

TextArea (instance)

Property Summery

String	#bgcolor Gets or sets the background color of a field.
Number	#caretPosition Gets or sets the number value (position) of the text caret (text "I" bar) in a field.
Boolean	#editable Gets or sets the editable/read-only state of a field; true - editable; false - read-only.
Boolean	#enabled Gets or sets the enabled state of a specified field, also known as "grayed".
String	#fgcolor Gets or sets the foreground color of a field.
Boolean	#readOnly Gets or sets the editable/read-only state of a field; true - read-only; false - editable; ! - the editable/read-only state is inverted (the opposite).
String	#toolTipText Gets or sets the tool tip text of an element; text displays when the mouse cursor hovers over an element.
Boolean	#transparent Gets or sets the transparency of an element; true - transparent; false - not transparent.
Boolean	#visible Gets or sets the visibility of an element; true - visible; false - not visible; ! - the visibility state is inverted (the opposite).

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Returns the absolute form (designed) Y location.

Object [#getClientProperty\(key\)](#)
Gets the specified client property for the element based on a key.

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

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Returns the type of a specified element.

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Returns the height of the current element.

String[] [#getLabelForElementNames\(\)](#)
Returns an Array of label element names that has this field filled in as the labelFor.

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Returns the x location of the current element.

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Returns the y location of the current element.

String [#getName\(\)](#)
Returns the name of an element.

String [#getScrollX\(\)](#)
Returns the x scroll location of the current portal or specified portal - only for a portal where the height of the portal is greater than the height of the portal field(s).

String [#getScrollY\(\)](#)
Returns the y scroll location of the current portal or specified portal - only for a portal where the height of the portal is greater than the height of the portal field(s).

String [#getSelectedText\(\)](#)
Returns the currently selected text in the specified field.

String [#getTitleText\(\)](#)
Get the title text.

Number [#getWidth\(\)](#)
Returns the width of the current element.

void [#putClientProperty\(key, value\)](#)
Sets the value for the specified element client property key.

void [#replaceSelectedText\(s\)](#)
Replaces the selected text; if no text has been selected, the replaced value will be inserted at the last cursor position.

void [#requestFocus\(\[mustExecuteOnFocusGainedMethod\]\)](#)
Requests the focus for an element; can skip the onFocusGained event for an element by using requestFocus(false).

void [#selectAll\(\)](#)
Selects all the contents of a field.

void [#setBorder\(spec\)](#)
Sets the border attribute(s) of a specified element.

void [#setFont\(spec\)](#)
Sets the font name, style, and size of an element.

void [#setLocation\(x, y\)](#)
Sets the location of an element.

void [#setScroll\(x, y\)](#)
Sets the scroll location of a portal.

void [#setSize\(width, height\)](#)
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;
```

caretPosition

Gets or sets the number value (position) of the text caret (text "I" bar) in a field.

Returns

Number

Sample

```
//get the current caretposition
var caretPos = forms.customer.elements.customer_id.caretPosition;
//add one and set it
forms.customer.elements.customer_id.caretPosition = caretPos+1;
```

editable

Gets or sets the editable/read-only state of a field; true - editable; false - read-only.

NOTE the "!" operator can be used to invert the editable state.

Returns

Boolean

Sample

```
var currentState = forms.customer.elements.customer_id.editable;
forms.customer.elements.customer_id.editable = !currentState;
```

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;
```

readOnly

Gets or sets the editable/read-only state of a field; true - read-only; false - editable; ! - the editable/read-only state is inverted (the opposite).

NOTE: A field set as read-only can be selected by clicking (or pressing the TAB key if this option is supported by the operating system) and the field data can be copied.

Returns

Boolean

Sample

```
//gets the editable/read-only state of the field
var currentState = forms.customer.elements.customer_id.readOnly;

//sets the editable/read-only state of the field
forms.customer.elements.customer_id.readOnly = !currentState;
```

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();
```

getLabelForElementNames

String[] **getLabelForElementNames()**

Returns an Array of label element names that has this field filled in as the labelFor.

Returns

String[] – An array with element names.

Sample

```
var array =elements.name_first.getLabelForElementNames();
for (var i =0; i<array.length;i++)
{
    elements[array[i]].fgcolor = "#ff00ff";
}
```

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();
```

getScrollX

Number **getScrollX()**

Returns the x scroll location of the current portal or specified portal - only for a portal where the height of the portal is greater than the height of the portal field(s).

