

# What's New in NOMADS 2019

PxPlus 2019 (v16)

# Agenda

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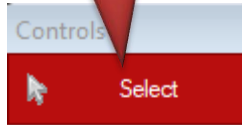
- NOMADS Designer & IDE
- Data Dictionary
- Shape Controls
- NOMADS Controls
- Themes & Visual Classes
- Report Writer

# **NOMADS DESIGNER & IDE**

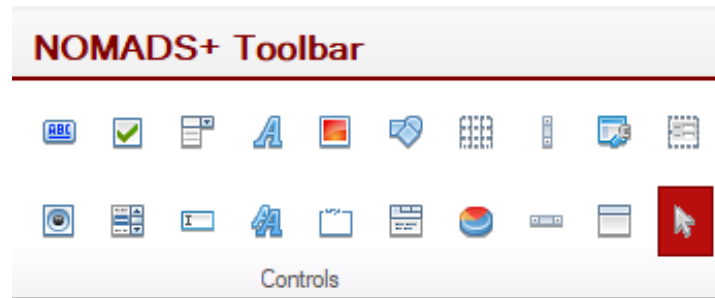
# Pointer Tool on NOMADS+ Toolbar

## NOMADS Designer & IDE

Pointer Tool  
in Property  
Sheets



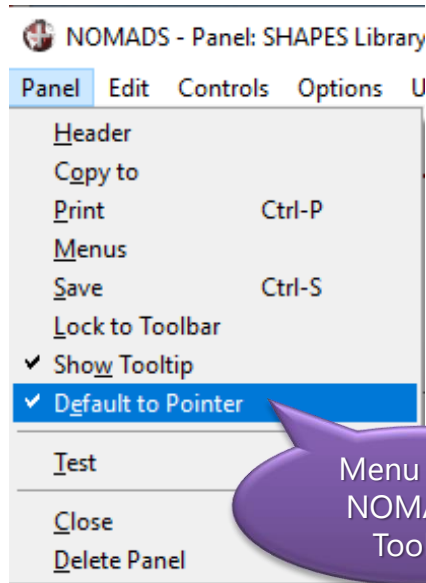
- Pointer Tool added to NOMADS+ Toolbar
- Previously existed in Property Sheets but not Folder Style or NOMADS+
- Used to select a single control or draw a selection box around multiple controls



New Pointer  
Tool for  
NOMADS+

# Pointer Tool as Default Control

## NOMADS Designer & IDE

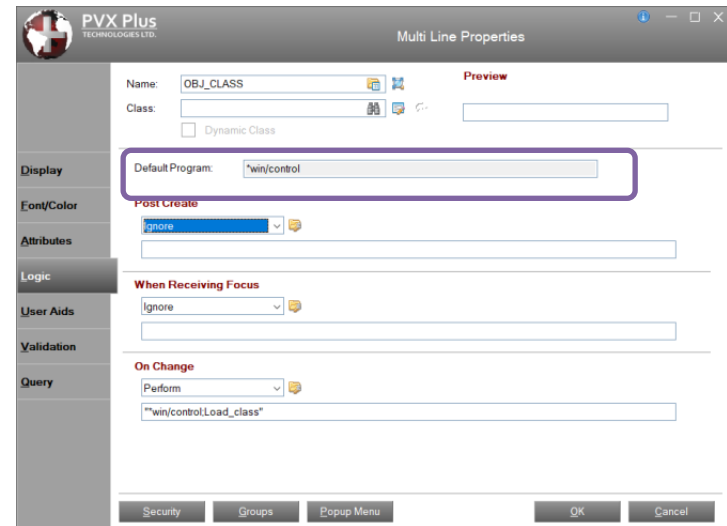
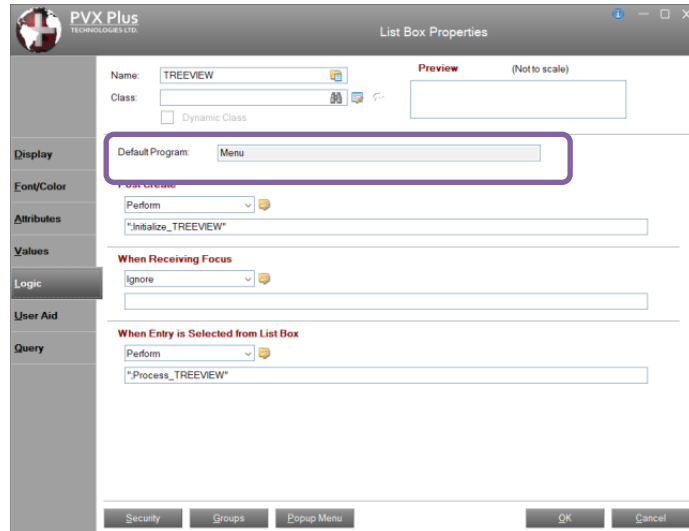


- Setting Default NOMADS+ Control
  - Pointer Tool is the default control type when using Property Sheets
  - Ability to set the new Pointer Tool as the default control when entering NOMADS+ (rather than Button)
  - Persists for future NOMADS+ design sessions

# Default Program on Logic Tab

## NOMADS Designer & IDE

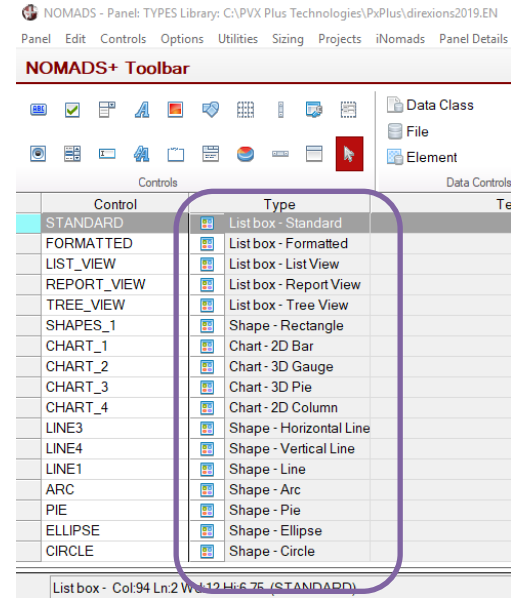
- Added **Default Program** on Logic Tab (NOMADS+ and Folder Style)
  - The default program defined on the header of the panel now displays (disabled) on the **Logic Tab** for all other control types



# More Information in NOMADS+ Toolbar

## NOMADS Designer & IDE

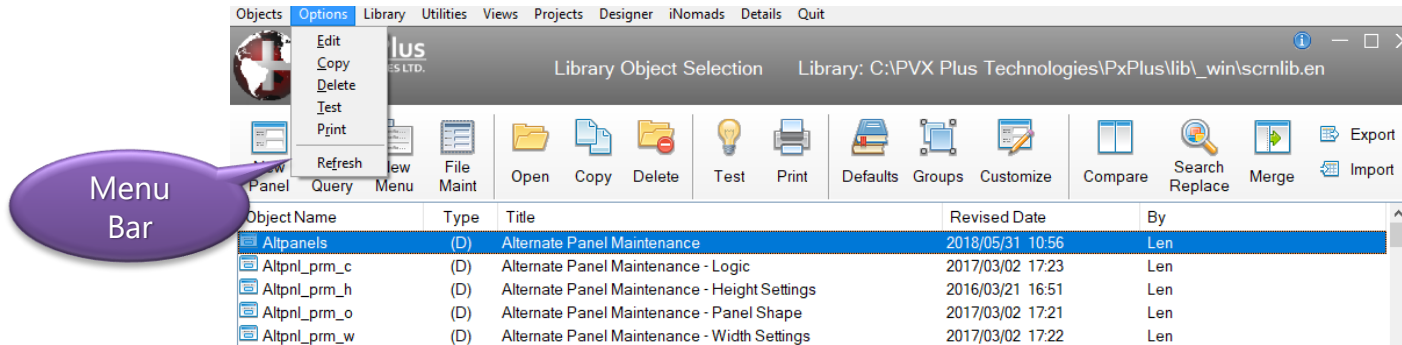
- More information displayed for certain control types:
  - Listboxes
    - Standard, Formatted, List View, Report View, Tree View
  - Charts
    - 2D, 3D
    - Bar, Pie, Gauge, Column, *etc.*
  - Shapes
    - Rectangle, Arc, Circle, Ellipse, Pie, Line, Vertical Line, Horizontal Line, Radius Arc, Radius Circle, Poly Line, Polygon



