# The Drop Query

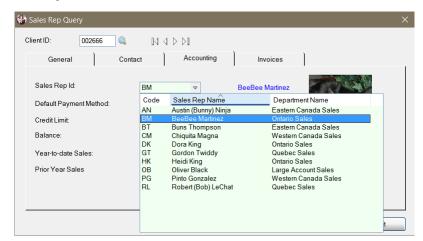
PxPlus 2016 (v13)



Overview

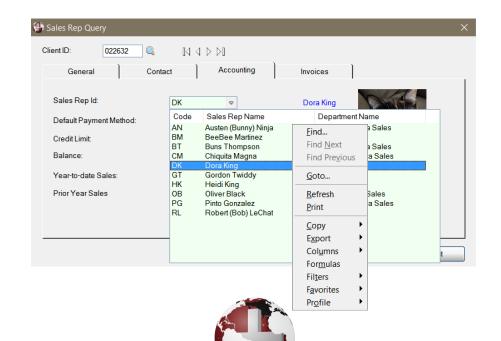
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Emulates an enhanced drop box that can display multiple columns with sortable headers

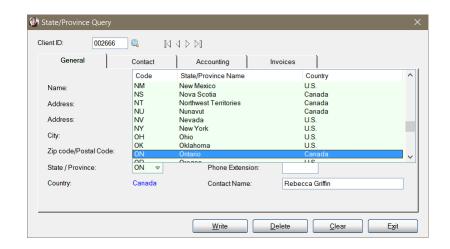




- Overview
  - Cleaner display
    - Just the data
    - No toolbar or buttons
    - Still supports all the right-click options (except for autochart)



- Overview
  - More user friendly
    - Display is adjacent to the multi-line
    - Not disconnected from the multi-line in a separate window, or even hiding it





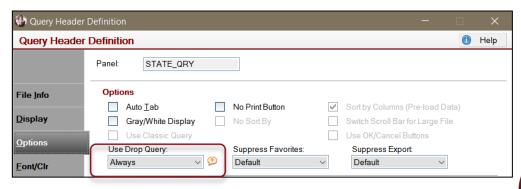
- Usage
  - Instead of a standard dropbox for a more complex display
    - But minimize the number of columns shown so you don't overwhelm the display
      - Hidden columns simplify display but are available to be viewed
  - For small datasets
    - Uses a report view list box to display the data
    - The entire dataset is loaded up front, so the user must wait until the load is finished before proceeding



- Setting up Drop Queries
  - 1. Establish the default usage
    - %nomads'Drop\_Qry\_All=1 sets the Drop Query as the default query display
    - In *i*Nomads, set the Drop Query option in the Template Configuration (on the Misc tab)

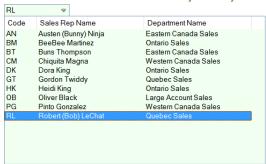


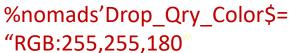
- Setting up Drop Queries
  - 2. Query Header Definition Options
    - Individual queries have an option to use the *Default* setting, or to ignore the default and either *Always* or *Never* display that query as a Drop Query



- Setting up Drop Queries
  - You can also set "nomads' Drop\_Qry\_Color\$ to override the default background color

#### Default is RGB:240,255,240







- Emulating an enhanced variable drop box
  - Query button
    - Down arrow bitmap
    - Embedded and Flat/No border attributes

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HK	Heidi King	Ontario Sales
OB	Oliver Black	Large Account Sales
PG	Pinto Gonzalez	Western Canada Sales
RL	Robert (Bob) LeChat	Quebec Sales



- Emulating an enhanced drop box (not variable)
  - Must choose from list (i.e. multiline locked)
  - Query button
    - Down arrow bitmap
    - Embedded and Flat/No border attributes
  - PermaLock attribute on the multiline





- Activation
  - Requires the same v13 activation level as Query+:

PxPlus Base license with SmartControl package (20005)

or

PxPlus Professional Bundle

or

PxPlus e-Commerce Bundle

or

PxPlus *i*Nomads Wayfarer Pack

#### **Additional Resources**

The help link(s) below refer to the current on-line help pages. The functionality may have been further updated since the PxPlus 2016 (version 13) release.

- Query Subsystem
- Drop Queries
- Query Header Options Query View
- iNomads Template Configuration
- Query Colors

