE expression that specifies the sort order. This expression can produce a result of type Character, Date or Numeric. However, if it is a Logical expression, an error is generated when **relate4top** or **relate4bottom** is called.

Field names in sort expressions must be qualified with a data file name unless the field belongs to the top master data file.

Example: `"INVENTORY->PART_NAME"`

If *sort* is a zero length string (“”), then the explicit sorting is canceled.

Returns:

r4success Success

< 0 Error or *RELATE4* was zero.

See Also: The Sort Order subsection of the relate module introduction describes the three possible ways to order the composite records.

relate4top

Usage: rc% = relate4top(RELATE4&)

Description: This function moves to the top of the composite data file. Essentially, the top level master data file is positioned to the top of the composite data file and then the slave data files (and their slaves) are positioned accordingly.

Parameters:

RELATE4 *RELATE4* specifies the relation set. Any **RELATE4** structure pointer in the relation set can be used. Regardless, **relate4top** acts on the entire relation set.

Returns:

r4success Success.

r4terminate A lookup into a slave data file failed. This was returned because the error action was set to **relate4terminate** and **CODE4.errRelate** is set to false (zero).

r4eof There were no records in the composite data file.

< 0 Error

Locking: **relate4top** does not do any automatic locking. Explicitly call **relate4lockAdd** and **code4lock** to lock the relation set.

relate4type

Usage: rc% = relate4type(RELATE4&, newType%)

Description: There are three ways data files may be related. Either an exact one-to-one relationship, an approximate one-to-one relationship, or a one-to-many relationship. This function specifies the type.

None of these types apply if the relation expression evaluates directly to a record number.

WARNING

If this function is called to change the relation type, **relate4top** or **relate4bottom** must be called to reset the relation set. Using a relation where a relation type has changed can cause unpredictable results.

Parameters:

RELATE4 *RELATE4* specifies the relation set to which the new relation type applies. This is the relation that was initialized by a call to **relate4createSlave**. If *RELATE4* was initialized by **relate4init,** then this function has no effect.

newType This value determines how records in the slave data file are located. The possible values for *newType* are:

relate4exact This default means that for a record to be located, the key value evaluated from the relation expression must be identical to the key value in the tag. However, the lengths of character values do not need to match. If the lengths are different, comparing is done using the shorter of the two lengths. An even shorter length may be used due to a call to **relate4matchLen**.

This is the only option in which a lookup error, as described under function **relate4errorAction**, can occur.

This is the default value.

relate4approx This means that if a key value cannot be exactly located, the first one after is used instead. If the key value is greater than any key value in the tag, then a blank record is used.

This option is useful for looking up a range of values using a single high value. See the User's Guide for an example of using this type of relation.

relate4scan A scan relation means that zero or more records can be located for each master record.

A record is located for each key value in the tag that exactly matches the evaluated relation expression.

Consider the case in which a single master data file has several slave data files, all specified as scan relation types. In this case, when one slave is being scanned, the other slave records are set to blank.

Returns: The previous type code is returned. If the relation has not been initialized, or is invalid, **relate4type** returns '-1'.

Tag Functions

t4alias
t4close
t4expr
t4filter
t4open
t4unique
t4uniqueSet

A tag corresponds to a sorted order stored in an index file. The tag functions are used by the index and data functions to manipulate the sort orderings of an index file.

Tag Function Reference

t4alias

Usage: tagName$ = t4alias(TAG4&)

Description: **t4alias** returns the unique name used to identify the tag in the index file. This name is specified when the index file is initially created.

Returns: **t4alias** returns a **string** containing the name of the tag alias.

See Also: **i4create, d4tag**

t4close

Usage: rc% = t4close(TAG4&)

Description: A Clipper tag file is flushed to disk, if necessary, and closed. This function is only available in Clipper supported libraries.

If the record buffer of the corresponding data file has been changed, the record is flushed to disk and the tag file is updated before it is closed.

If the tag must be updated, **t4close** locks the file, performs the flushing and closes the file. **t4close** temporarily sets the **CODE4.lockAttempts** to **WAIT4EVER** to ensure that the tag file is locked and updated before returning. As a result, **t4close** never returns **r4locked**. If **t4close** encounters a non-unique key in a unique tag while flushing the data file, the tag file is closed but not updated.

An error will be generated if **t4close** is called during a transaction.

Returns:

r4success Success.

< 0 Error.

See Also: **i4close, t4open**

t4expr

Usage: tagExpr$ = t4expr(TAG4&)

Description: **t4expr** returns a **string** containing the expression that determines the order in which records are added to the tag.

Do not use the **string** returned from **t4expr** to alter the sort expression. Doing so can cause unpredictable results, including the corruption of the tag.

Returns: An expression string for the sort expression is returned.