# Refresh of Library Object Selection Dialog

## NOMADS Designer & IDE

- Added ability to Refresh the main list box on the Library Object Selection Dialog
- Available from the **Menu Bar**

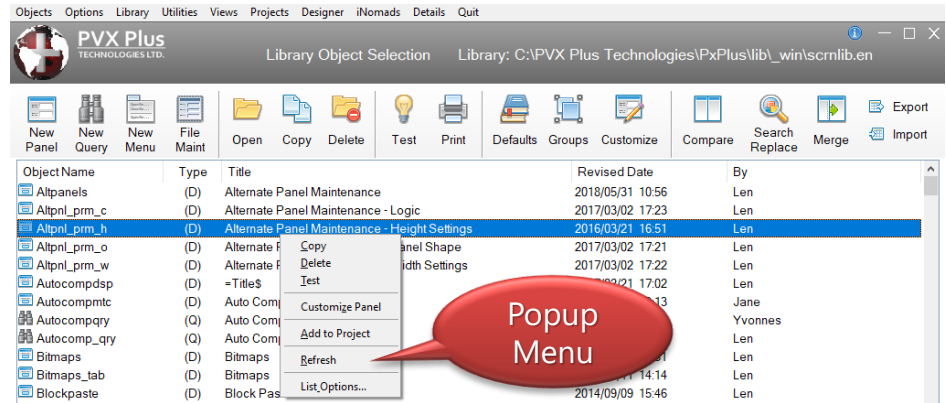




# Refresh of Library Object Selection Dialog

## NOMADS Designer & IDE

- Available also from the **Popup Menu** of the Listbox
- Added to all three possible views
  - Toolbar View (default)
  - Button View
  - Menubar View

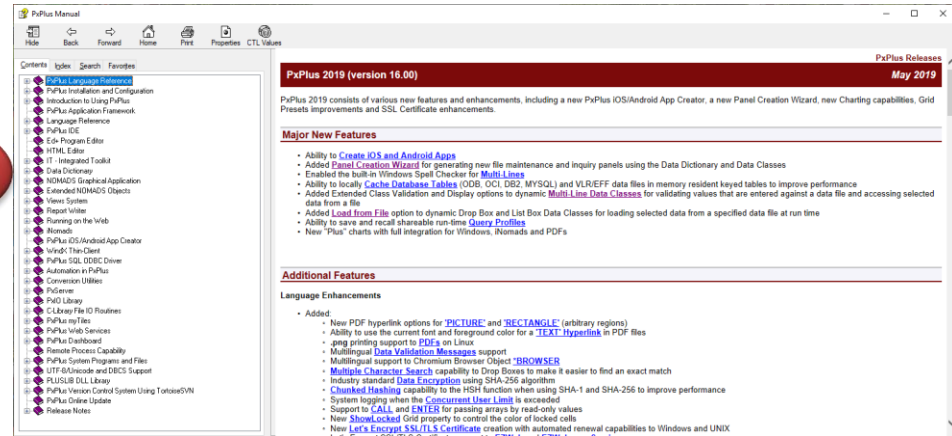
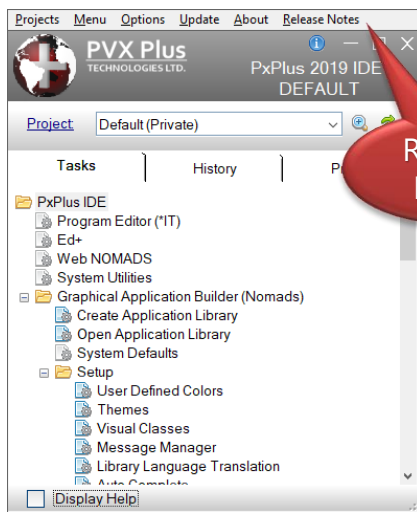


- Listbox is repopulated in original sort sequence by **Object Name**

# Release Notes on IDE Menu Bar

## NOMADS Designer & IDE

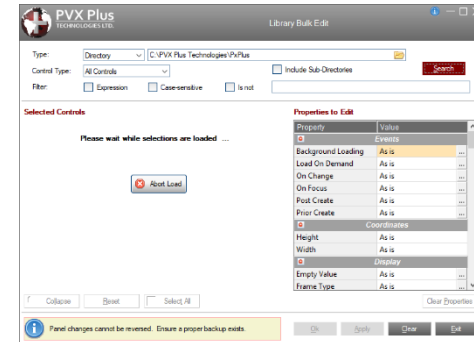
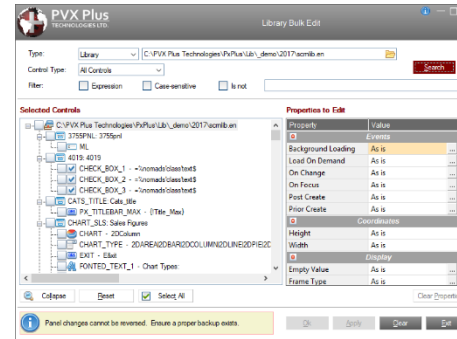
- Added Release Notes on IDE menu bar
- Quick access to the Release Notes (*from the PxPlus Help file*) that correspond with the current PxPlus installed version



# Library Bulk Edit

## NOMADS Designer & IDE

- Library Bulk Edit Utility
  - Introduced in PxPlus 2017 to allow bulk panel changes to be made over entire screen libraries or directories
  - Abort Load button added in PxPlus 2018.1
- PxPlus 2019
  - Dirty record checking
  - Data Classes

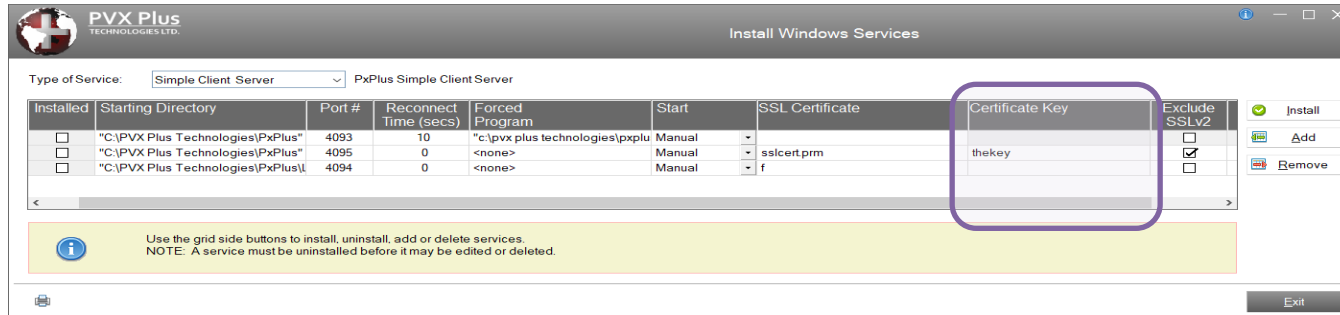


More details at  
[Simplify Coding using Enhanced Data Classes PDF](#)

# Install Windows Services Utility

NOMADS Designer & IDE

- Install Windows Services
  - Accessible from the IDE/Installation and Setup menu option
  - Added new columns when installing [EZWeb Server](#) or [Simple Client Server](#) to correspond with new security options



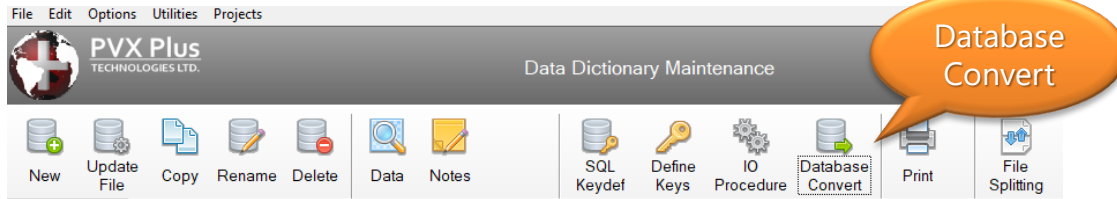
More details at the  
[Data Protection & Lets Encrypt SSL/TLS Certificates and Using a Relational Database PDF](#)

