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Challenge:

How to place a Pop-Up screen where the button is, esp. on dual screen monitors.

Here is a method to accomplish this, extend as necessary:

**Introduction:** Pop-up screens are normally (almost always) opened with a *Click\_Event*. Even though it is still possible to place the Pop-up within the *OpenPicture* subroutine, it gives no context **where** the *Click\_Event* occurred. This is more troublesome when there are multiple monitors involved as it may not be immediately apparent that the Pop-up did open as the operator may be focused on the other screen.

**Method:** Determine the position of the object that is going to open the new picture and use the “,Top, Left” parameters of the **OpenPicture** function to position the new picture. This is a bit of an art and won’t ever be exact, but we can get pretty close.

Two key points to remember: First the coordinates for the object on the screen and the picture to be opened, are the upper left hand corner point. Second the overall coordinates for **Workspace** are also the upper left hand corner and that point is 0,0 in both percentage and pixels. The lower right hand corner is the resolution of the screen.

**Note:** Even though you can do calculations based on the actual screen resolution, I advise against this for getting best results. Create a small rectangle and drag it around and take note of the screen pixels from the “**Property Window**”. Don’t forget if you have a title bar etc. you may have to add those coordinates.

**Step 1)** Create a routine to open the picture. Depending on your Application (and taste) you may want to create a routine for each picture, or the other option is to pass more parameters or sacrifice accuracy. In my Sample I created a routine with picture scope, you can easily globalize this

**Step 2)** Get the position of the calling object with the **FindObject** Method.

**Step 3)** Use predetermined calculated numbers, re-cast them as picture percentages.

**Step 4)** Call the **OpenPicture** Method with to newly calculated position.

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Sub PopUp(Obj As String, Pic As String)
Dim Btn As Object
Dim nx As Single
Dim ny As Single
Dim a As Single
Dim b As Single
Dim c As Single
Dim d As Single
Dim e As Single
Dim f As Single
Dim g As Single

Set Btn = Me.FindObject(Obj)
bx = Btn.HorizontalPosition
by = Btn.VerticalPosition

a = 252      ' Width of the PopUp in pixels (as stated in property window)
b = 64      ' Width of button in pixels (This may seem like over kill for a button, but may be important for larger objects)
c = 1440    ' Width of main screen as determined by rectangle drag
d = 11      ' Height of button (see above)
e = 101     ' Height of PopUp
f = 82      ' Height of Title Bar Picture
g = 864     ' Height of Picture (calculated by 1080 * 0.8, this is 80% (minus title and footer)) For some ODD reason this works better than rectangle drag which gave 650

'Your mileage may vary create a screen with two buttons and drag them around and try them out.

'  nx = ((Btn.HorizontalPosition - 252 + 64) / 1440) * 100
'  ny = ((Btn.VerticalPosition + 11 - 101 + 82) / 864) * 100

nx = ((Btn.HorizontalPosition - a + b) / c) * 100
ny = ((Btn.VerticalPosition + d - e + f) / g) * 100

MsgBox "NY: " & Str(ny) & vbCrLf & "NX: " & Str(nx) & vbCrLf & "BY: " & Str(Btn.VerticalPosition) & vbCrLf & "BX: " & Str(Btn.HorizontalPosition)

OpenPicture Pic, , ny, nx

End Sub

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