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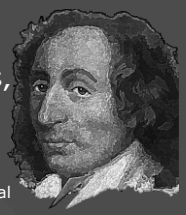

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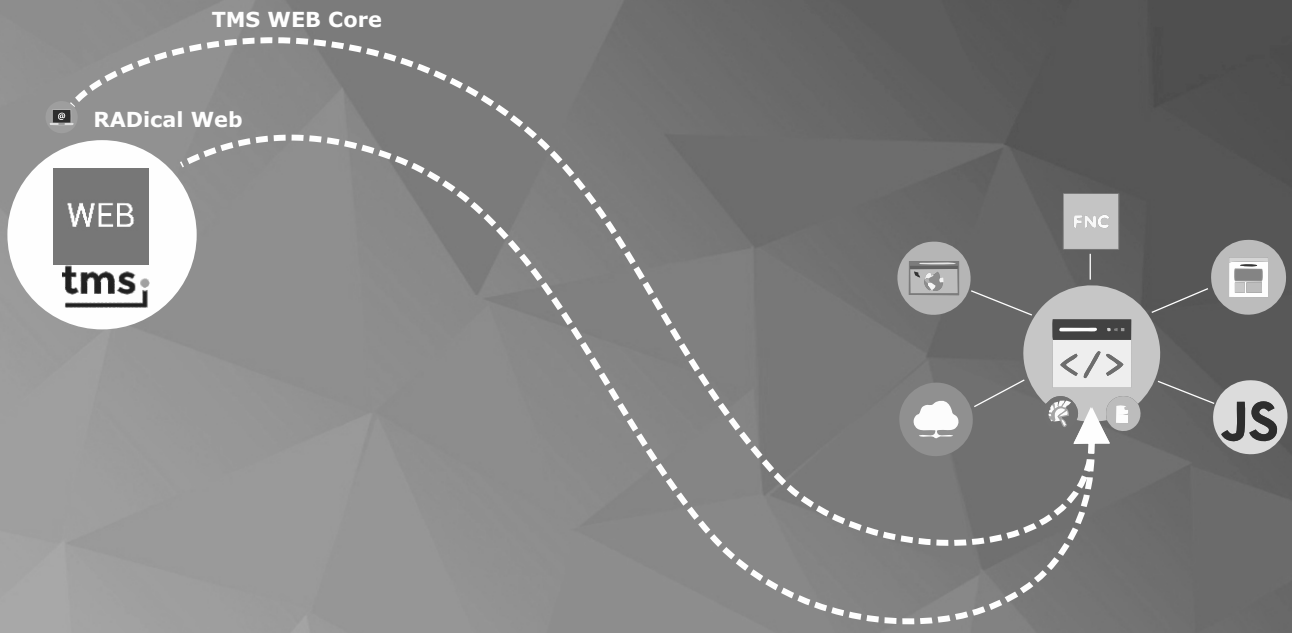

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TMS WEB CORE AND RADICAL WEB INTRODUCTION

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It finally arrived - on Valentines day.
The web framework we always wanted.

We now have a framework which is capable of what I had been looking for since I had a meeting in Paris with an Embarcadero official, about eight years ago. We talked about Delphi, the future what was missing in Delphi and how to move ahead.

I had already met with Michael van Canneyt - he is the author of many articles and a large book about Pascal-Lazarus and told him the web interface I wanted was missing from both Delphi and Lazarus.
He agreed and said he had the same idea and showed me software similar to what he would like to create for Pascal, (Morfik) but by that time it was in its infancy. He had been dreaming about realising this, but it was a huge task, it would take years, he predicted.
It did. Altogether 10 years.

About two years ago, Michael and I decided to ask others to help develop the Web Suite we had started. One Developer of the Pascal Lazarus team was Mattias Gärtner (an IDE development expert in the Lazarus team) and I made contact and asked him if he was willing to help us. Michael and Mattias spoke in two ways the same language, (being Belgian and German) so it was a very successful contact and especially since these two guys had fallen into the bucket – like Obelix in his "strengthening Bouillon" the project suddenly got an enormous boost.
Michael had already done a hellish task, so now the project exploded. We decided to work together closely, and as fast as we possibly could. Once we had done that, we realized it would be necessary to find a third party for the Delphi aspect.
It was years ago that I had first met Bruno Fierens and encountered TMS, and, I knew immediately that TMS Software would be the only candidate… Does coincidence exist?
So I went to Bruno and asked him if he could possibly do that for us. This article is part of the outcome.
I have been knocked sideways by the quality and versatility of the product Bruno has developed.
He created a web framework which in my view is as important as the invention of Delphi itself.

Of course we have a roadmap and still lots of things need to be done: further functionality will be added to the compiler and various annoyances must be ironed out…
For the short term now there will be a Beta version that enables you to play around with the components and their capabilities. The trial will be available not only for Delphi but also for Lazarus.
Quite soon now we will present a fully working and well-tested framework of components that you can buy in various combinations with either basic or more comprehensive functionality.

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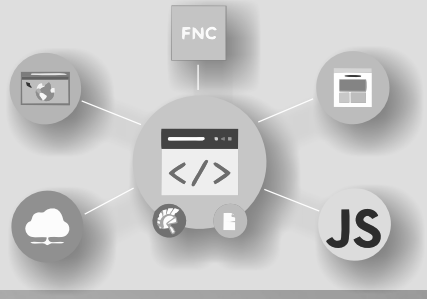
The sheer number of components you will be able to use for the web is enormous. At the end of this article we append several examples designed for you to learn from.. Many of the examples have complete working project code, so once you have the components available you can immediately create any website you want. All you need to understand is: Object Pascal. We aim to help you understand this new framework from the inside, and offer an outline of its architecture and working. You will be able to appreciate the tremendous possibilities this TMS WEB FRAMEWORK has. Hopefully you will be as enthusiastic as we are, and agree this is next best thing that ever happened to Delphi. I have had guidance and great help from Holger Flick and you will find his explanations and diagrams very enlightening. I want to commend him for his excellent help, without which I would not have been able to understand the inner workings of this new framework myself.