See Also: Expression functions.

t4filter

Usage: tagFilter$ = t4filter(TAG4&)

Description: **t4filter** returns a **string**, which contains the filter expression that determines which records are added to the tag.

Do not use the string returned from **t4filter** to alter the filter expression. Doing so can cause unpredictable results, including the corruption of the tag.

Returns: A pointer to a string containing the filter expression is returned.

t4open

Usage: TAG4& = t4open(DATA4&, name$)

Description: A Clipper tag file is opened. Normally, tag files are opened using **i4open**. This function is only available in Clipper supported libraries.

dBASE IV and FoxPro index files can be automatically opened when the data file is opened, or **i4open** can be used to open an index file of tags.

Parameters:

DATA4 Specifies the data file for which the tag file was created.

name This is the name of the tag file. The default file extension is **.NTX**. If another extension is specified, it is used.

Returns: The function returns a pointer to the corresponding **TAG4** structure. A return value of zero indicates an error.

See Also: **code4autoOpen, i4open**

t4unique

Usage: rc% = t4unique(TAG4&)

Description: **t4unique** returns the setting for the way the tag handles attempts to add duplicate records.

Returns:

0 The tag is not a unique tag.

r4unique The tag is a unique tag. When an attempt is made to add a record to the data file that has a duplicate key value, this value is returned, and the record is not added.

r4uniqueContinue The tag is a unique tag. When an attempt is made to add a record to the data file that has a duplicate key value, this value is returned, but the record is added. The tag only contains a reference to the first record added.

e4unique Although **e4unique** has a negative value, it does not indicate an error when it is returned in this case. This return indicates that the setting is equal to **e4unique**, which means that an error is generated if a duplicate key is encountered.

< 0 Error.

See Also: **code4errDefaultUnique**

t4uniqueSet

Usage: rc% = t4uniqueSet(TAG4&, uniqueCode%)

Description: **t4uniqueSet** sets the setting for the way the tag handles attempts to add duplicate records.

Note

t4uniqueSet can only be used to change the setting of a unique tag. Setting a unique tag to a non-unique tag or setting a non-unique tag to a unique tag will generate a CodeBase error.

Parameters: If *uniqueCode* is specified, the way duplicate records are handled while the tag is open is changed. Changing the value of the tag only effects the way subsequent duplicate records are handled, but does not alter any previously stored keys. In addition, the unique setting is initialized to the **CODE4.errDefaultUnique** setting each time the tag is opened. The possible values of *uniqueCode* are as follows:

r4unique The tag is a unique tag. When an attempt is made to add a record to the data file that has a duplicate key value, this value is returned, and the record is not added.

r4uniqueContinue The tag is a unique tag. When an attempt is made to add a record to the data file that has a duplicate key value, this value is returned, but the record is added. The tag only contains a reference to the first record added.

e4unique This value indicates that an error is generated if a duplicate key is encountered.

Returns:

r4success Success.

< 0 Error.

See Also: **code4errDefaultUnique**

Utility Functions

There is only one utility function and it frees memory.

u4free

Usage: Call u4free(memPtr&)

Description: This function frees memory previously allocated by other CodeBase functions such as **d4fieldInfo**. *memPtr* should point to memory allocated with one of these functions.

When using the debugging version of the library, **u4free** ensures that the memory had previously been allocated and not previously deallocated. In addition, **u4free** checks that there was no overwriting just before or just after the allocated memory.

Appendix A: Error Codes

The following tables list the error codes that are returned by CodeBase functions, which signal that an error has occurred. The tables display the integer constants and the corresponding small error descriptions accompanied by a more detailed explanation.

For more information concerning error code returns and error functions, please refer to the chapter Error Functions.

General Disk Errors

Constant Name	Value	Meaning
e4close	**-10**	**Closing File** An error occurred while attempting to close a file.
e4create	**-20**	**Creating File** This error could be caused by specifying an illegal file name, attempting to create a file which is open, having a full directory, or by having a disk problem. Refer to the **CODE4.safety** and **CODE4.errCreate** flags in the CodeBase chapter of this manual for more information on how to prevent this error from occurring. This error also results when the operating system doesn't have enough file handles. See **e4open**, below, for more information.
e4len	**-30**	**Determining File Length** An error occurred while attempting to determine the length of a file. This error occurs when CodeBase runs out of valid file handles. See **e4numFiles**, below, for more information.
e4lenSet	**-40**	**Setting File Length** An error occurred while setting the length of a file. This error occurs when an application does not have write access to the file or is out of disk space.
e4lock	**-50**	**Locking File** An error occurred while trying to lock a file. Generally this error occurs when the **CODE4.lockEnforce** is set to true (non-zero) and an attempt is made to modify an unlocked record.
e4open	**-60**	**Opening File** A general file failure occurred opening a file. This error may