# DATA DICTIONARY

# Data Dictionary Maintenance Updates

## Data Dictionary

- A new **Database Convert** button added to toolbar
  - Database Conversion Utility to assist in creating and populating SQL database tables from your Data Dictionary data files

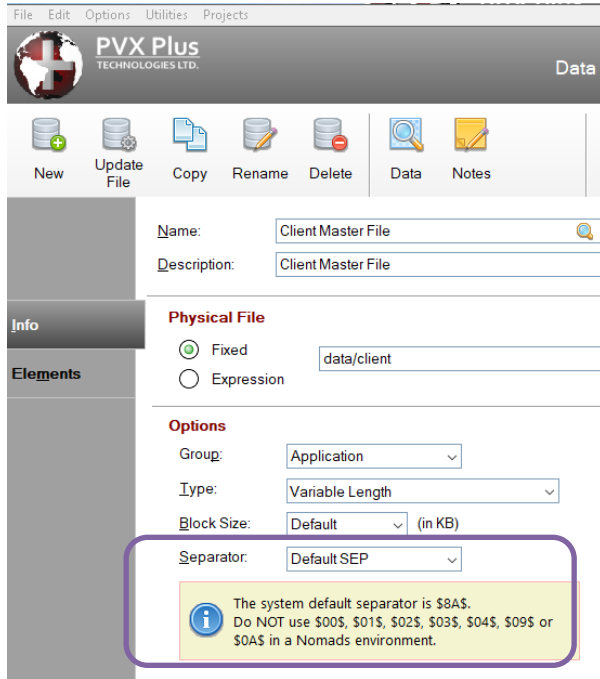


More details at the  
[Data Protection & Using  
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- Element Description Maintenance
  - Dirty record checking
  - Added First Element and Last Element browse buttons

# Separator DropBox on Info Tab

## Data Dictionary

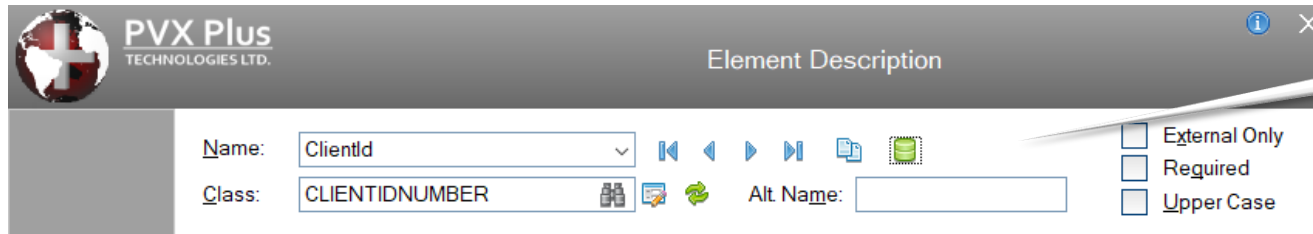


- Changed Separator DropBox in PxPlus 2019 Update 1
- Added a new item **Default SEP**
  - If selected, file will be created with the system field separator based on 'FS' parameter (previously defaulted to **\$8A\$**)
- Also added an info box to suggest not using certain values in a NOMADS environment

# Update of Global Dictionary Elements

## Data Dictionary

- New dialog allows edits made to Global Dictionary elements to also be applied to data file elements that share the same element **Name** and **Type**
  - **Update Global Dictionary Elements in other Files** button available when editing a Global Dictionary element
  - Message box appears when saving changes to a Global Dictionary element and other elements with the same **Name** and **Type** exist in the Data Dictionary

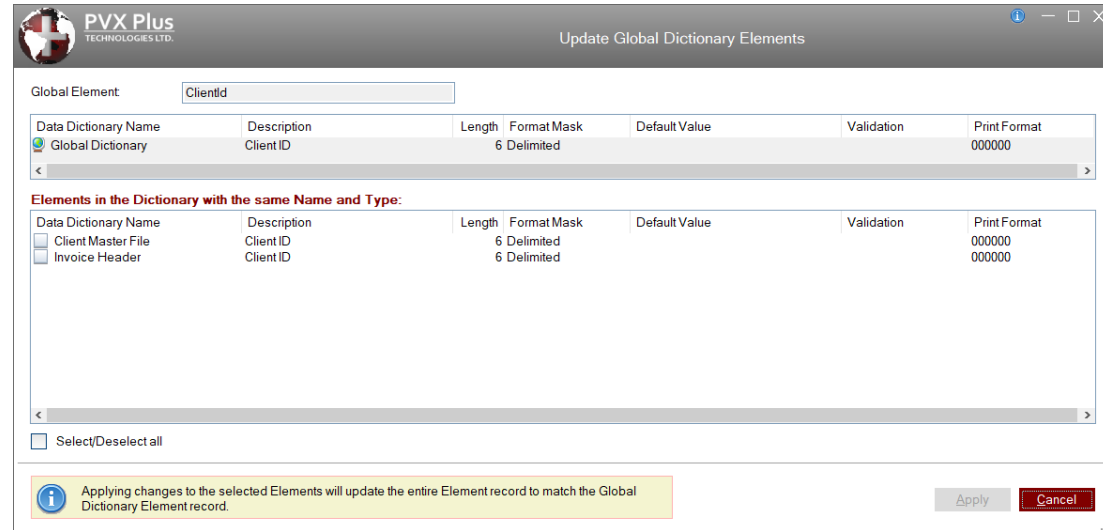




# Update Global Dictionary Elements Dialog

## Data Dictionary

- Update All or Selective occurrences
- Updates the entire element record to match the Global element record (not just the latest changes)
- Does **NOT** update the physical file

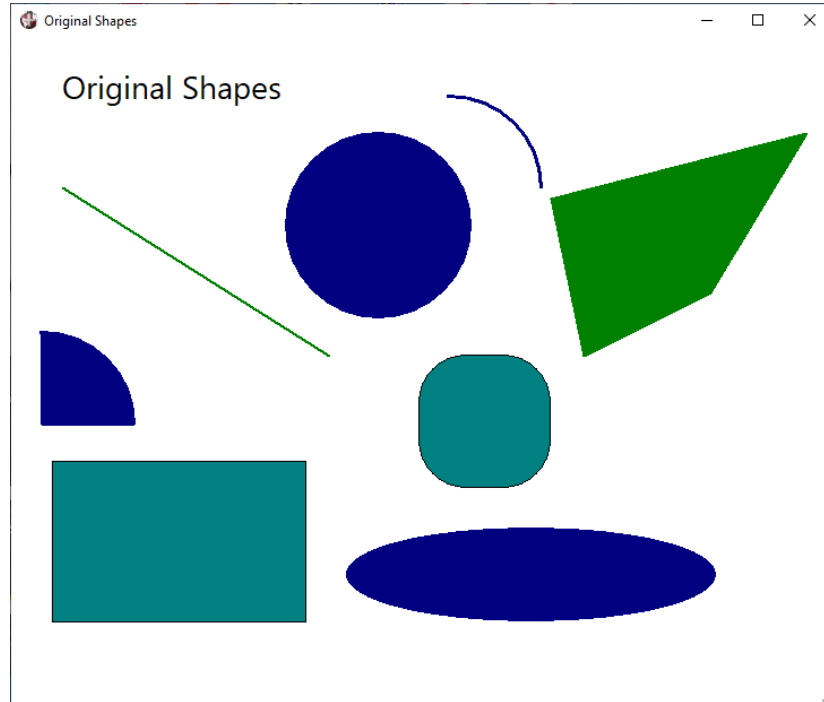


# SHAPE CONTROLS

# PxPlus 2018 Shape Controls

## Shape Controls

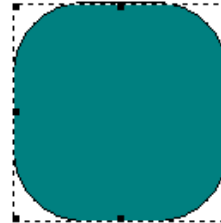
- Arc
- Circle (Ellipse)
- Line
- Pie
- Polygon
- Rectangle (Default)



# Rectangle

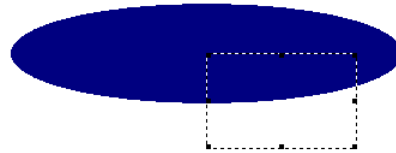
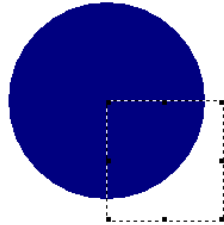
## Shape Controls

