

# Label (instance)

## Property Summery

String	<a href="#">#bgcolor</a> Gets or sets the background color of a field.
Boolean	<a href="#">#enabled</a> Gets or sets the enabled state of a specified field, also known as "grayed".
String	<a href="#">#fgcolor</a> Gets or sets the foreground color of a field.
String	<a href="#">#mnemonic</a> Gets or sets the specified character(s) - typically an underlined letter- used with/without the modifier key(s) for the label, button or image.
String	<a href="#">#text</a> Gets or sets the text that is displayed on the label, button or image.
String	<a href="#">#toolTipText</a> Gets or sets the tool tip text of an element; text displays when the mouse cursor hovers over an element.
Boolean	<a href="#">#transparent</a> Gets or sets the transparency of an element; true - transparent; false - not transparent.
Boolean	<a href="#">#visible</a> Gets or sets the visibility of an element; true - visible; false - not visible; ! - the visibility state is inverted (the opposite).

## Method Summery

Number	<a href="#">#getAbsoluteFormLocationY()</a> Returns the absolute form (designed) Y location.
Object	<a href="#">#getClientProperty(key)</a> Gets the specified client property for the element based on a key.
String	<a href="#">#getDataProviderID()</a> Get the data provider this UI element (display) is showing.
String	<a href="#">#getElementType()</a> Returns the type of a specified element.
Number	<a href="#">#getHeight()</a> Returns the height of the current element.
String	<a href="#">#getLabelForElementName()</a> Gets the label for property of a label.
Number	<a href="#">#getLocationX()</a> Returns the x location of the current element.
Number	<a href="#">#getLocationY()</a> Returns the y location of the current element.
String	<a href="#">#getName()</a> Returns the name of an element.
String	<a href="#">#getParameterValue(param)</a> Gets the http request parameter for a submit within html label.
byte[]	<a href="#">#getThumbnailJPGImage([width], [height])</a> Returns the image data in .
Number	<a href="#">#getWidth()</a> Returns the width of the current element.
void	<a href="#">#putClientProperty(key, value)</a> Sets the value for the specified element client property key.
void	<a href="#">#setBorder(spec)</a> Sets the border attribute(s) of a specified element.
void	<a href="#">#setFont(spec)</a> Sets the font name, style, and size of an element.
void	<a href="#">#setImageURL(url)</a> Sets the image displayed on a button or label; based on URL.
void	<a href="#">#setLocation(x, y)</a> Sets the location of an element.
void	<a href="#">#setSize(width, height)</a> Sets the size of the field.

## Property Details

bgcolor

Gets or sets the background color of a field. The color has to be set using the hexadecimal RGB value as used in HTML.

**Returns**

String

**Sample**

```
//sets the background color of the field
forms.customer.elements.customer_id bgcolor = "#FFFFFF";
//gets the background color of the field
var c = forms.customer.elements.customer_id bgcolor;
```

enabled

Gets or sets the enabled state of a specified field, also known as "grayed".

true - enabled; false - not enabled; ! - the enabled state is inverted (the opposite).

NOTE: A disabled element cannot be selected by clicking the element (or by pressing the TAB key even if this option is supported by the operating system).

NOTE: A label or button element will not disable if the "displayType" design time property for a field is set to HTML\_AREA.

NOTE: The disabled "grayed" color is dependent on the LAF set in the Servoy Client Application Preferences. For more information see Preferences: Look And Feel in the Servoy Developer User's Guide.

**Returns**

Boolean

**Sample**

```
//gets the enabled state of the field
var currState = forms.customer.elements.customer_id.enabled;

//sets the enabled state of the field
forms.customer.elements.customer_id.enabled = !currentState;
```

fgcolor

Gets or sets the foreground color of a field. The color has to be set using the hexadecimal RGB value as used in HTML.

**Returns**

String

**Sample**

```
//sets the foreground color of the field
forms.customer.elements.customer_id.fgcolor = "#000000";

//gets the foreground color of the field
var c = forms.customer.elements.customer_id.fgcolor;
```

## mnemonic

Gets or sets the specified character(s) - typically an underlined letter- used with/without the modifier key(s) for the label, button or image.