		also include of the **-6x** errors listed below if the selected compiler or operating system does not allow for distinguishing between various file errors.
e4permiss	**-61**	**Permission Error Opening File** Permission to open the file as specified was denied. For example, another user may have the file opened exclusively.
e4access	**-62**	**Access Error Opening File** Invalid open mode was specified. This would usually occur if there was a discrepancy between CodeBase and the implementation on a compiler or operating system (i.e. a compatibility problem).
e4numFiles	**-63**	**File Handle Count Overflow Error Opening File** Maximum file handle count exceeded. The server executable has been built with modified runtime libraries that support up to 255 file handles being available. Therefore, this error is unlikely to occur in client-server applications, where the server is opening all files. If this error does occur in a client-server application, you must modify your application to use less files at any given time. For non client-server 'Basic' applications, the provided non client-server DLLs have been built with a 255 file handle limit to prevent this type of error from occurring. If you receive this error, reduce the number of files opened in your application at any given time.
e4fileFind	**-64**	**File Find Error Opening File** File was not found as specified.
e4instance	**-69**	**Duplicate Instance Found Error Opening File** An attempt to open a duplicate instance of a file has been denied. The **CODE4.singleOpen** setting influences how duplicate accessing of a file from within the same executable is performed. This error indicates one of two possibilities: **1.** An open request has occurred but an active data handle in the same executable is inhibiting the open. **2.** In a client-server environment, a different client application has explicitly requested and has been granted exclusive client-access to the specified file.
e4read	**-70**	**Reading File** An error occurred while reading a file. This could be caused by calling **d4go** with a nonexistent record number.
e4remove	**-80**	**Removing File**

		An error occurred while attempting to remove a file. This error will occur when the file is opened by another user or the current process, and an attempt is made to remove that file.
e4rename	**-90**	**Renaming File** An error occurred while renaming a file. This error can be caused when the file name already exists.
e4unlock	**-110**	**Unlocking File** An error occurred while unlocking part of a file.
e4write	**-120**	**Writing to File** This error occurs when the disk is full.

Data File Specific Errors

Constant Name	Value	Meaning
e4data	**-200**	**File is not a Data File** This error occurs when attempting to open a file as a **.DBF** data file when the file is not actually a true data file. If the file is a data file, its header and possibly its data is corrupted.
e4fieldName	**-210**	**Unrecognized Field Name** A function, such as **d4field**, was called with a field name not present in the data file.
e4fieldType	**-220**	**Unrecognized Field Type** A data field had an unrecognized field type. The field type of each field is specified in the data file header.
e4recordLen	**-230**	**Record Length too Large** The total record length is too large. The maximum is **USHRT_MAX-1** which is 65534 for most compilers.
e4append	**-240**	**Record Append Attempt Past End of File**
e4seek	**-250**	**Seeking** This error can occur if int **d4seekDouble** tries to do a seek on a non-numeric tag.

Index File Specific Errors

Constant Name	Value	Meaning
e4entry	**-300**	**Tag Entry Missing**

		A tag entry was not located. This error occurs when a key, corresponding to a data file record, should be in a tag but is not.
e4index	**-310**	**Not a Correct Index File** This error indicates that a file specified as an index file is not a true index file. Some internal index file inconsistency was detected.
e4tagName	**-330**	**Tag Name not Found** The tag name specified is not an actual tag name. Make sure the name is correct and that the corresponding index file is open.
e4unique	**-340**	**Unique Key Error** An attempt was made to add a record or create an index file which would have resulted in a duplicate tag key for a unique key tag. In addition, **t4unique** returned **e4unique** or, when creating an index file, the member **TAG4INFO.unique** specified **e4unique**.
e4tagInfo	**-350**	**Tag information is invalid** Usually occurs when calling **d4create** or **i4create** with invalid information in the input **TAG4INFO** structure.

Expression Evaluation Errors

Constant Name	Value	Meaning
e4commaExpected	**-400**	**Comma or Bracket Expected** A comma or a right bracket was expected but there was none. For example, the expression "SUBSTR(A" would cause this error because a comma would be expected after the 'A'.
e4complete	**-410**	**Expression not Complete** The expression was not complete. For example, the expression "FIELD_A +" would not be complete because there should be something else after the '+'.
e4dataName	**-420**	**Data File Name not Located** A data file name was specified but the data file was not currently open. For example, if the expression was "DATA->FIELD_NAME", but no currently opened data file has "DATA" as its alias. Refer to **d4alias** and **d4aliasSet**.
e4lengthErr	**-422**	**IIF() Needs Parameters of Same Length** The second and third parameters of dBASE function IIF()