- Rectangle Definition: (default shape)
  - Size defined by column, line, width and height of shape drawn in the designer
  - Enter **Pen Style**, **Width** and **Color** (border)
  - Enter **Fill Pattern** and **Fill Color(s)** (two colors if using a gradient)
  - Enter optional **Radius** (rounded corners)



# Original Arc, Circle, Ellipse & Pie

## Shape Controls

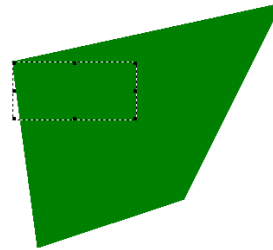
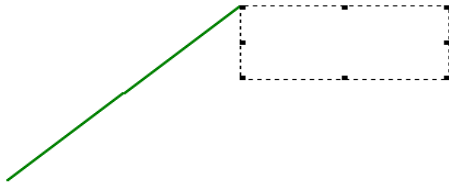


- Original Arc, Circle, Ellipse & Pie definitions:
  - Center defined by column and line of shape drawn in designer (top, left corner)
  - Enter **Pen Style**, **Width** and **Color** (border)
  - Enter **Fill Pattern** and **Fill Color(s)** if not Arc
  - Enter **Radius** and **Ratio** (ratio =1 for Circle)
  - Enter **Angles** if Arc or Pie

# Original Line and Polygon

## Shape Controls

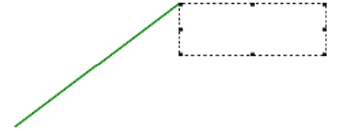
- Original Line and Polygon definitions:
  - Start position defined by column and line of shape drawn in designer (top, left corner)
  - Enter **Pen Style**, **Width** and **Color** (border)
  - Enter **Fill Pattern** and **Fill Colors** if Polygon
  - Enter **X/Y Values** in graphical units (multiple for polygon)



# Problems with Original Shape Controls

## Shape Controls

- Difficult to locate the shape control to edit for all shapes except Rectangles
- Difficult to determine X/Y Values for a Line or Polygon
  - Many use a frame 0 high or 0 wide instead of a horizontal/vertical line
- Hard to estimate the radius needed for the proper size
- Resizing
  - Impossible to resize Lines in *iNomads* because of graphical units in a browser environment
- Font settings with different aspect ratios will result in different locations for the X/Y graphical units used in Lines and Polygons



# New Shape Controls for PxPlus 2019

## Shape Controls

- Re-designed all shapes controls except Rectangles and Polygons
  - Consider using an image or bitmap rather than a polygon
- Kept old definitions for compatibility but renamed them
- Going forward - controls can use the new shape definitions
- Convert functionality
- Resizing logic makes more sense



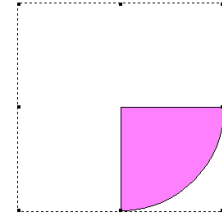
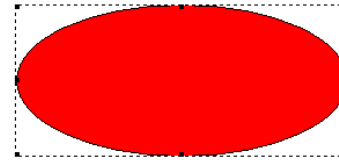
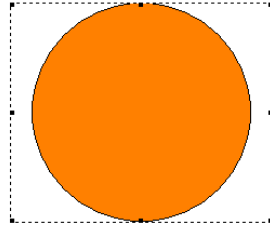
# Shape Names

## Shape Controls

PxPlus 2018 Shape	PxPlus 2019 Shape
Rectangle	Rectangle ( <i>unchanged</i> )
Polygon	Polygon ( <i>unchanged</i> )
Radius Arc	Arc
Radius Circle	Circle
Poly Line	Line
Radius Pie	Pie

# New Arc, Circle, Ellipse & Pie

## Shape Controls

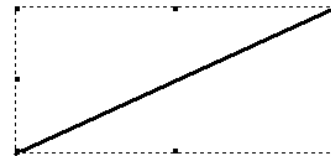
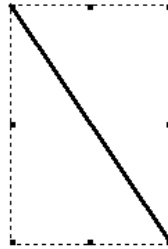
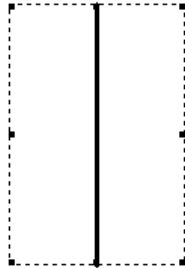
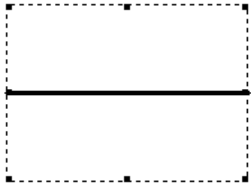


- New Arc, Circle, Ellipse & Pie definitions:
  - Size is defined by rectangle drawn (circle centered in smallest dimension)
  - Enter **Pen Style**, **Width** and **Color** (border)
  - Enter **Fill Pattern** and **Fill Color(s)** if not Arc
  - Enter **Angles** if Arc or Pie
  - Selection of **Circle** or **Ellipse**

# New Lines

## Shape Controls

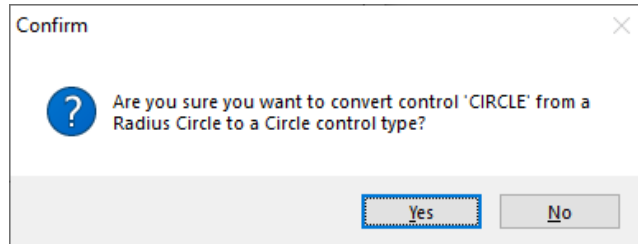
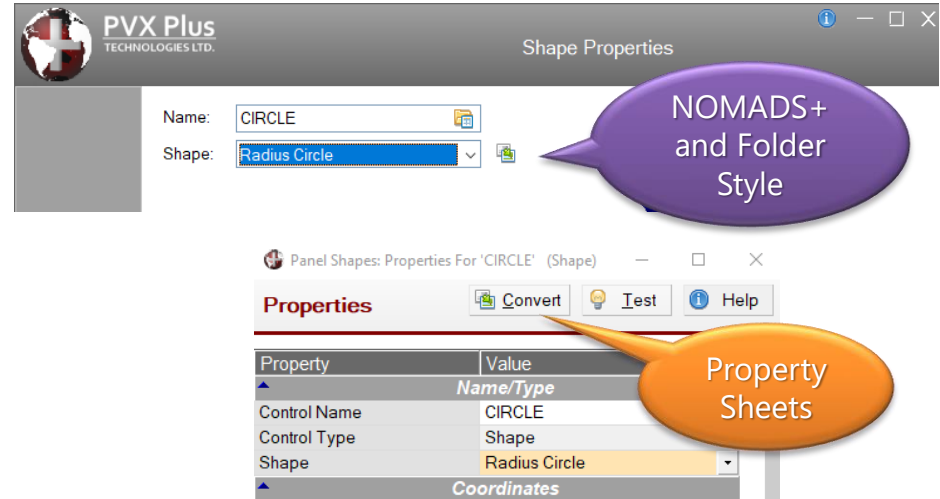
- New Line definition:
  - Size is defined by rectangle drawn
  - Enter **Pen Style**, **Width** and **Color**
  - Selection of **Line Type**
    - Horizontal / Vertical / Down / Up
    - Horizontal and Vertical lines are centered in shape drawn



