

How to improve the performance of your application by making your Tab-Control a container.

When the *allow-container* style is set, a tab control becomes a container control.

```
03 screen1-tc-1 tab-control
    tab-to-add ("Page1", "Page2")
    allow-container.
```

By making the tab control a container, you remove the need to manage the tab switch by intercepting the CMD-TABCHANGED event and updating the screen with the DISPLAY verb. The tab switch is automatically managed by the runtime Framework. This simplifies your coding and also reduces traffic in thin client and WebClient environments, which improves performance.

There are two ways to add controls to a Tab-Control with the Allow-Container style:

by using a Format 2 DISPLAY statement. E.g.

```
display scr-page-1 upon screen1-tc-1(1)
```

or

by setting the attributes TAB-GROUP and TAB-GROUP-VALUE on the screen entry. E.g.

```
03 scr-page-1 tab-group screen1-tc-1, tab-group-value 1.
    05 entry-field
    ...
03 scr-page-2 tab-group screen1-tc-1, tab-group-value 2.
    05 list-box
    ...
```

Example – Here's a tab-control with two pages with the allow-container style

SCREEN SECTION.

```
01 Mask.
03 Tb1-container
    tab-control
    line          2
    col           2
    lines         17 cells
    size          68 cells
```

allow-container

03 tb1-container-page1

tab-group Tb1-container **tab-group-value** 1.

05 label

line 4

col 4

title "This is the first page"

05 ef1-container

entry-field

line 6

col 4

03 tb1-container-page2

tab-group Tb1-container **tab-group-value** 2.

05 label

line 4

col 4

title "This is the second page"

05 cb1-container

combo-box

line 6

col 4.

PROCEDURE DIVISION.

MAIN.

...

display Mask

modify Tb1-container **tab-to-add** ("Page1", "Page2")

modify Cb1-container **item-to-add** ("item1", "item2")

...

perform until crt-status = 27

accept Mask

on exception

continue

end-accept

if crt-status = 2

...

end-if

end-perform.

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