Microsoft Dynamics SL SDK to Acumatica Framework Reference Guide

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Introduction

The purpose of this guide offers a quick reference for those already familiar with the Dynamics SL SDK and are new to the Acumatica platform. This guide will help direct you to the proper concepts and API's as they relate to the expansive world of Acumatica development. It's not meant to be a replacement for training courses such as the T100, 200, and 300 series. However, it will provide a nice jump start to the training material as you move forward.

For those of you coming from the Dynamics world, you will quickly see as you learn that the Acumatica design patterns are a natural progression to the evolution of ERP technology. Additionally, and probably the most important difference between development environments, is that Dynamics SL is mostly a VB.NET language base whereas Acumatica is built on C#. If you are rusty in C#, don't be discouraged in the slightest. Immersing yourself in C# will just add fuel to your motivation.

The guide in its present form is the first iteration of effort and will be updated in future installments. Topics we are considering adding in subsequent updates include, but not limited to the following:

- A comparison of the SL menu system to Acumatica Site Map
- How reporting works in SL (Crystal Reports/FRx) vs. Acumatica
- Quick Queries -vs- Generic Inquires
- Transaction Import -vs- Import Scenario
- ERP Upgrades / standard practices for upgrading source code

We expect that there will be other topics added as well. It is our sincere hope that you find this guide of great utility and your foray into the Acumatica world of development is productive and fruitful!

Cross Reference Topics (Concepts / API Function Calls / Properties)

Dynamics SL Concept	Dynamics SL	Acumatica		
Core Programming Language and Tools	VB.NET using Windows Form Classes and the VB Tool Kit SDK.	C#, and ASP.NET Both SL and Acumatica use various .NET frameworks depending on product release versions.		
CallApplic, CallApplicWait	Runs another application from an existing screen	ASPX page. public virtual void GotoPOC { var poOrdEntryGraph = var currentPoPorder = V poOrdEntryGraph.Docum if (poOrdEntryGraph.Docum) {	Order() PXGraph.CreateInstance <poorderentry>(); 'endorOrders.Current; nent.Current = poOrdEntryGraph.Document.S</poorderentry>	ecord and PXRedirectRequiredException() is used to call the Gearch < POOrder.orderNbr > (currentPoPorder.OrderNbr); Purchase order Details");
First Created	Common data fields	The following fields are	used in many Acumatica tables:	
and Last Updated Fields	to represent created and last updated	Field	Attribute	
opaatea Heids	information at the	CreatedByID	[PXDBCreatedByID]	
	record level	CreatedByScreenID	[PXDBCreatedByScreenID]	
		CreatedByDateTime	[PXDBCreatedDateTime]	
	Fields:	LastModifiedByID	[PXDBLastModifiedByID]	
	Crtd_DateTime,	LastModifiedByScreenID	[PXDBLastModifiedByScreenID]	
	Crtd_Prog,	LastModifiedDateTime	[PXDBLastModifiedDateTime]	
	Crtd_User,			
	Lupd_DateTime,			
	Lupd_Prog,			
	Lupd_User			
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attributes for standard .NET data types of String, Integer, Double, etc. Value	Typical Columns and Data Types				
types of String, Integer, Double, etc. Database identity					
Integer, Double, etc. Natural key (for example, document number) Integer, Double, etc.					
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quantity, pieces Percent, rate (for example, discount decimal (9, 6) [PXDBDecimal(2)]					
percent)					
Weight or volume decimal (25, 6) [PXDBDecimal(6)]					
Date smalldatetime [PXDBDate]					
Time span int [PXDBTimeSpan(DisplayMask = "t"	InputMask = "t")]				
Coefficient (such as a conversion factor) decimal (9, 6) [PXDBDecimal(1)]					

Bound and Unbound	The Solomon Data Object Class is used	DAC attribu
Controls	to define the buffer which is associated with the control object on the form.	Bound -> [I Unbound -:

DAC attributes for data types with a prefix of PXDB are bound, and a prefix without the DB are unbound. I.e.