Modifiers key values:

1 SHIFT

2 CTRL

4 Meta/CMD (Macintosh)

8 ALT(Windows, Unix); OPTION (Macintosh)

NOTE: A mnemonic is usually a single key used with/without the CTRL, CMD, SHIFT, ALT, or OPTION key(s) to activate a menu item or command - depending, in part on whether the mnemonic applies in a command line or graphic interface. For one description, you can refer to this web page: <http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/bb158536.aspx> or perform a search in a web browser search engine using the criteria "mnemonic".

NOTE2: Mnemonic is only supported in Smart Client.

## Returns

String

## Sample

```
//gets the mnemonic of the element
var my_mnemonic = forms.customer.elements.customer_id.mnemonic;

//sets the mnemonic of the element
forms.customer.elements.customer_id.mnemonic = 'f';
```

## text

Gets or sets the text that is displayed on the label, button or image.

NOTE: The .text property applies to labels, buttons, or images ONLY.

## Returns

String

## Sample

```
//gets the text of the element
var my_text = forms.customer.elements.customer_id.text;

//sets the text of the element
forms.customer.elements.customer_id.text = my_text + 'is cool';
```

## toolTipText

Gets or sets the tool tip text of an element; text displays when the mouse cursor hovers over an element.

NOTE: HTML should be used for multi-line tooltips; you can also use any valid HTML tags to format tooltip text.

## Returns

String

## Sample

```
//gets the tooltip text of the element
var tooltip = forms.customer.elements.customer_id.toolTipText;

//sets the tooltip text of the element
forms.customer.elements.customer_id.toolTipText = "New tip";
forms.customer.elements.customer_id.toolTipText = "<html>This includes <b>bolded text</b> and <font
color='blue'>BLUE</font> text as well.";
```

#### transparent

Gets or sets the transparency of an element; true - transparent; false - not transparent.

NOTE: transparency can be inverted using ! operator: `elements.elementName.transparent = !elements.elementName.transparent;`

NOTE: transparency will be mostly used for background color, a transparent element will receive the background of the element "beneath" it, a non transparent one will use its own background color

#### Returns

Boolean

#### Sample

```
//gets the transparency of the element
var currentState = forms.customer.elements.customer_id.transparent;

//sets the transparency of the element
forms.customer.elements.customer_id.transparent = !currentState;
```

#### visible

Gets or sets the visibility of an element; true - visible; false - not visible; ! - the visibility state is inverted (the opposite).

NOTE: The visibility of an element is not persistent; the state of visibility only applies to the current user in his/her current session.

#### Returns

Boolean

#### Sample

```
//sets the element as visible
forms.company.elements.faxBtn.visible = true;

//gets the visibility of the element
var currentState = forms.company.elements.faxBtn.visible;

//sets the element as not visible when the current state is visible
forms.company.elements.faxBtn.visible = !currentState;
```

### Method Details

#### getAbsoluteFormLocationY

Number **getAbsoluteFormLocationY()**

Returns the absolute form (designed) Y location.

#### Returns

Number – The y location of the form in pixels.

#### Sample

```
var absolute_y = forms.customer.elements.customer_id.getAbsoluteFormLocationY();
```

#### getClientProperty

Object **getClientProperty(key)**

Gets the specified client property for the element based on a key.

NOTE: Depending on the operating system, a user interface property name may be available.

#### Parameters

{Object} key – user interface key (depends on operating system)

#### Returns

Object – The value of the property for specified key.

#### Sample

```
var property = forms.customer.elements.customer_id.getClientProperty('ToolTipText');
```

#### getDataProviderID

String **getDataProviderID()**

Get the data provider this UI element (display) is showing.

**Returns**

[String](#) – The data provider as String.

**Sample**

```
forms.customer.elements.customer_id.getDataProviderID();
```

**getElementType**

[String](#) **getElementType()**

Returns the type of a specified element.

**Returns**

[String](#) – The display type of the element as String.