# Conversion of Shapes

## Shape Controls

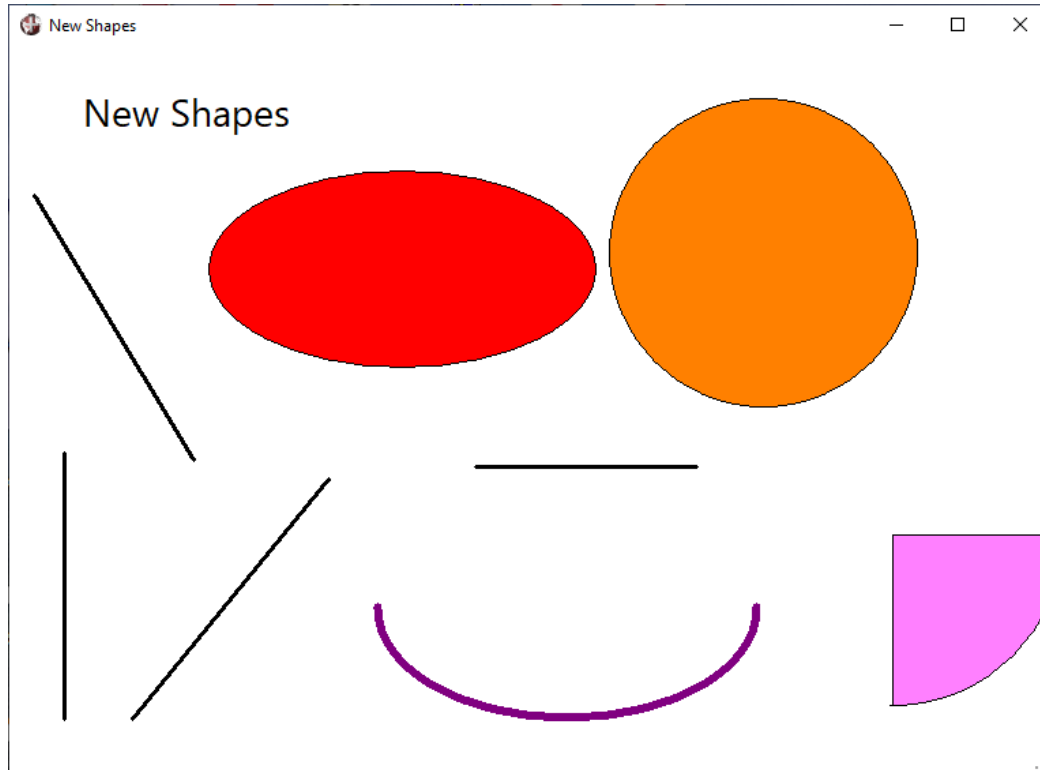
- Conversion button added when shape is Poly Line, Radius Arc, Radius Circle or Radius Pie



- Co-ordinates etc. adjusted so shape appears the same

# New Shape Controls

## Shape Controls



# Advantages of New Shape Controls

## Shape Controls

- Clicking on the shape will always select the control in the designer
- Definition and positioning of shape controls is simplified and more intuitive
- Shapes resize correctly in relation to other controls on the panel
- Lines can now also be resized in *iNomads*
- Fonts with differing aspect ratios will not affect the overall shape of the control rendered (no more graphical units)
- Can still use old controls if desired (Arc, Pie at edge of panel)

# Sample Work Flow Chart

## Shape Controls



# NOMADS CONTROLS



# Panels

## Nomads Controls

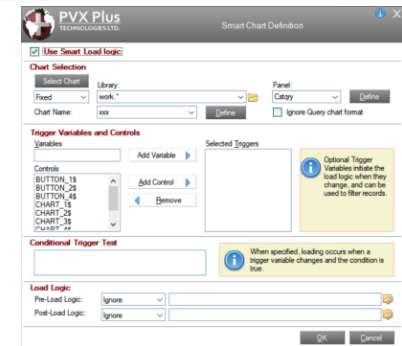
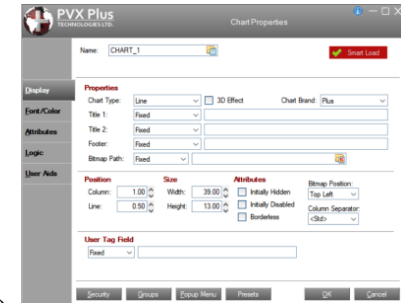
- Global setting to **suppress persistence** on panels with **relative location** settings:
  - Set **%nomads'RelPnl\_Suppress\_Persistence**
  - Settings:
    - 0 = Panel persistence is not suppressed (default)
    - 1 = Suppress panel persistence (location & size)
    - 2 = Suppress location persistence only (panel size persists)

**Position**

Relative

Column: 13

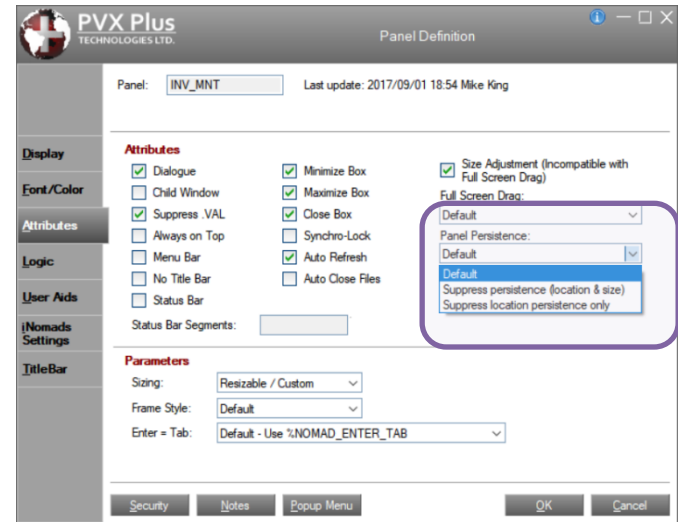
Line: 8



# Panel Header

## NOMADS Controls

- Panel Header option to **suppress Panel Persistence** for panel
  - **Panel Persistence** option on Attributes tab
  - Settings:
    - Default (based on
      - %nomads'Panel\_Info\_Prog\$ and %nomads'RelPnl\_Suppress\_Persistence)
      - Suppress persistence (location & size)
      - Suppress location persistence only

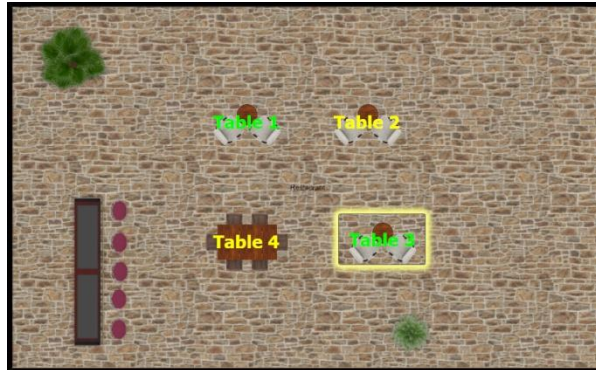
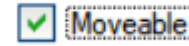


# Buttons

## NOMADS Controls

- **Moveable** Attribute

- Button can be moved by dragging it with the mouse
- Relocation not persistent
  - i.e. Buttons will return to their original positions when the panel is next invoked or resized



More at [Spritin up your Application PDF](#)

# Buttons, Checkboxes, Radio Buttons

## NOMADS Controls

- New **Center/Scale Bitmap Alignment** and **Scale Bitmap** options on the Display tab
  - Bitmap scaled and centered in button
  - Centered text overlays bitmap
  - '4D' mode only

Alignment:   Scale bitmap



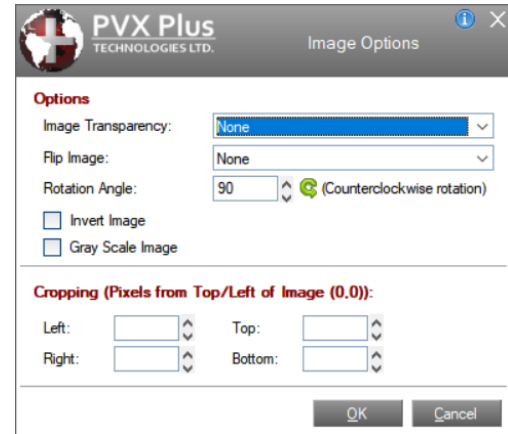
Top, Bottom and Center/Scale alignments and the Scale Bitmap option only work in 4D mode.