		must resolve to exactly the same length. For example, IIF(.T., "12", "123") would return this error because character expression "12" is of length two and "123" is of length three.
e4notConstant	**-425**	**SUBSTR() and STR() need Constant Parameters** The second and third parameters of functions SUBSTR() and STR() require constant parameters. For example, SUBSTR("123", 1, 2) is fine; however, SUBSTR("123", 1, FLD_NAME) is not because FLD_NAME is not a constant.
e4numParms	**-430**	**Number of Parameters is Wrong** The number of parameters specified in a dBASE expression is wrong.
e4overflow	**-440**	**Overflow while Evaluating Expression** The dBASE expression was too long or complex for CodeBase to handle. Such an expression would be extremely long and complex. The parsing algorithm limits the number of comparisons made in a query. Thus, very long expressions can not be parsed. Use **code4calcCreate** to 'shorten' the expression.
e4rightMissing	**-450**	**Right Bracket Missing** The dBASE expression is missing a right bracket. Make sure the expression contains the same number of right as left brackets.
e4typeSub	**-460**	**Sub-expression Type is Wrong** The type of a sub-expression did not match the type of an expression operator. For example, in the expression "33 .AND. .F.", the "33" is of type numeric and the operator ".AND." needs logical operands.
e4unrecFunction	**-470**	**Unrecognized Function** A specified function was not recognized. For example, the expression "SIMPLE(3)" is not valid.
e4unrecOperator	**-480**	**Unrecognized Operator** A specified operator was not recognized. For example, in the dBASE expression "3 } 7", the character '}' is in a place where a dBASE operator would be expected.
e4unrecValue	**-490**	**Unrecognized Value** A character sequence was not recognized as a dBASE constant, field name, or function.
e4unterminated	**-500**	**Unterminated String**

		According to dBASE expression syntax, a string constant starts with a quote character and ends with the same quote character. However, there was no ending quote character to match a starting quote character.
e4tagExpr	**-510**	**Expression Invalid for Tag** The expression is invalid for use within a tag. For example, although expressions may refer to data aliases, tag expressions may not. This error usually occurs when specifying **TAG4INFO** expressions when calling **d4create** or **i4create**.

Optimization Errors

Constant Name	Value	Meaning
e4opt	**-610**	**Optimization Error** A general CodeBase optimization error was discovered.
e4optSuspend	**-620**	**Optimization Removal Error** An error occurred while suspending optimization.
e4optFlush	**-630**	**Optimization File Flushing Failure** An error occurred during the flushing of optimized file information.

Relation Errors

Constant Name	Value	Meaning
e4relate	**-710**	**Relation Error** A general CodeBase relation error was discovered.
e4lookupErr	**-720**	**Matching Slave Record Not Located** CodeBase could not locate the master record's corresponding slave record.
e4relateRefer	**-730**	**Relation Referred to Does Not Exist or is Not Initialized** Referenced a non-existent or improperly initialized relation. Possible cases are: non-initialized memory or an invalid pointer has been passed to a relate module function, or function calls have occurred in an invalid sequence (for example, **relate4skip** may not be called unless **relate4top** has previously been called).

Severe Errors

Constant Name	Value	Meaning
e4info	-910	**Unexpected Information** CodeBase discovered an unexpected value in one of its internal variables.
e4memory	-920	**Out of Memory** CodeBase tried to allocate some memory from the heap, in order to complete a function call, but no memory was available. This usually occurs during a database update process, which happens when a record is appended, written or flushed to disk. During the update, if a new tag block is required, CodeBase will attempt to allocate more memory. If the memory is not available, CodeBase will return the "Out of Memory" error. If this error occurs during the updating process, the index file will most likely become corrupt. It is virtually impossible to escape this error so it is advantageous to allocate all the memory required before any updates are made. Set **CODE4.memStartBlock** to the maximum number of blocks required before opening any index files. See the "Frequently Asked Questions" document for more details.
e4parm	-930	**Unexpected Parameter** A CodeBase function was passed an unexpected parameter value. This can happen when the application programmer forgets to initialize some pointers and thus null pointers are passed to a function.
e4parmNull	-935	**Null Input Parameter unexpected** Unexpected parameter - null input.
e4demo	-940	**Exceeded Maximum Record Number for Demonstration** Exceeded maximum support due to demo version of CodeBase.
e4result	-950	**Unexpected Result** A CodeBase function returned an unexpected result to another CodeBase function.
e4verify	-960	**Structure Verification Failure** Unexpected result while attempting to verify the integrity of a structure.
e4struct	-970	**Data Structure Corrupt or not Initialized** CodeBase internal structures have been detected as invalid.

Not Supported Errors

Constant Name	Value	Meaning
e4notSupported	**-1090**	**Function unsupported** Operation generally not supported in this configuration.
e4version	**-1095**	**Application/Library version mismatch** Version mismatch (eg. client version mismatches server version).