**Sample**

```
var et = forms.customer.elements.customer_id.getElementType();
```

**getHeight**

[Number](#) **getHeight()**

Returns the height of the current element.

NOTE: getHeight() can be used with getWidth() to set the size of an element using the setSize function. For example:

```
//returns the width (w) and height (h)
```

```
var w = forms.company.elements.faxBtn.getWidth();
```

```
var h = forms.company.elements.faxBtn.getHeight();
```

```
//sets the new size
```

```
forms.company.elements.faxBtn.setSize(w,h);
```

```
//sets the new size and adds 1 px to both the width and height
```

```
forms.company.elements.faxBtn.setSize(w+1,h+1);
```

**Returns**

[Number](#) – The height of the element in pixels.

**Sample**

```
var ht = forms.customer.elements.customer_id.getHeight();
```

**getLabelForElementName**

[String](#) **getLabelForElementName()**

Gets the label for property of a label. This property is used to link a label to a certain element (by default used for tableview header, form security, can be used for custom purposes ).

**Returns**

[String](#) – The label for property (String).

**Sample**

```
var name = forms.customer.elements.customer_id.getLabelForElementName();
```

**getLocationX**

[Number](#) **getLocationX()**

Returns the x location of the current element.

NOTE: getLocationX() can be used with getLocationY() to set the location of an element using the setLocation function. For Example:

```
//returns the X and Y coordinates
```

```
var x = forms.company.elements.faxBtn.getLocationX();
```

```
var y = forms.company.elements.faxBtn.getLocationY();
```

```
//sets the new location 10 px to the right; 10 px down from the current location
```

```
forms.company.elements.faxBtn.setLocation(x+10,y+10);
```

**Returns**

[Number](#) – The x location of the element in pixels.

**Sample**

```
var x = forms.customer.elements.customer_id.getLocationX();
```

**getLocationY**

### Number getLocationY()

Returns the y location of the current element.

NOTE: getLocationY() can be used with getLocationX() to set the location of an element using the setLocation function. For Example:

```
//returns the X and Y coordinates
var x = forms.company.elements.faxBtn.getLocationX();
var y = forms.company.elements.faxBtn.getLocationY();

//sets the new location 10 px to the right; 10 px down from the current location
forms.company.elements.faxBtn.setLocation(x+10,y+10);
```

#### Returns

Number – The y location of the element in pixels.

#### Sample

```
var y = forms.customer.elements.customer_id.getLocationY();
```

### getName

#### String getName()

Returns the name of an element. (may be null as well)

#### Returns

String – The name of the element.

#### Sample

```
var name = forms.customer.elements.customer_id.getName();
```

### getParameterValue

#### String getParameterValue(param)

Gets the http request parameter for a submit within html label.

#### Parameters

{String} param – Parameter that was sent in request.

#### Returns

String – The parameter value as String.

#### Sample

```
var param = forms.customer.elements.customer_id.getParameterValue('my_parameter');
```

### getThumbnailJPGImage

#### byte[] getThumbnailJPGImage([width], [height])

Returns the image data in .jpg format from an icon; thumbnailing only works in record view.

#### Syntax

elements.elementName.getThumbnailJPGImage([width],[height])

#### Parameters

[width] – The target width, if not specified original image width will be used.

[height] – The target height, if not specified original image width will be used.

#### Returns

byte[] – An array of bytes.

#### Sample

```
var jpgData = forms.customer.elements.customer_id.getThumbnailJPGImage(50,50);
application.writeFile("mypicture.jpg", jpgData);
```

### getWidth

#### Number getWidth()

Returns the width of the current element.

NOTE: `getWidth()` can be used with `getHeight()` to set the size of an element using the `setSize` function. For Example:

```
//returns the width (w) and height (h)
var w = forms.company.elements.faxBtn.getWidth();
var h = forms.company.elements.faxBtn.getHeight();

//sets the new size
forms.company.elements.faxBtn.setSize(w,h);

//sets the new size and adds 1 px to both the width and height
forms.company.elements.faxBtn.setSize(w+1,h+1);
```

#### Returns

**Number** – The width of the element in pixels.

#### Sample

```
var w = forms.customer.elements.customer_id.getWidth();
```

#### putClientProperty

void **putClientProperty**(key, value)

Sets the value for the specified element client property key.