# Buttons, Checkboxes, Radio Buttons

## NOMADS Controls

- New **Bitmap Image** options:
  - Image Transparency
  - Flip Image - horizontally, vertically, both
  - Rotation Angle (0-360 degrees)
  - Invert Image
  - Gray Scale Image
  - Cropping

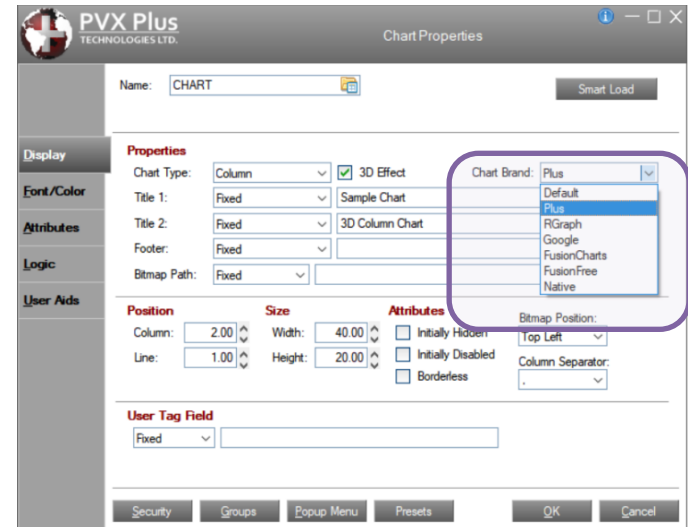


**Note:** Image Transparency and Cropping are not supported in *iNomads*

# Charts

## NOMADS Controls

- **Chart Brand** setting on Display tab
  - Override setting in %nomads'Chart\$
  - Settings:
    - Default (from %nomads'Chart\$)
    - Plus
    - RGraph
    - Google
    - FusionCharts
    - FusionFree
    - Native
- Added **iNomads Class** setting on Font/Color tab

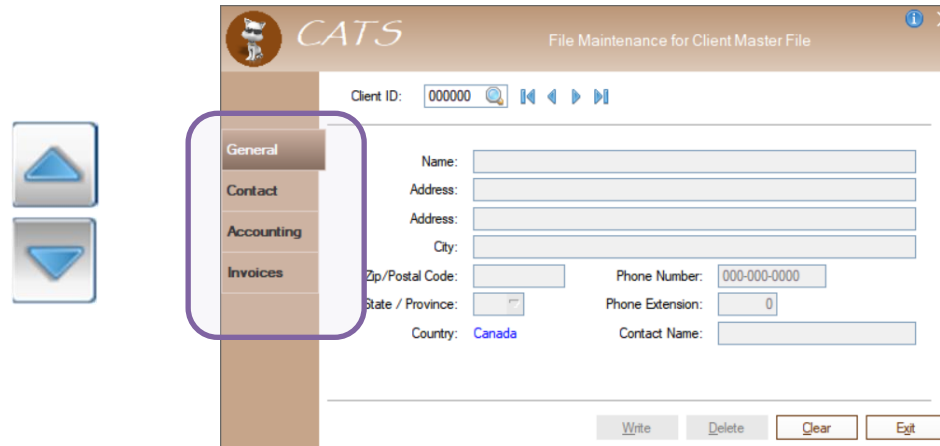


More information in the  
**Charting 101** and **Smart Charts** PDFs

# Folders

## NOMADS Controls

- Folder Navigation
  - Added support for PageUp / PageDown arrows to navigate through **SideBar** folders when focus is on the tab.



# Grid

## NOMADS Controls

- New Presets Properties:
  - **LockTop** – Number of rows at the top of the grid to be excluded from sorting
  - **ShowLocked** – Grid-level property
    - 0 = Color of locked cells does not change BackHilight colors
    - 1 = Locked cells have grayed background (default)
  - **Lock** – Option “2” – Locks the cell but allows input-style selection

Client ID	Name	Balance	Credit Limit	CR	Credit Used
032475	Brewster Lighting	2,126.60	1,000	Y	212.66%
033994	Jackson Formal Rentals	1,768.73	1,000	Y	176.87%
034538	Grayson Nursery	2,264.93	2,000	Y	113.25%
038024	Burleson Construction	3,334.91	1,000	Y	333.49%
039816	Williamson Roofing	1,663.93	1,000	Y	166.39%
041264	Lipscomb Securities	3,955.29	1,000	Y	395.53%
047847	Kimble Wedding Services	66.11	1,000	N	6.61%
065853	Wheeler Laundromat	2,143.33	1,000	Y	214.33%
067520	Kimble Snackbar	2,606.07	2,000	Y	130.3%
069944	Moore Seafood and Steaks				164.42%

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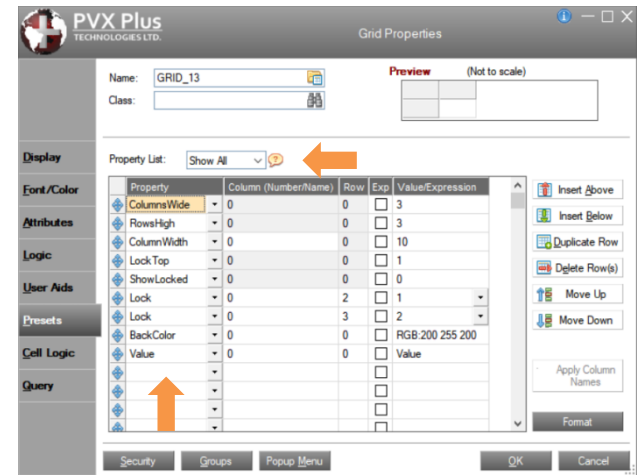
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# Grid

## NOMADS Controls

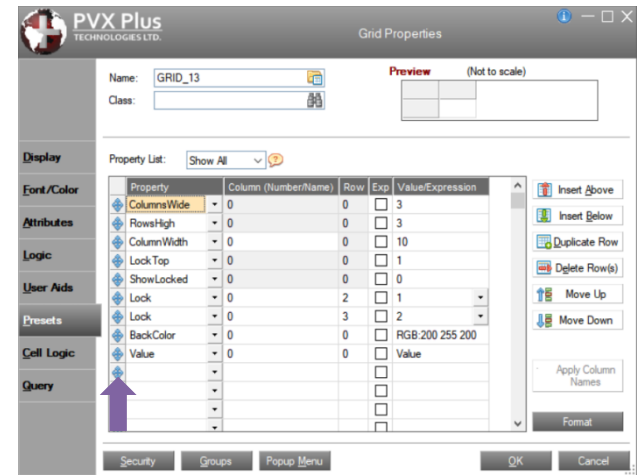
- New Grid Presets features:
  - Filter the **Property List** by property type:
    - Show All
    - General
    - Cell
    - Row
    - Column
  - Right-click **Property** selection by property category:
    - Contents
    - Display/Color
    - Formatting
    - Grid
    - Interface
    - Layout
    - Misc.



# Grid

## NOMADS Controls

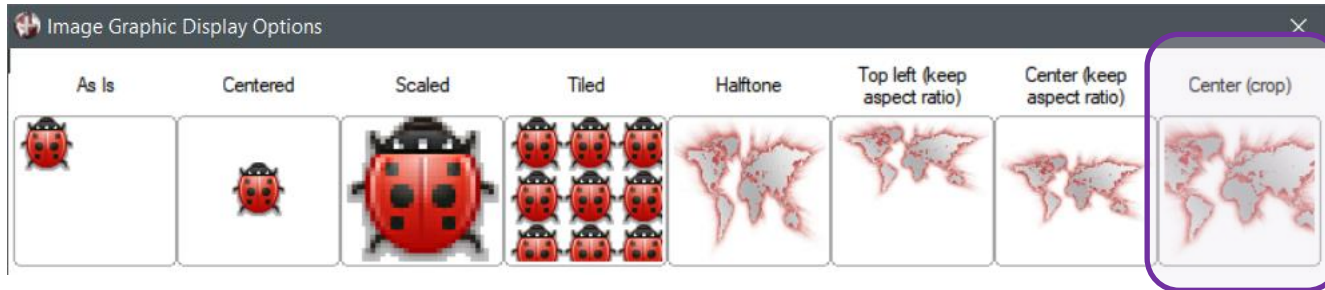
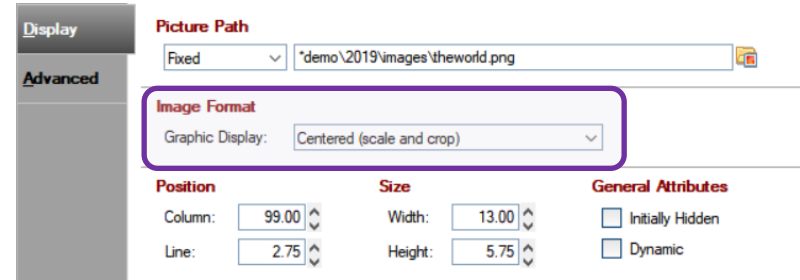
- New Grid Presets features:
  - Insert a new row above or below the current row
  - Create a duplicate of the current row and insert below
  - Rearrange rows using drag and drop
  - Replace column number settings with column names
  - New **Format** button to launch Grid Format Definition dialog



# Images

## NOMADS Controls

- New Graphic Display option
  - Centered (scale and crop)