NOTE: getScrollX() can be used with getScrollY() to set the scroll location of a portal using the setScroll function. For Example:

```
//returns the X and Y scroll coordinates
var x = forms.company.elements.portal50.getScrollX();
var y = forms.company.elements.portal50.getScrollY();
```

```
//sets the new scroll location
forms.company.elements.portal50.setScroll(x+10,y+10);
```

Returns

Number – The x scroll location in pixels.

Sample

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

getScrollY

Number **getScrollY()**

Returns the y scroll location of the current portal or specified portal - only for a portal where the height of the portal is greater than the height of the portal field(s).

NOTE: getScrollY() can be used with getScrollX() to set the scroll location of a portal using the setScroll function. For Example:

```
//returns the X and Y scroll coordinates
var x = forms.company.elements.portal50.getScrollX();
var y = forms.company.elements.portal50.getScrollY();
```

```
//sets the new scroll location
forms.company.elements.portal50.setScroll(x+10,y+10);
```

Returns

Number – The y scroll location in pixels.

Sample

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

getSelectedText

String **getSelectedText()**

Returns the currently selected text in the specified field.

NOTE: This function is for field elements only.

Returns

String – The selected text from the component.

Sample

```
var my_text = forms.customer.elements.customer_id.getSelectedText();
```

getTitleText

String **getTitleText()**

Get the title text.

Returns

String – The title text.

Sample

```
var titleText = forms.customer.elements.customer_id.getTitleText();
```

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');
```

[replaceSelectedText](#)

void **replaceSelectedText**(s)

Replaces the selected text; if no text has been selected, the replaced value will be inserted at the last cursor position.

NOTE: `replaceSelectedText` applies to text fields and all XXX_AREA displayType text - RTF_AREA, HTML_AREA, or TEXT_AREA.

Parameters

[String](#) s – The replacement text.

Returns

void

Sample

```
//returns the current selected text
var my_text = forms.customer.elements.customer_id.getSelectedText();

//replaces the current selected text
forms.customer.elements.customer_id.replaceSelectedText(' John');
```

[requestFocus](#)

void **requestFocus**([mustExecuteOnFocusGainedMethod])

Requests the focus for an element; can skip the `onFocusGained` event for an element by using `requestFocus(false)`.

When focus is requested on a text field, a text cursor will be displayed in the specified field.

NOTE: This function is for field elements only; for more information about the optional parameter, see the `onFocusGained` design time property in the section on Fields.

Parameters

[mustExecuteOnFocusGainedMethod] – true - to execute the `onFocusGained` method; false - to prevent the `onFocusGained` method from executing, default is true (if not specified).

Returns

void

Sample

```
//requests the focus for the element
//prevents the onFocusGained method from executing
forms.customer.elements.customer_id.requestFocus(false);
```

selectAll

void **selectAll()**

Selects all the contents of a field.

Returns

void

Sample

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

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');
```

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);
```

setScroll

void **setScroll**(x, y)

Sets the scroll location of a portal. It takes as input the X (horizontal) and Y (vertical) coordinates - starting from the TOP LEFT side of the screen - only for a portal where the height of the portal is greater than the height of the portal filed(s).

NOTE: getScrollX() can be used with getScrollY() to return the current scroll location of a portal; then use the X and Y coordinates with the setScroll function to set a new scroll location. For Example:

```
//returns the X and Y coordinates
var x = forms.company.elements.portal50.getScrollX();
var y = forms.company.elements.portal50.getScrollY();
```

```
//sets the new location
forms.company.elements.portal50.setScroll(x+10,y+10);
```

Parameters

{Number} x – the X coordinate of the portal scroll location in pixels
{Number} y – the Y coordinate of the portal scroll location in pixels

Returns

void

Sample

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