Bound -> [PXDBString] Unbound -> [PXString]

Unbound Field Data Types

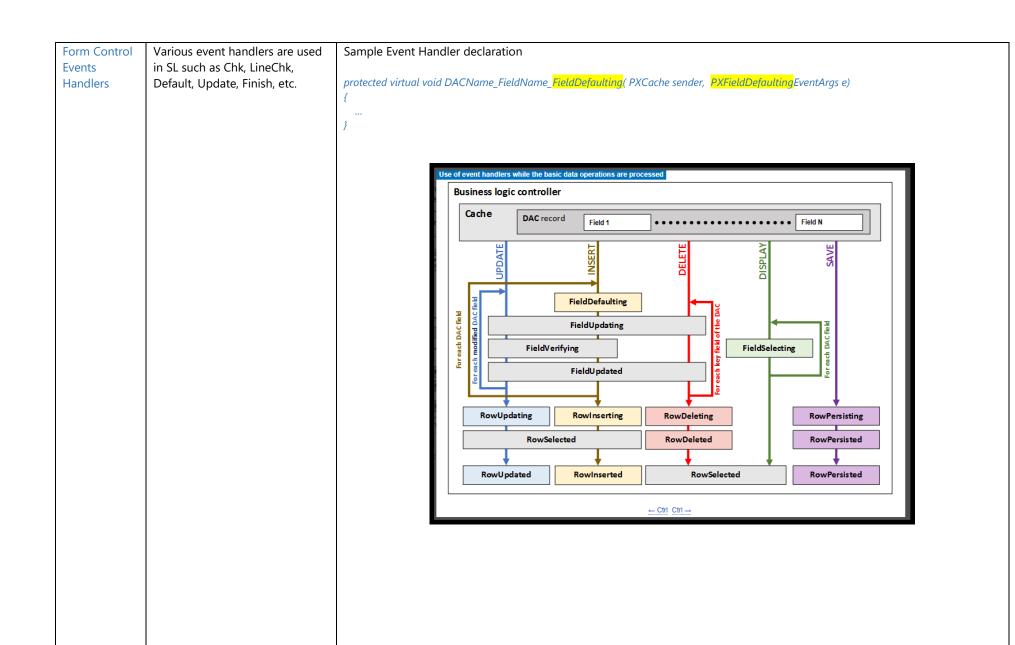
The following attributes define a data access class field of a specific type that are not bound to any database columns.

Attribute	C# data type	Comment
PXBool	bool?	Boolean value
PXByte	byte?	1-byte integer value
PXDate	DateTime?	Date and time
PXDateAndTime	DateTime?	Date and time values represented by separate input controls in the user interface
PXDecimal	Decimal?	16-byte floating point numeric value with a specific precision
PXDouble	double?	8-byte floating point value
PXFloat	float?	4-byte floating point value
PXGuid	Guid?	16-byte unique value
PXShort	short?	2-byte integer value
PXInt	int?	4-byte integer value
PXLong	int64?	8-byte integer value
PXString	string	String of characters
PXTimeSpan	int?	Date and time value represented by minutes passed from 01/01/1900
PXTimeSpanLong	int?	Duration in time as the number of minutes
PXVariant	byte[]	Arbitrary array of bytes

Reference: <u>Unbound Field Types</u>

Screen Grid Control	Windows form control using Interop.SAF.SAFGrid with key properties of DBNav, Level, etc.		'XGrid> is used with references to the graph 'Views' mplates are used to build standard forms.	_
		Name	Description	
		FormDetail	The master-detail editing page with FormView and Grid controls	
		FormTab	The record-editing page with FormView and Tab controls	
		FormView	The record-editing page with one FormView control	
		ListView	The record-editing page with one Grid control	
		TabDetail	The master-detail page with Tab and Grid controls	
		TabView	The record-editing page with one Tab control	
Key reference DLL files	Interop.SAF* Microsoft.Dynamics.* Solomon.Kernel	PX.Objects PX.Data PX.Common		
IS_TI()	Returns a flag indicating whether or not the application is being automated by Transaction Import	Other useful flags	t is a Boolean flag that will tell your solution that it is being referenced by Impo would include IsExport, IsMobile, IsContractBasedAPI and ExternalCall. Scenario, which is a close replacement to Transaction Import.	t Scenario.
		http://blog.zaletsk	<u>syy.com/Tags/IsImport</u>	
MessBox()	Displays and message and waits for user to choose a button.		nation on an attempt to delete <("Confirm Delete","Are you sure?",MessageButtons.YesNo) != WebDialogResult.Yes)	

MFirst(), MNext(),	Memory Arrays	A DAC can be associated with a grid and a standard foreach can be used to iterate through the 'view'		
MLast()	Move to the first, next, or last record in a designated memory array. Usually associated with SAFGRID control.	foreach (ShipmentLine line in ShipmentLines.Select()) { } Reference: PXView Class, BQL		
NoteColumn Properly, NoteButton Properly	Tables with a NoteID field are used to manage text notes in SL. Note data is stored in the SNote table.	record attachments for each particular table individually. To enable support for data record attachments, add the column		
		SQL Datatype Attribute BIGINT , null [PXNote] Also worth noting is the 'DeletedDatabaseRecord' column with is a low-level mechanism for preserving deleted data records		
		in the database.		



