TipTextForLongValues

(Q) Some of the records in my database have values that are longer than the width of the bound control on the form. Is there a way I can display the complete text without requiring the user to click in the field and using arrow keys to read the value ?

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(R) Form controls have a property called **ControlTipText** (what you see in the yellow tooltip popup if you place the mouse over a control for some time). This property can be easily used to display the complete value of the actual control itself.

Solution

Fire next code from the *After record change* event of a form:

```
Sub setTipText(poEvent As Object)

Dim ofForm As Object, ocControl As Object, i As Integer, sValue As String
Const cstMin = 10
Const cstMax = 200
        Set ofForm = Events(poEvent).Source
        For i = 0 To ofForm.Controls.Count - 1
                Set ocControl = ofForm.Controls(i)
                sValue = CStr(ocControl.Value)
                If Len(sValue) > cstMin Then
                        If Len(sValue) > cstMax Then
                                ocControl.ControlTiptext = Left(sValue, cstMax)
                        Else
                                ocControl.ControlTiptext = sValue
                        End If
                End If
        Next i

End Sub
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You will have noted that the tip text is modified only if long enough and truncated if the value is too long.

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