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SelText

The *SelText* property returns a string containing the selected text. If no text is selected, the *SelText* property contains an empty string ("").

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Properties

Applies to ...

Object	Type when in a form	Type when in a GridControl	Type when in a dialog	Description
Control	PatternField TextField			A control on an open form or dialog

Syntax

```
control.SelText
control.SelText = value
```

Returned values / Arguments

String

Remarks

- If the control contains the selected text when this property is set, the selected text is replaced by the new *SelText* setting. Otherwise selection is not changed.
- To set or return this property for a control, the control must have the focus. To move the focus to a control, use the **SetFocus** method.

Error messages

Property 'SelStart' not applicable in this context

Value '...' is invalid for property 'SelStart'

See also

[SelLength](#)
[SelStart](#)
[SetFocus](#)

Example

Search a string in a text column and select it when found

```
Dim ofForm As Object, ocControl As Object
Const cstSearch = "WINNIE"
    Set ofForm = Forms("myForm")
    Set ocControl = ofForm.Controls("myGridControl").Controls("mytextField")
    With ocControl
        .SetFocus()
        DoCmd.FindRecord(cstSearch, acAnywhere, True, , , acCurrent, True)
        .SelText = cstSearch
        MsgBox "String '" & cstSearch & "' found in position " & .SelStart & ". Length" & .SelLength
    End With
```

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