Data Field Events	Data Record Events	Database-Related Events	Exception-Handling Event	Event for Overriding DAC Field Attributes
PXFieldDefaulting PXFieldVerifying PXFieldUpdating PXFieldUpdated PXFieldSelecting	PXRowSelected PXRowInserting PXRowInserted PXRowUpdating PXRowUpdated PXRowDeleting PXRowDeleted	PXCommandPreparing PXRowSelecting PXRowPersisting PXRowPersisted	PXExceptionHandling	CacheAttached

Reference: Wiki Article

PV Property, PVChkFetch()

Possible Value Look Ups

Retrieves a composite record from the database using an SQL statement from the PV property of an SAFMaskedText control.





DAC attribute of [PXSelector]

The PV concept in Acumatica is very extensive and flexible. A DAC attribute of [PXSelector] is used and can be established at the DAC level and overridden at the Graph level.

```
#region TermsID

public abstract class termsID : PX.Data.IBqlField

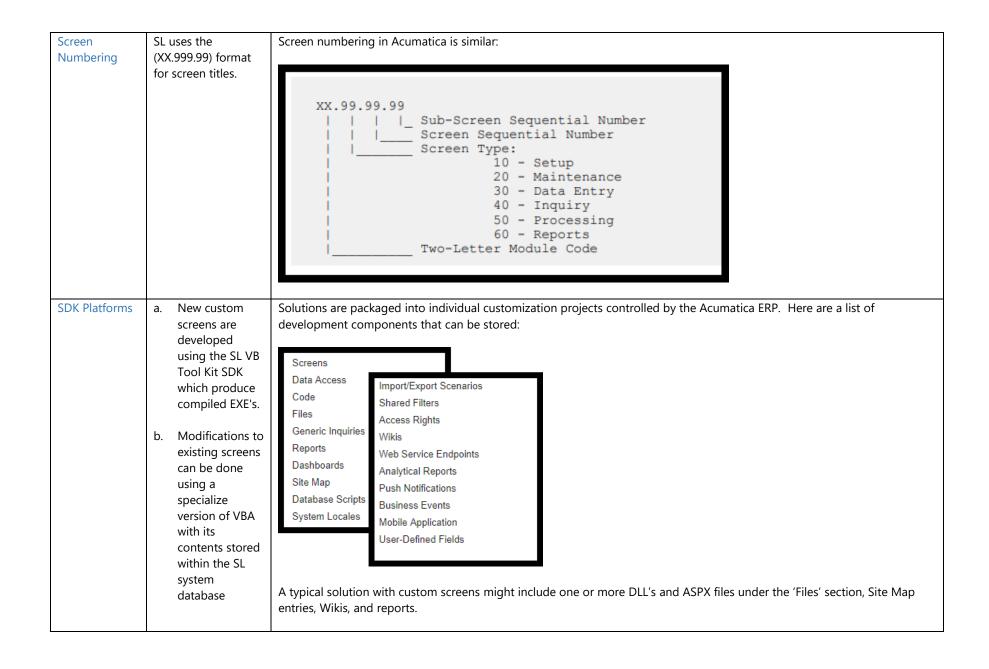
{
}

protected String _TermsID;

[PXDBString(10, IsUnicode = true)]

[PXSelector(typeof(Search<Terms.termsID, Where<Terms.visibleTo, Equal<TermsVisibleTo.vendor>, Or<Terms.visibleTo, Equal<TermsVisibleTo.all>>>>), DescriptionField = typeof(Terms.descr), CacheGlobal = true)]
```

Reference: <u>PXSelectorAttribute</u>



SFetch()

Used to retrieve a composite record from the database based on some predefined SQL statement or stored procedure.

A deep dive into PXSelectBase class is vital. The PXSelect class is a multi-purpose class and can be used for ad-hoc SQL queries.

This class and other classes derived from PXSelectBase are used as a basis for building BQL statements. BQL is then translated into the SQL statements.

