

RuntimeTextArea

Extends

[RuntimeComponent](#)

Property Summary

String	bgcolor Gets or sets the background color of a field.
String	border Gets or sets the border attribute(s) of a specified element.
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.
String	font Gets or sets the font name, style, and size of an element.
String	placeholderText Gets or sets the placeholder text in 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	titleText Gets or sets the title text.
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).

Method Summary

Number	getAbsoluteFormLocationY() Returns the absolute form (designed) Y location.
Object	getClientProperty(key) Gets the specified client property for the element based on a key.
String	getDataProviderID() Get the data provider this UI element (display) is showing.
Object	getDesignTimeProperty() Get a design-time property of an element.
String	getElementType() Returns the type of a specified element.
Number	getHeight() 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.
Number	getLocationX() Returns the x location of the current element.
Number	getLocationY() Returns the y location of the current element.
String	getName() Returns the name of an element.
Number	getScrollX() Returns the x scroll location of specified element - only for an element where height of element is less than the height of element content.
Number	getScrollY() Returns the y scroll location of specified element - only for an element where height of element is less than the height of element content.
String	getSelectedText() Returns the currently selected text in the specified text field or text area.
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 () Request the focus in this element.
void	requestFocus (mustExecuteOnFocusGainedMethod) Request the focus in this element.
void	selectAll () Selects all the contents of a field.
void	setLocation (x, y) Sets the location of an element.
void	setScroll (x, y) Sets the scroll location of an element.
void	setSize (width, height) Sets the size of an element.

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.
It only returns it's correct value if it was explicitly set.

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;
```

border

Gets or 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).

It only returns it's correct value if it was explicitly set.

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

Returns

[String](#)

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"
forms.customer.elements.customer_id.border = 'LineBorder,1,#ccffcc';
```

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.
It only returns it's correct value if it was explicitly set.

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;
```

font

Gets or 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).

It only returns it's correct value if it was explicitly set.

Returns

[String](#)

Sample

```
forms.customer.elements.customer_id.font = 'Tahoma,1,11';
```

placeholderText

Gets or sets the placeholder text in a field.

Returns

[String](#)

Sample

```
//get the placeholder text
var placeholderText = forms.customer.elements.customer_id.placeholderText;
//set another placeholder
forms.customer.elements.customer_id.placeholderText = 'Search..';
```

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;
```

titleText

Gets or sets the title text.

Returns

[String](#)

Sample

```
var titleText = forms.customer.elements.customer_id.titleText;
```

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();
```

getDesignTimeProperty

Object `getDesignTimeProperty ()`

Get a design-time property of an element.

Returns

Object

Sample

```
var prop = forms.orders.elements.mylabel.getDesignTimeProperty('myprop')
```

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 specified element - only for an element where height of element is less than the height of element content.

NOTE: `getScrollX()` can be used with `getScrollY()` to set the scroll location of an element 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 specified element - only for an element where height of element is less than the height of element content.

NOTE: `getScrollY()` can be used with `getScrollX()` to set the scroll location of an element 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 text field or text area.

NOTE: This does not work for text fields in the Web Client.

Returns

String - The selected text from the component.

Sample

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

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** ()

Request the focus in this element. (Focus is also a text cursor on text components).

Returns

void

Sample

```
//request the focus in this forms.customer.elements.customer_id (focus is also a text cursor on text
components)
forms.customer.elements.customer_id.requestFocus();
```

requestFocus

void **requestFocus** (mustExecuteOnFocusGainedMethod)

Request the focus in this element. (Focus is also a text cursor on text components).

Parameters

{[Boolean](#)} mustExecuteOnFocusGainedMethod - If true will execute onFocusGained method, else will not; default value is true.

Returns

void

Sample

```
//request the focus in this forms.customer.elements.customer_id (focus is also a text cursor on text
components), skip on focus gained method call
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();
```

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. Please note that location should not be altered at runtime when an element is anchored. Use the solutionModel in such a situation.

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 an element. It takes as input the X (horizontal) and Y (vertical) coordinates - starting from the TOP LEFT side of the screen - only for an element where the height of the element is greater than the height of element content

NOTE: getScrollX() can be used with getScrollY() to return the current scroll location of an element; 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 an element. It takes as input the width and the height.

Please note that size should not be altered at runtime when an element is anchored. Use the solutionModel in such a situation.

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);
```