Memo Errors

Constant Name	Value	Meaning
e4memoCorrupt	**-1110**	**Memo File Corrupt** A memo file or entry is corrupt.
e4memoCreate	**-1120**	**Error Creating Memo File** For example, the **CODE4.memSizeMemo** is set to an invalid value.

Transaction Errors

Constant Name	Value	Meaning
e4transViolation	**-1200**	**Transaction Violation Error** Attempt to perform an operation within a transaction which is disallowed (eg. **d4pack**, **d4zap**, etc.)
e4trans	**-1210**	**Transaction Error** Transaction failure. A common occurrence is if the transaction file is detected to be in an invalid state upon opening.
e4rollback	**-1220**	**Transaction Rollback Failure** An unrecoverable failure occurred while attempting to perform a rollback (eg. a hard disk failure)
e4commit	**-1230**	**Transaction Commit Failure** Transaction commit failure occurred.
e4transAppend	**-1240**	**Error Appending Information to Log File** An error has occurred while attempting to append data to the transaction log file. One possibility is out of disk space. In

		the client/server version, all clients will likely be disconnected after this failure.

Communication Errors

Constant Name	Value	Meaning
e4corrupt	**-1300**	**Communication Information Corrupt** Connection information corrupt. In general would indicate a network hardware/software failure of some sort. For example, out of date device drivers may be being used on either a client or a server machine. Alternatively, the client application may have been compiled with an unsupported compiler, using unsupported compiler switches, or under an unsupported operating system, resulting in perceived network problems.
e4connection	**-1310**	**Connection Failure** A connection failure. For example, a connection failed to be established or got terminated abruptly by the network.
e4socket	**-1320**	**Socket Failure** A socket failure. All CodeBase software use sockets as their basis for communications. This error indicates a failure in the socket layer of the communications. For example, the selected communication protocol may be unsupported on the given machine. Alternatively, an unsupported version of the networking software may be being used (eg. Windows Sockets 1.0 or Novell 2.x).
e4net	**-1330**	**Network Failure** A network error occurred. Some CodeBase communications protocols are dependent on network stability. For example, if the local file-server is shut-down, CodeServer or CodeBase may be unable to continue operations, and may therefore fail with an **e4net** error. Alternatively, a physical network error may be detected (for example, if a network cable is physically cut or unplugged, thus removing the physical connection of the computer from the network.)
e4loadlib	**-1340**	**Failure Loading Communication DLL** An attempt to load the specified communication DLL has failed. Ensure that the requested DLL is accessible to the application. This error may also occur if attempting to start a client or server under Windows if Windows is unstable.
e4timeOut	**-1350**	**Network Timed Out** This error occurs whenever CodeBase has timed out after

		CODE4.timeout seconds have elapsed.
e4message	**-1360**	**Communication Message Corrupt** A communication message error has been detected. For example, a client may have not been able to properly send a complete message to the server.
e4packetLen	**-1370**	**Communication Packet Length Mismatch** A packet length error has been detected. Possibly the CodeBase client software mismatches the server implementation.
e4packet	**-1380**	**Communication Packet Corrupt** A packet corruption has been detected. Check **e4corrupt** for potential causes of this failure.

Miscellaneous Errors

Constant Name	Value	Meaning
e4max	**-1400**	**CodeBase Capabilities Exceeded (system maxed out)** The physical capabilities of CodeBase or CodeServer have been maxed out. For example, the maximum allowable connections for a computer may have been exceeded by the CodeServer. Often these errors can be solved by modifying system or network configuration files which have placed arbitrary limits on the system. This error will also be generated when the maximum number of users for the server is exceeded.
e4codeBase	**-1410**	**CodeBase in an Unacknowledged Error State** CodeBase failed due to being in an error state already. Generally comes out as an error return code if a high-level function is called after having disregarded a CodeBase error condition.
e4name	**-1420**	**Name not Found error** The specified name was invalid or not found. For example, **d4index** was called with a non-existent index alias or the specified name was not found in the catalog file.
e4authorize	**-1430**	**Authorization Error (access denied)** The requested operation could not be performed because the requester has insufficient authority to perform the operation. For example, a user without creation privileges has made a call to **d4create.**

Server Failure Errors

Constant Name	Value	Meaning
e4server	**-2100**	**Server Failure** A client-server failure has occurred. In this case, the client connection was probably also lost.
e4config	**-2110**	**Server Configuration Failure** An error has been detected in the server configuration file. The configuration file is only accessed when the server is first started, so once the server is operational, this error cannot occur.
e4cat	**-2120**	**Catalog Failure** A catalog failure has occurred. For example, the catalog file may exist but may be corrupt.