Sample

```
public PXSelect<APPayment,
Where<APPayment.vendorID, Equal<Required<APPayment.vendorID>>,
And<APPayment.docType, Equal<Required<APPayment.docType>>,
And<APPayment.refNbr, Equal<Required<APPayment.refNbr>>>>>
APPayment_VendorID_DocType_RefNbr;

// Retrieving data records through the data view
// The parameter values are taken from the adj APAdjust object
foreach (APPayment payment in APPayment_VendorID_DocType_RefNbr.Select(adj.VendorID, adj.AdjdDocType,adj.AdjdRefNbr))
{
//do something with each APPayment object
```

The Search class can also be used within DAC attributes such as PXSelector, PXDbScalar and PXDefault for returning one field from the database including cached values.

Type of Search	Description
Search < Field >	Gets field value
Search <field, where=""></field,>	Gets field value with filtering by Where condition
Search <field, orderby="" where,=""></field,>	Gets field value with filtering by Where condition and ordering
Search2 <field, join=""></field,>	Gets field value with filtering by using Joins with other tables
Search2 <field, join,="" where=""></field,>	Gets field value with filtering by using Joins with other tables and applying where condition
Search2 <field, join,="" orderby="" where,=""></field,>	Gets field value with filtering by using Joins with other tables and applying where condition and ordering
Search3 <field, orderby=""></field,>	Gets field with ordering application
Search3 <field, join,="" orderby=""></field,>	Gets field value with joins and order by application
Search4 <field, aggregate=""></field,>	Gets aggregated field value
Search4 <field, aggregate="" where,=""></field,>	Gets aggregated field value with filtering by where condition
Search4 <field, aggregate,="" orderby="" where,=""></field,>	Gets field value with filtering by where, aggregation and order by
Search5 <field, aggregate="" join,=""></field,>	Gets field value with application of joins and aggregates
Search5 <field, aggregate="" join,="" where,=""></field,>	Gets field value with application of joins and where and aggregate
Search5 <field, aggregate="" join,="" where,=""></field,>	Gets field value based on join, where and aggregate condition
Search6 <field, aggregate,="" orderby=""></field,>	Gets field value based Aggregate and order by
Search6 <field, aggregate,="" join,="" orderby=""></field,>	Gets field value based on join, aggregate and order by
Coalesce < Search 1, Search 2>	Gets field value with using Search1 or if Search1 gives null uses Search2

		Example within a DAC attribute: [PXDefault(typeof(Search < PriceList.price, Where < PriceList.grade, Equal < Current < ParkingLot.grade >>>>))] Example within a method Document.Search < POOrder.orderNbr > (currentPoOrder.OrderNbr, currentPoOrder.OrderType); See the section on SQL-BQL
SGroupFetch()	Used to retrieve a composite record from the database based on some predefined SQL statement or stored procedure containing one or more group aggregate functions and/or clauses.	The PXSelectGroupBy can be used to select records from one table grouping and applying aggregations. foreach (PXResult < CWBleachRecL > item in PXSelectGroupBy < CWBleachRecL, Where < CWBleachRecL bleachRecLD, Equal < Required < CWBleachRecL bleachRecID > > > , Aggregate < GroupBy < CWBleachRecL inventoryID, GroupBy < CWBleachRecL.ordNbr, Count < CWBleachRecL.lineNbr > > > > . Select(this, reconID)) { string ord = ((CWBleachRecL)item).OrdNbr; do something } See the section on SQL-BQL

SInsert(), SUpdate()	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	When forcing a save on a PXGraph a PXAction is declared and the Actions.PressSave() function can be called. public PXAction <shipment> CancelShipment; [PXButton(CommitChanges = true)] [PXUIField(DisplayName = "Cancel Shipment")] protected virtual void cancelShipment() { Shipment row = Shipments.Current; row.Status = ShipmentStatus.Cancelled; // Update the data record in the cache of Shipment data records Shipments.Update(row); // Triggering the Save action to save changes in the database Actions.PressSave(); }</shipment>
		Another option is the use of PXDatabase.Update PXDatabase.Update < SOOrder > (new PXDataFieldAssign < SOOrderExt.usrRetDelStatus > (PXDbType.VarChar, retDelFlag), PXDataFieldRestrict < SOOrder.orderNbr > (PXDbType.NVarChar, orderNumber), new PXDataFieldRestrict < SOOrder.orderType > (PXDbType.Char, Messages.DefaultOrderType));

