

# Status Bar Control

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## Description

A status bar control is an alternative to the traditional status bar that is created by setting the dialog's HAS-STATUS-BAR attribute. However, the status bar control offers a range of advanced features which the traditional Natural status bars do not support. These new features include a Windows-like appearance with (optionally) recessed or raised sections - referred to as "panes" - and (optionally) a sizing grip (see illustration above). The status bar panes are themselves dialog elements, and are therefore documented under their own section below. Note that, although it is possible to define a status bar control with no panes, such a status bar control can only display a single text string. In order to use any of the advanced features, it is necessary to define one or more panes.

A status bar control can be displayed either at the top or bottom of a dialog. Furthermore, a dialog may have more than one status bar control. Status information set via the dialog's STATUS-TEXT attribute is automatically redirected to the status bar control (if any) specified by the dialog's STATUS-HANDLE attribute.

You can set a minimum pane height for the status bar control using the ITEM-H attribute. The distance between the items and the status bar control's border is determined with the MARGIN-X and MARGIN-Y attributes.

## Attributes for Status Bar Control

Attribute Name	Query	Set/Modify	In Attr. Window
BAR-ID	X	X/-	
CLIENT-DATA	X	X/X	
CLIENT-HANDLE	X	X/X	
CLIENT-KEY	X	X/X	
CLIENT-VALUE	X	X/X	X
CONTEXT-MENU	X	X/X	X
ENABLED	X	X/X	X
FIRST-CHILD	X	-/-	
FOLLOWS	X	X/X	
FONT-HANDLE	X	X/X	X
HAS-TOOLTIP	X	X/X	X
ITEM-H	X	X/X	X
LAST-CHILD	X	-/-	
LOCATION	X	X/X	X
MARGIN-X	X	X/X	X
MARGIN-Y	X	X/X	X
PARENT	X	X/-	
PREDECESSOR	X	-/-	
RECTANGLE-H	X	-/-	
RECTANGLE-W	X	-/-	
RECTANGLE-X	X	-/-	
RECTANGLE-Y	X	-/-	
STRING	X	-/X	X
STYLE	X	X/-	X
SUCCESSOR	X	-/-	
TOOLTIP	X	X/X	
TYPE	X	X/-	
VISIBLE	X	X/X	X

## Events

This dialog element does not create events.