Appendix B: Return Codes

When CodeBase programs use return codes, they are documented as integer constants. These integer constants are defined in CODEBASE.BAS and are listed below:

Constant Name	Value	Meaning
r4check	**- 5**	To determine the value of a **CODE4** setting without changing it, pass **r4check** as the second parameter to the function.
r4success, r4same	**0**	In general, a return of zero means that a function call was successful. **r4same** is returned by the function **Relate4iterator::nextPosition** and it means that the new relation is the next slave of the same master.
r4found, r4down	**1**	**r4found** indicates that a search key was located. **r4down** is returned by the function **Relate4iterator::nextPosition** and it means that the new relation is one level down in the relation set.
r4after, r4complete	**2**	**r4after** means that a search call was not successful and that a index or data file is positioned after the requested search key. **r4complete** is returned by the function **Relate4iterator::nextPosition** and it means that there are no more relations left to iterate through.
r4eof	**3**	This constant indicates an end of file condition.
r4bof	**4**	This constant indicates a beginning of file condition.
r4entry	**5**	This return indicates that a record or tag key is missing.
r4descending	**10**	This code specifies that a tag should be in descending order.
r4unique	**20**	This code indicates that a tag should have unique keys or an attempt was made to add a non-unique key.
r4uniqueContinue	**25**	This code indicates to continue reindexing or adding keys to other tags when an attempt is made to add a non-unique key. The non-unique key is not added to the tag.
r4locked	**50**	This return indicates that a part of a file is locked by another user.
r4noCreate	**60**	This return indicates that a file could not be created.
r4noOpen	**70**	This return indicates that a file could not be opened.
r4noTag	**80**	This return indicates that a tag name could not be found.

r4terminate	**90**	This return indicates that a slave record was not located during a lookup
r4inactive	**110**	There is no active transaction
r4active	**120**	There is an active transaction
r4authorize	**140**	User lacks authorization to perform requested action
r4connected	**150**	An active connection already exists.
r4logOpen	**170**	An attempt was made to open or create a new log file when an open log file already exists.

CodeBase also has a set of character constants that can be used in functions as parameters or return codes. These constants represent the different field types or describe how the information is formatted or the length of a fields that have a pre-determined length.

Constant Name	Value	Meaning
r4bin	**'B'**	Binary field.
r4str	**'C'**	Character field.
r4date	**'D'**	Date field.
r4float	**'F'**	Floating Point field.
r4gen	**'G'**	General field.
r4log	**'L'**	Logical field.
r4memo	**'M'**	Memo field.
r4num	**'N'**	Numeric or Floating Point field.
r4dateDoub	**'d'**	A date is formatted as a **(double)**.
r4numDoub	**'n'**	A numeric value is formatted as a **(double)**.
r4dateLen	**8**	The length of a date field.
r4logLen	**1**	The length of the logical field.
r4memoLen	**10**	The length of the memo field that points to the memo file.

Appendix C: dBASE Expressions

In CodeBase, a dBASE expression is represented as a character string and is evaluated using the expression evaluation functions. dBASE expressions are used to define the keys and filters of an index file. They can be useful for other purposes such as interactive queries.

WARNING

The dBASE functions listed in this appendix are not Basic functions to be called directly from Basic programs. They are dBASE functions which are recognized by the CodeBase expression evaluation functions.

General dBASE Expression Information

All dBASE expressions return a value of a specific type. This type can be Numeric, Character, Date or Logical. A common form of a dBASE expression is the name of a field. In this case, the type of the dBASE expression is the type of the field. Field names, constants, and functions may all be used as parts of a dBASE expression. These parts can be combined with other functions or with operators.

Example dBASE Expression: "FIELD_NAME"

Note

In this manual all dBASE expressions are contained in double quotes (" "). The quotes are not considered part of the dBASE expression. Any quotes that are contained within the dBASE expression will be denoted by single quotes (' ').

Field Name Qualifier

It is possible to qualify a field name in a dBASE expression by specifying the data file.

Example dBASE Expression: "DBALIAS->FLD_NAME"

Observe that the first part, the qualifier, specifies a data file alias (see **d4alias**). This is usually just the name of the data file. Then there is the "->" followed by the field name.

dBASE Expression Constants

dBASE Expressions can consist of a Numeric, Character or Logical constant. However, dBASE expressions which are constants are usually not very useful. Constants are usually used within a more complicated dBASE expression.

A Numeric constant is a number. For example, "5", "7.3", and "18" are all dBASE expressions containing Numeric constants.

Character constants are letters with quote marks around them. " 'This is data' " and " 'John Smith' are both examples of dBASE expressions containing Character constants. If you wish to specify a character constant with a single quote or a double quote contained inside it, use the other type of quote to mark the Character constant. For example," 'Man's' " and ' " OK" ' are both legitimate Character constants.

Unless otherwise specified, all dBASE Character constants in this manual are denoted by single quote characters.