# Listboxes

## NOMADS Controls

- New Attributes:
  - **Lock Top Rows**
    - Number of rows at the top of the Listbox to be excluded from sorting
  - **Center Text Vertically**
    - Select to center text vertically in the Listbox row when **Lines Per Row is > 1**
    - Text that exceeds the column width is truncated and an ellipsis (...) is displayed
    - When not selected (Default), text is aligned to the top of the Listbox row, and text that exceeds the column width is word wrapped

Centered			
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038024	Burleson Constructi...	Elsanor	MB

Not Centered			
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033994	Jackson Formal Rentals	Langruth	MB
034538	Grayson Nursery	Reading	NS
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# Menu

## NOMADS Controls

- **Delete** key enabled to delete items from menu contents
- Added **Merge-Jumpto** function to Item/Group definition
  - Process a concurrent panel
- Menu Item/Group/Link **Bitmaps** attribute assignment
  - Bitmap to appear to left of text
  - Can now assign Normal and Checked bitmaps as **expressions**

**Item/Group**

Item:

Function:

Item State:   Include Line Separator (line appears below menu item)

**Bitmaps (Preview may not be to scale)**

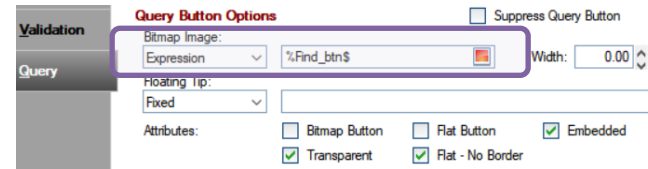
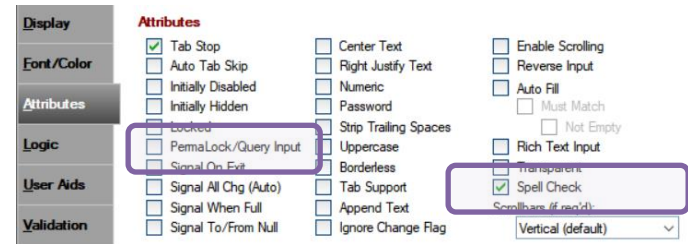
Normal:

Checked:

# Multi-Lines

- **Spell Check** attribute added
  - Enable spell checker for the Multi-Line
    - If *off*, the system-wide setting in ‘OPTION’(“AutoSpellCheck”) is used
- **Permalink** Multi-Line with query
  - Transfer Multi-Line hotkey to query button
- **Query Bitmap** assignment
  - Can now assign **Bitmap Image** as an **expression**
    - Also added to grid cell Query Preset definition

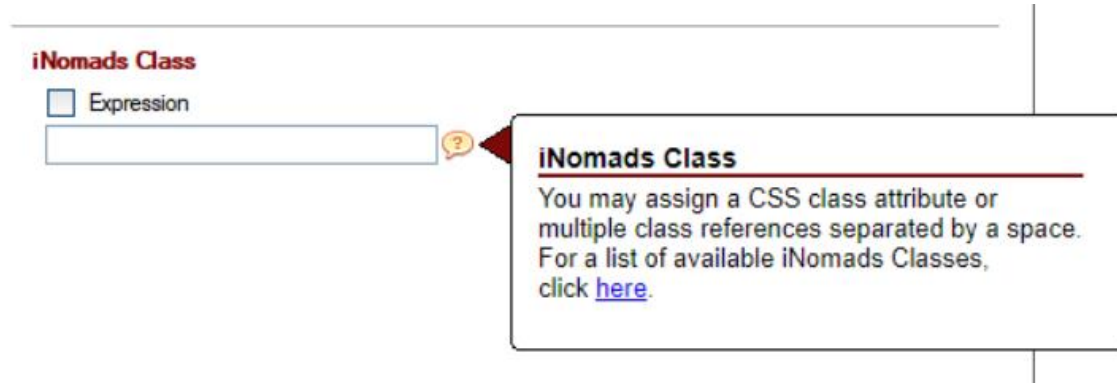
## NOMADS Controls



# Fixed Text and Scrollbars

## NOMADS Controls

- Added *iNomads Class* setting for less common control types
  - Fixed Text – In Font/Color tab
  - Vertical & Horizontal Scrollbars – In Display tab



# Extended Controls

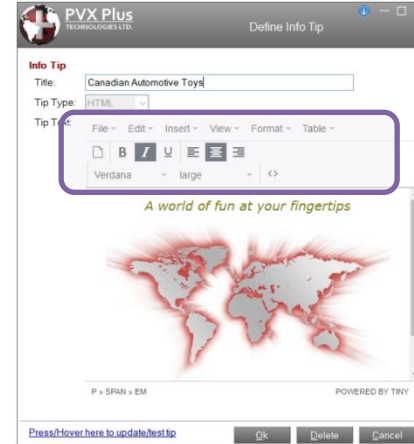
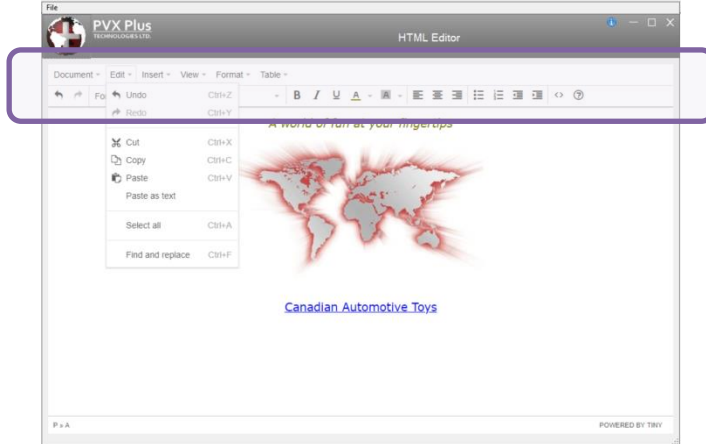
## NOMADS Controls

- **TinyMCE HTML Editor**

- Updated to version 4.9.2
- Two new layouts using menu, buttons, and drop boxes

**Modern** (returns HTML code for full page)

**Narrow** (returns HTML code snippet)

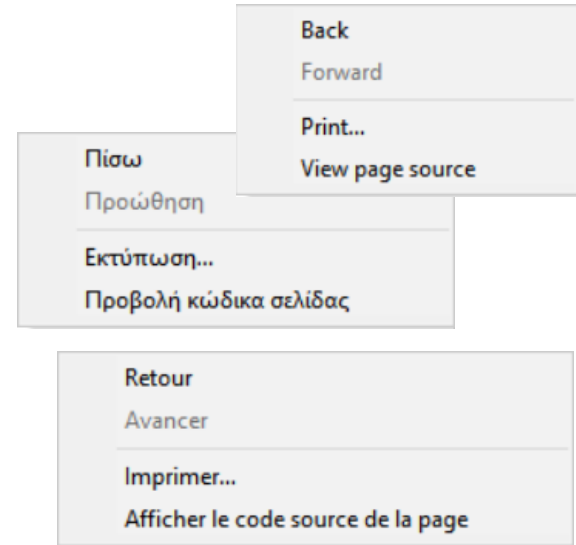




# Extended Controls

- **\*Browser**
  - **Multi-lingual support** added
    - Display websites, menus, etc. in a specified language
    - Based on the Windows user language
    - Override using:
      - PxPlus INI file [Config] section
        - BrowserLang=LanguageCode
      - ‘OPTION’(“BrowserLang”,LanguageCode\$)
        - Overrides INI settings
    - Set when browser first instantiated, cannot be reset

## NOMADS Controls



# Custom Title Bar Controls

## NOMADS Controls

- Automatically set up logic for special title bar controls:

PX_TitleBar_SysMenu	(System menu button)
PX_TitleBar_Caption	(Panel caption)
PX_TitleBar_Min	(Panel minimize button)
PX_TitleBar_Max	(Panel maximize button)
PX_TitleBar_Close	(Panel close button)



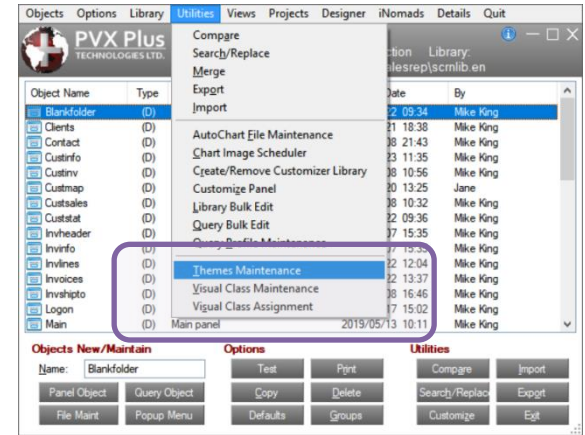
- Leave **Logic** settings blank, and NOMADS will handle the logic automatically

# THEMES & VISUAL CLASSES

# Theme & Visual Class Maintenance

## Themes & Visual Classes

- **Easier Access to Maintenance Programs**
  - Access Themes and Visual Class Maintenance from the Utilities menu in Library Object Selection
  - Access Themes Maintenance from Font/Color tab of Library Defaults and the Panel Header
  - Access Visual Class Maintenance from panel control definitions (Buttons, Multi-Lines, etc.)