Data views are graph members that are used to retrieve and modify data records of a particular data DBNAV() Used to facilitate access class (DAC). You use data views: navigation through all database records in the result set of • To provide data retrieval and manipulation functions for the UI an SQL statement. • To retrieve and manipulate data from code Typically used in a public class SalesOrderEntry: PXGraph < SalesOrderEntry, SalesOrder> GRID definition. // Provides an interface for manipulation of sales orders public PXSelect < Sales Order > Orders; // Provides an interface for manipulation of detail lines of the specified order public PXSelect<OrderLine, Where<OrderLine.orderNbr, Equal<Current<SalesOrder.orderNbr>>>> OrderDetails; See the section on SQL-BQL Status() Report process The PXLongOperation is a static class that is used to execute a long-running operation, such as processing data or releasing status information a document, asynchronously in a separate thread. This class manages the threads created on the Acumatica ERP server to to either the Process process long-running operations. Status Window or the Event Log or This class also animates a spinning wheel icon and timer showing the user 'status' of a process. both. PXLongOperation.StartOperation(this, delegate() ReleaseDocs(list); Typically placed above the PXTransactionScope. Reference: PXLongOperation Class

TranBeg(), TranEnd(),	Begin, end, commits for database	The PXTransactionScope is used to initialize a new transaction. You can wrap-up one or more changes into a transaction and the system will revert all changes together on any exception. Do not forget to call commit for the transaction scope
TranAbort()	transaction.	before dispose it.
		<pre>using (PXTransactionScope ts = new PXTransactionScope()) { string[] desc = ((ARTran)tran).TranDesc.Split(':'); ((ARTran)tran).TranDesc = desc[1]; Base.Transactions.Cache.IsDirty = true; Base.Transactions.Update((ARTran)tran); Base.Actions.PressSave(); Base.Persist(); ts.Complete(); } Also see: PXLongOperation</pre>

sql()	Initialize a new database view. Takes the specified SQL text, compiles it, and then runs it. Used typically to run a stored procedure.	PXDatabase.Execute() is used to execute a stored procedure var pars = new List <pxspparameter>(); PXSPParameter p1 = new PXSPInParameter("@prPayrollRefNbr", PXDbType.NChar, details.PayrollRefNbr); PXSPParameter p2 = new PXSPInParameter("@prPayrollDetailsID", PXDbType.NChar, details.PRPayrollDetailID); pars.Add(p1); pars.Add(p2); PXDatabase.Execute("DeletePrTranByPrPayrollAndPayrollDetailsId", pars.ToArray()); See the section on SQL-BQL</pxspparameter>
SQL – BQL	SL uses standard SQL statements	BQL stands from Business Query Language and is used throughout the Acumatica framework The code in bold below is a sample of a BQL statement including where, and join clauses. See section 3.1 in the T200 Acumatica framework fundamentals document. public PXSelectJoin <supplierproduct, equal<supplierproduct.productid="" leftjoin<product,="" on<product.productid,="">>>, Where<supplierproduct.supplierid, equal<current<supplierid="">>>> SupplierProducts;</supplierproduct.supplierid,></supplierproduct,>
TimeStamp usage	In SL the field tstamp (timestamp, not null) is used to control record locking.	The SQL Field tstamp (timestamp, not null) is also used in Acumatica but with a [PXDBTimestamp] attribute in the DAC

The Data Access Class know as DAC, uses an IBqlTable interphase to manage each field within a Table. Data Access The Solomon Data It's important to gain an understanding of how class attributes are used and how powerful they are for controlling how Layer Object Class from the SDK is used to various fields behave. represent each SQL table. Commonly PXDefault, PXUIField, PXSelector, and all the possible PX data fields are typical for each field within the class. referred to as See section on Typical Data Fields buffers. Sample DAC section: [PXDBInt(IsKey = true)] [PXDefault] [PXUIField(DisplayName = "Product ID")] [PXSelector(typeof(Search < Product.productID >), typeof(Product.productCD), typeof(Product.productName), typeof(Product.unitPrice), SubstituteKey = typeof(Product.productCD))] public virtual int? ProductID [System.SerializableAttribute()] [PXCacheName(Messages.CustomerMaster)] public partial class CustomerMaster : Customer \$region BAccountID public new abstract class bAccountID : PX.Data.IBqlField [Customer(IsKey = true, DisplayName = "Customer ID")] public override Int32? BAccountID return this._BAccountID; this._BAccountID = value; #endregion fregion AcctCD public new abstract class acctCD : PX.Data.IBqlField [PXDBString(30, IsUnicode = true)] [EXUIField (DisplayName = "Customer ID", Visibility = PXUIVisibility.SelectorVisible)] public override String AcctCD return this._AcctCD; this._AcctCD = value;