Constants .TRUE. and .FALSE. are the only legitimate Logical constants. Constants .T. and .F. are legitimate abbreviations.

dBASE Expression Operators

Operators like '+' , ' * ', or '<' are used to manipulate constants and fields. For example, "3+8" is an example of a dBASE expression in which the Add operator acts on two numeric constants to return the numeric value "11".

The values an operator acts on must have a type appropriate for the operator. For example, the divide '/' operator acts on two numeric values.

Precedence

Operators have a precedence which specifies operator evaluation order. The precedence of each operator is specified in the following tables which describe the various operators. The higher the precedence, the earlier the operation will be performed. For example, 'divide' has a precedence of 6 and 'plus' has a precedence of 5 which means 'divide' is evaluated before 'plus'. Consequently, "1+4/2" is "3".

Evaluation order can be made explicit by using brackets. For example, "1+2 * 3" returns "7" and "(1+2) * 3" returns "9".

Numeric Operators

The numeric operators all operate on Numeric values.

Operator Name	Symbol	Precedence

Add	+	5
Subtract	-	5
Multiply	*	6
Divide	/	6
Exponent	** or ^	7

Character Operators

There are two character operators, named "Concatenate I" and "Concatenate II", which combine two character values into one. They are distinguished from the Add and Subtract operators by the types of the values they operate on.

Operator Name	Symbol	Precedence
Concatenate I	+	5
Concatenate II	-	5

Examples:

" 'John ' + 'Smith' " becomes " 'John Smith' "

" 'ABC' + 'DEF' " becomes " 'ABCDEF' "

Concatenate II is slightly different as any spaces at the end of the first Character value are moved to the end of the result.

" 'John'-'Smith ' " becomes " 'JohnSmith ' "

" 'ABC' - 'DEF' " becomes " 'ABCDEF' "

" 'A ' - 'D ' " becomes " 'AD ' "

Relational Operators

Relational Operators are operators which return a Logical result (which is either true or false). All operators, except Contain, operate on Numeric, Character or Date values. Contain operates on two character values and returns true if the first is contained in the second.

Operator Name	Symbol	Precedence
Equal To	=	4
Not Equal To	<> or #	4
Less Than	<	4
Greater Than	>	4
Less Than or Equal To	< =	4
Greater Than or Equal To	> =	4
Contain	$	4

Examples:

" 'CD' $ 'ABCD' " returns ".T."

" 8<7 " returns ".F."

Logical Operators

Logical Operators return a Logical Result and operate on two Logical values.

Operator Name	Symbol	Precedence
Not	.NOT.	3
And	.AND.	2
Or	.OR.	1

Examples " .NOT. .T. " returns ".F."

" .T. .AND. .F." returns ".F."

dBASE Expression Functions

A function can be used as a dBASE expression or as part of an dBASE expression. Like operators, constants, and fields, functions return a value. Functions always have a function name and are followed by a left and right bracket. Values (parameters) may be inside the brackets.

Function List

ALLTRIM(CHAR_VALUE)

This function trims all of the blanks from both the beginning and the end of the expression.

ASCEND(VALUE)

This function is not supported by dBASE, FoxPro or Clipper.

ASCEND() accepts all types of parameters, except complex numeric expressions. ASCEND() converts all types into a Character type in ascending order. In the case of numeric types, the conversion is done so that the sorting will work correctly even if negative values are present.

CHR(INTEGER_VALUE)

This function returns the character whose numeric ASCII code is identical to the given integer. The integer must be between 0 and 255.

Example: CHR(65) returns “A”.

CTOD(CHAR_VALUE)

The character to date function converts a character value into a date value:

eg. " CTOD("11/30/88") "

The character representation is always in the format specified by the code4dateFormat member variable which is by default "MM/DD/YY".

DATE()

The system date is returned.

DAY(DATE_VALUE)

Returns the day of the date parameter as a numeric value from "1" to "31".

eg. "DAY(DATE())"

Returns "30" if it is the thirtieth of the month.

DESCEND(VALUE)

This function is not supported by dBASE or FoxPro. DESCEND() is compatible with Clipper, only if the parameter is a Character type.

DESCEND() accepts any type of parameter, except complex numeric expressions. DESCEND() converts all types into a character type in descending order.

For example, the following expression would produce a reverse order sort on the field ORD_DATE followed by normal sub-sort on COMPANY.

eg. DESCEND(ORD_DATE) + COMPANY

See also ASCEND().

DELETED()

Returns .TRUE. if the current record is marked for deletion.

DTOC(DATE_VALUE)

DTOC(DATE_VALUE, 1)

The date to character function converts a date value into a character value. The format of the resulting character value is specified by the code4dateFormat member variable which is by default "MM/DD/YY".

eg. " DTOC(DATE()) "

Returns the character value "05/30/87" if the date is May 30, 1987.

