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ShortCut Notation

The shortcut notation allows to reach an **object** or anyone of its properties by mean of a call to one single function. The first argument of the function is a **STRING** designating unambiguously the target **form**, **dialog** or **control**, or one of their properties.

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Shortcuts

The shortcut notation

The *shortcut notation* binds several *components* by mean of two operators:

- The "!" (exclamation mark)

The component on the left of the "!" is a *parent* of the component on its right. A *parent* may be a **collection** or an **object** containing other *objects*, just like a form contains controls.

The first component must be a collection.

Allowed collections	
Forms	The form must be open.
Dialogs	The dialog must be active but not necessarily in execution.
TempVars	The invoked temporary variable must exist.

- The "." (dot)

The dot separates an object on its left from one of the properties of the object on its right.

Note that the *shortcut notation* is NOT case-sensitive.

Remarks

In MSAccess the shortcut notation is a construction recognized as such by the Visual Basic interpreter. It can be used directly in expressions.

In Access2Base the notation is given as a **String** argument to the **getObject**, **getValue** and a few other functions.

Examples

- The *myForm* form:

```
Forms!myForm
```

- The *myDialog* dialog:

```
Dialogs!myDialog
```

- The *myVar* variable

```
TempVars!myVar
```

- The **AllowEdits** property of *myForm*:

```
Forms!myForm.AllowEdits
```

- The **Visible** property of *myDialog*:

```
Dialogs!myDialog.Visible
```

- A control in *myForm*:

```
Forms!myForm!myControl
```

- The **BackColor** property of *myControl*:

```
Forms!myForm!myControl.BackColor  
Dialogs!myDialog!myControl.BackColor
```

- A control in a subform:

```
Forms!myForm!mySubForm.Form!mySubcontrol
```

- The **ControlTipText** property of a control in a **gridcontrol** located itself in a subform:

```
Forms!myForm!mySubForm.Form!myGridControl!mySubControl.ControlTipText
```

Associated functions

Function	Description
getObject	Returns an object corresponding with its argument.
getValue	Returns a property of the object corresponding with its argument.
setValue	Sets a property of the object corresponding with its first argument.

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