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## SelLength

The *SelLength* property specifies or determines the number of characters selected in a text box.

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### 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.SelLength
control.SelLength = value
```

### Returned values / Arguments

Long

### Remarks

- The *SelLength* property uses an integer value in the range 0 to the total number of characters in a text box.
- 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 'SelLength' not applicable in this context
Value '...' is invalid for property 'SelLength'

## See also

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[SelStart](#)

[SelText](#)

[SetFocus](#)

## Example

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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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