If the optional second argument is used, the result will be identical to the dBASE expression function *DTOS*.

For example, DTOC(DATE(), 1) will return "19940731" if the date is July 31, 1994.

DTOS(DATE_VALUE)

The date to string function converts a date value into a character value. The format of the resulting character value is "CCYYMMDD".

e.g. ." DTOS(DATE()) "

Returns the character value "19870530" if the date is May 30, 1987.

IIF(LOG_VALUE, TRUE_RESULT, FALSE_RESULT)

If 'Log_Value' is .TRUE. then IIF returns the 'True_Result' value. Otherwise, IIF returns the 'False_Result' value. Both True_Result and False_Result must be the same length and type. Otherwise, an error results.

eg. "IIF(VALUE << 0, "Less than zero ", "Greater than zero")"

e.g. ."IIF(NAME = "John", "The name is John", "Not John ")"

LEFT(CHAR_VALUE, NUM_CHARS)

This function returns a specified number of characters from a character expression, beginning at the first character on the left.

eg. "LEFT('SEQUITER', 3)" returns "SEQ".

The same result could be achieved with "SUBSTR('SEQUITER', 1, 3)".

LTRIM(CHAR_VALUE)

This function trims any blanks from the beginning of the expression.

MONTH(DATE_VALUE)

Returns the month of the date parameter as a numeric.

eg. " MONTH(DT_FIELD) "

Returns 12 if the date field's month is December.

PAGENO()

When using the report module or CodeReporter, this function returns the current report page number.

RECCOUNT()

The record count function returns the total number of records in the database:

eg. " RECCOUNT() "

Returns 10 if there are ten records in the database.

RECNO()

The record number function returns the record number of the current record.

STOD(CHAR_VALUE)

The string to date function converts a character value into a date value:

eg. " STOD("19881130") "

The character representation is in the format "CCYYMMDD".

STR(NUMBER, LENGTH, DECIMALS)

The string function converts a numeric value into a character value. "Length" is the number of characters in the new string, including the decimal point. "Decimals" is the number of decimal places desired. If the number is too big for the allotted space, *'s will be returned.

eg. " STR(5.7, 4, 2) " returns " '5.70' "

The number 5.7 is converted to a string of length 4. In addition, there will be 2 decimal places.

eg. " STR(5.7, 3, 2) " returns " '***' "

The number 5.7 cannot fit into a string of length 3 if it is to have 2

	decimal places. Consequently, *'s are filled in.
SUBSTR(CHAR_VALUE, START_POSITION, NUM_CHARS)	
	A substring of the Character value is returned. The substring will be 'Num_Chars' long, and will start at the 'Start_Position' character of 'Char_Value'. eg. " SUBSTR("ABCDE", 2, 3)" returns " 'BCD' " eg. "SUBSTR("Mr. Smith", 5, 1)" returns " 'S' "
TIME()	
	The time function returns the system time as a character representation. It uses the following format: HH:MM:SS. eg. " TIME() " returns " 12:00:00 " if it is noon. eg. " TIME() " returns " 13:30:00 " if it is one thirty PM.
TRIM(CHAR_VALUE)	
	This function trims any blanks off the end of the expression.
UPPER(CHAR_VALUE)	
	A character string is converted to uppercase and the result is returned.
VAL(CHAR_VALUE)	
	The value function converts a character value to a numeric value. eg. “VAL('10')” returns "10". eg. “VAL('-8.7')” returns "-8.7".
YEAR(DATE_VALUE)	
	Returns the year of the date parameter as a numeric: eg. "YEAR(STOD('19920830')) " returns " 1992 "

Appendix D: CodeBase Limits

Following are the maximums of CodeBase:

Description	Limit
Block Size	32768 (32K)
Data File Size	1,000,000,000 Bytes
Field Width	254 for dBASE compatibility, 32767 otherwise.
Floating Point Field Width	19
Memo Entry Size	(maximum value of an unsigned integer) minus (overhead) The range of the integer depends on how many bytes are used to stored an unsigned integer, which in turn depends on the system. The overhead of may vary from compiler to compiler or o/s to o/s . The overhead should never exceed 100 bytes. Therefore, if the system uses a 2 byte unsigned integer, then the memo entry size is: 65,536 - 100 = 65, 436 bytes (approx. 64K) If the system uses a 4 byte unsigned integer, then the memo entry size is: 4,294,967,296 - 100 = 4,294,967,196 bytes (approx. 4G)
Number of Fields	128 for dBASE compatibility. 1022 for Clipper compatibility.
Number of Open Files	The number of open files is constrained only by the compiler and the operating environment.
Number of Tags per Index	Unlimited FoxPro 47 dBASE IV 1 Clipper
Numeric Field Width	19
Record Width	65500 (64K)