NOTE: Depending on the operating system, a user interface property name may be available.

#### Parameters

**{Object}** key – user interface key (depends on operating system)

**{Object}** value – a predefined value for the key

#### Returns

void

#### Sample

```
forms.customer.elements.customer_id.putClientProperty('ToolTipText','some text');
```

#### setBorder

void **setBorder**(spec)

Sets the border attribute(s) of a specified element.

The border attributes:

borderType - EmptyBorder, EtchedBorder, BevelBorder, LineBorder, TitleBorder, MatteBorder, SpecialMatteBorder.

size - (numeric value) for: bottom, left, right, top.

color - (hexadecimal value) for: bottom, left, right, top.

dash pattern - (numeric value) for selected side(s).

rounding radius - (numeric value) for selected side(s).

NOTE: Use the same value(s) and order of attribute(s) from the element design time property "borderType".

#### Parameters

**{String}** spec – the border attributes

#### Returns

void

#### Sample

```
//sets the border type to "LineBorder"
//sets a 1 px line width for the bottom and left side of the border
//sets the hexadecimal color of the border to "#ccffcc"
var b = forms.customer.elements.customer_id.setBorder('LineBorder,1,#ccffcc');
```

#### setFont

void **setFont**(spec)

Sets the font name, style, and size of an element.

font name - the name of the font family.

style - the type of the font. (plain = 0; bold = 1; italic = 2; bold-italic = 3).

size - the size of the font (in points).

#### Parameters

**{String}** spec – the font name, style, size

#### Returns

void

### Sample

```
forms.customer.elements.customer_id.setFont('Tahoma,1,11');
```

### setImageURL

void **setImageURL**(url)

Sets the image displayed on a button or label; based on URL.

#### Syntax

elements.elementName.setImageURL(String)

#### Parameters

url – the specified URL.

#### Returns

void

### Sample

```
//dynamically sets an image displayed on a button or label
forms.customer.elements.customer_id.setImageURL("http://www.servoy.com/images/test.gif");

//sets an image from your own image library
forms.customer.elements.customer_id.setImageURL("media:///arrow.gif");

//loads an image (BLOB) from a field in a selected record into HTML
forms.customer.elements.customer_id.setImageURL('media:///servoy_blobloader?datasource='+controller.
getDataSource()+'&dataprovder=image_data&mimetype=image/jpeg&rowid1=2');
```

### setLocation

void **setLocation**(x, y)

Sets the location of an element. It takes as input the X (horizontal) and Y (vertical) coordinates - starting from the TOP LEFT side of the screen.

NOTE: getLocationX() can be used with getLocationY() to return the current location of an element; then use the X and Y coordinates with the setLocation function to set a new location. For Example:

//returns the X and Y coordinates

var x = forms.company.elements.faxBtn.getLocationX();

var y = forms.company.elements.faxBtn.getLocationY();

//sets the new location 10 px to the right; 10 px down from the current location

forms.company.elements.faxBtn.setLocation(x+10,y+10);

#### Parameters

{Number} x – the X coordinate of the element in pixels.

{Number} y – the Y coordinate of the element in pixels.

#### Returns

void

### Sample

```
forms.customer.elements.customer_id.setLocation(200,200);
```

### setSize

void **setSize**(width, height)

Sets the size of the field. It takes as input the width and the height.

NOTE: getWidth() can be used with getHeight() to set the size of an element using the setSize function. For Example:

//returns the width (w) and height (h)

var w = forms.company.elements.faxBtn.getWidth();

var h = forms.company.elements.faxBtn.getHeight();

//sets the new size

forms.company.elements.faxBtn.setSize(w,h);

//sets the new size and adds 1 px to both the width and height

forms.company.elements.faxBtn.setSize(w+1,h+1);

#### Parameters

{Number} width – the width of the element in pixels.

{Number} height – the height of the element in pixels.

#### Returns

void



**Sample**

```
forms.customer.elements.customer_id.setSize(20,30);
```