# Focus Background & Text Color

## Themes & Visual Classes

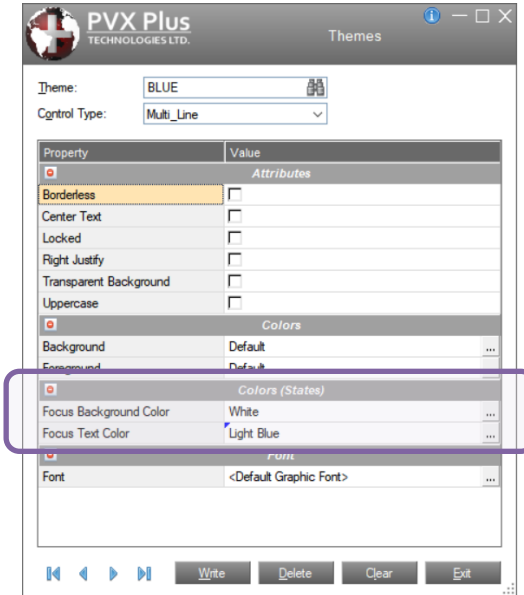
- Focus Background Color & Focus Text Color
  - Added to:
    - Listbox
    - Dropbox
    - Variable Listbox
    - Variable Dropbox
    - Multi-Line



Client Code 4566

Client Name Howard's Grocery

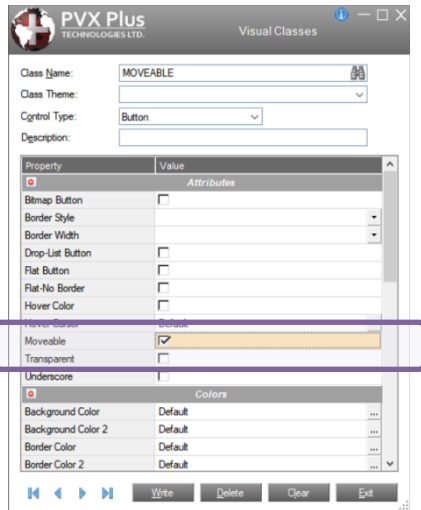
Region



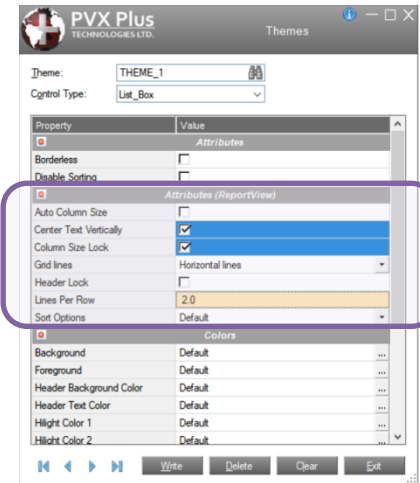
# Button and Listbox Properties

## Themes & Visual Classes

- Button
  - Added **Moveable** attribute



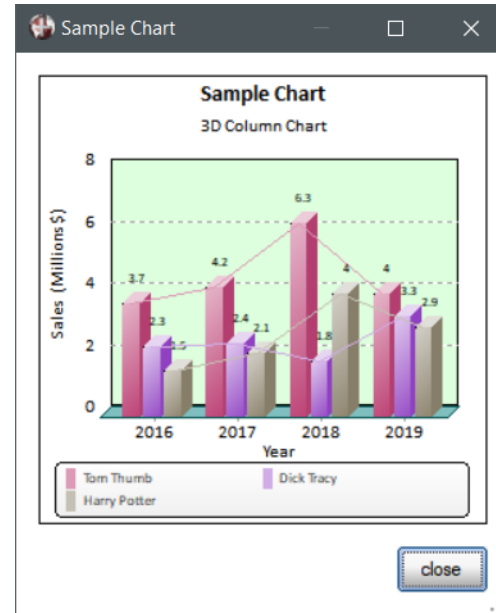
- Listbox
  - Added **Column Size Lock** and **Center Text Vertically**



# Chart Properties

## Themes & Visual Classes

- New Chart Properties
  - Added for new **Plus** charts:
    - Bitmap
    - Connector Line
    - Legend Location
    - Pastel Palette (works for all charts)
    - Show Values
    - Default Color
    - Face Color (Back)
    - Face Color (Bottom)



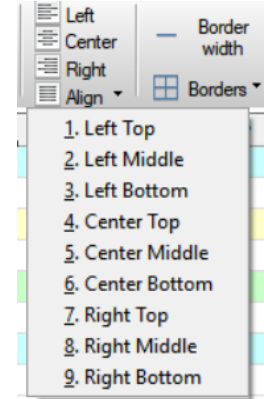
# REPORT WRITER



# Report Writer Font Alignment

## Report Writer

- Added **Vertical Font Alignment**
  - Left Top, Left Middle, Left Bottom
  - Center Top, Center Middle, Center Bottom
  - Right Top, Right Middle, Right Bottom
- On Toolbar, Format & Popup menus, Bulk Edit Cell Format
- Defaults remain Left Top for text and Right Top for numeric values



Before:

<i>Product Code</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Std Cost</i>

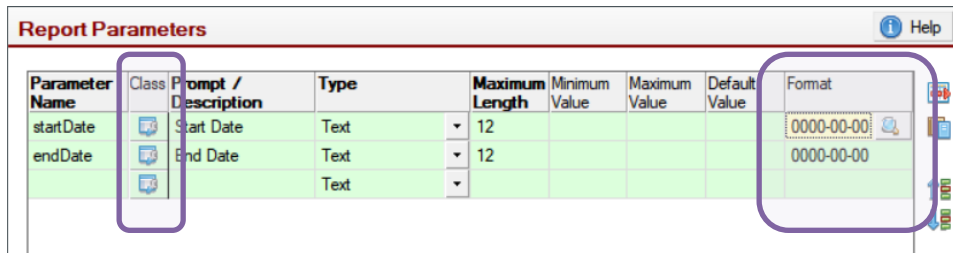
Now:

<i>Product Code</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Std Cost</i>

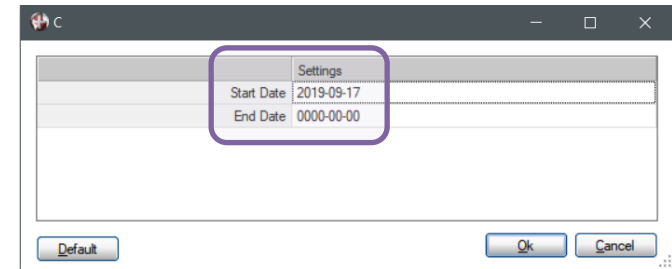
# Report Writer Parameters

## Report Writer

- Report Writer **Parameter Definition**
  - Added new parameter specifications used by the default parameter interface
    - Added **Format** column to specify an input format string for the parameter



Parameter Name	Class	Prompt / Description	Type	Maximum Length	Minimum Value	Maximum Value	Default Value	Format
startDate		Start Date	Text	12				0000-00-00
endDate		End Date	Text	12				0000-00-00
			Text					



Settings

Start Date 2019-09-17

End Date 0000-00-00

Default Ok Cancel

- Added ability to specify a **Data Class** to be applied in the parameter interface

Details about using Data Classes in Report Parameters will be shown in the **Simplify Coding using Enhanced Data Classes** PDF

# Additional Resources

- [PxPlus 2019 Release Notes](#)