WHAT DOES TMS WEB MEAN?

TMS Web is a comprehensive web application development framework. It requires only a good knowledge of Delphi or Object Pascal.
You do not have to use any other programming languages. All the functionality you need is encapsulated in components, designed in an object oriented way using Pascal classes. Especially you do NOT require any knowledge of HTML or JavaScript.

You will find that, a web-app created with "TMS Web" interacts amazingly well with available frameworks or can be visually enhanced through traditional web design using HTML, CSS and other JavaScript frameworks - if you wish. Designs created by and for enterprises can be implemented or extended endlessly.

APPLICATION MODEL:

Web applications are based on the **SPA** (*Single Page Application*) paradigm, a very sophisticated way of application modelling.
(*Wiki: A single-page application (SPA) is a web application or web site that interacts with the user by dynamically rewriting the current page rather than loading entire new pages from a server. This approach avoids interruption of the user experience between successive pages, making the application behave more like a desktop application. In an SPA, either all necessary code – HTML, JavaScript, and CSS – is retrieved with a single page load, or the appropriate resources are dynamically loaded and added to the page as necessary, usually in response to user actions. The page does not reload at any point in the process, nor does control transfer to another page, although the location hash or the HTML5 History API can be used to provide the perception and navigability of separate logical pages in the application. Interaction with the single page application often involves dynamic communication with the web server behind the scenes.*)

The SPA paradigm offers an obvious benefit to the end user, who starts the application simply by opening a single **HTML** document in her browser.
The principal drawback to the **SPA** model is the **Fat Client** it produces, often with an extremely high load effort. However, this can be offset by intelligent modularisation. To do this requires configuring the generation of the web-server application appropriately.
So as "Johan Cruiff" used to say: every downside has it's benefits.

COMPONENTS:

Components are the core ingredients for development with Delphi and that is why they are the focus for the development of Web-apps with **TMS Web**. At design time all the components you need are dropped on your form and configured via the Object Inspector, exactly as you are used to.
As with the **VCL, TMS Web** includes components which are visual (*e. g. a label*) and non-visual (*e. g. a timer*).

DEBUGGING:

You can debug your application through the Delphi IDE as well as with the Web Browser. **Break points** and the evaluation of variables line by line are supported without any limitations. This differs markedly from most other web development tools. Other tools don't usually support debugging of the running application in anything other than Javascript, forcing you to evaluate JavaScript source in the browser. This may be painful and unfamiliar for **Delphi** developers. Simply said it's essential that this works as it does in **TMS Web**. The uninterrupted use of Object Pascal means that errors are recognised sooner, and solutions applied more quickly using Pascal. If you would like to analyse the ongoing process in the web browser step by step: it is of course possible without any problem. This step is of course vital as soon as the application is tethered to existing JavaScript solutions.

JAVASCRIPT COMPONENTS:

If you design using existing JavaScript framework components you own, they will be shown (without any preview) as frame placeholders in the form designer. This is consistent since there is no representation for them in Delphi. Nevertheless, you can still set events and properties for these components via the **Object Inspector**, and avoid **JavaScript** altogether (*if you wish*). The list of supported components and frameworks is growing.

JAVASCRIPT FRAMEWORKS:

You can even integrate a JavaScript framework into your application that has no visual components at all. For example you can incorporate design styles by **Bootstrap** to Standard components from **TMS Web**.
The excellent separation between application logic and web design interface built into **TMS Web** is characteristic of the high quality of this new framework.

INTEGRATION INTO THE IDE

TMS Web provides wizards to get you going quickly with app development, along with numerous dialogs related to the creation, set-up and configuration of **TMS Web** apps. It is also very important to emphasize the seamless integration with all the existing IDE tools which write and navigate in the code without any restriction.
Provided you have the **TMS Web** sources you can even extend the framework with third party libraries with your own components.

Screenshots in this article:
All the screenshots shown were made using **TMS Web** and **Embarcadero Rad Studio 10.2.2 Tokyo**. The presentation in other Delphi versions will of course be different, since Embarcadero has modernized all the IDE icons. So that might seem a bit strange for seasoned developers who don't use the very latest Delphi version.

BASICS

We want to explain some of the basics of the framework . But before that we will give you the system requirements and then explain the installation.
The most popular browsers are listed below, showing you which version is supported.

Product	Recommended Version
Internet Explorer	11
Google Chrome	
Mozilla Firefox	
Opera	
Apple Safari	(only available for Apple products)
Microsoft Edge	(Windows 10)

So it is wise to use one of the listed browsers to make sure that there will be no production issues to try to guarantee the compatibility.
TMS Web applications can be used in any HTML5- compatible web browser.
But the **TMS** applications have been tested in all the browsers listed above.

INSTALLATION

Like all products from TMS Software it will be shipped with an installation program that comes with a wizard that will guide you through the process. You need to know that the TMS Web framework installs using a two-phase process - first the basic system and as a second part the installation which is dependent on the Delphi Version. So if you want to use several Delphi versions it will be done separately for all these versions.

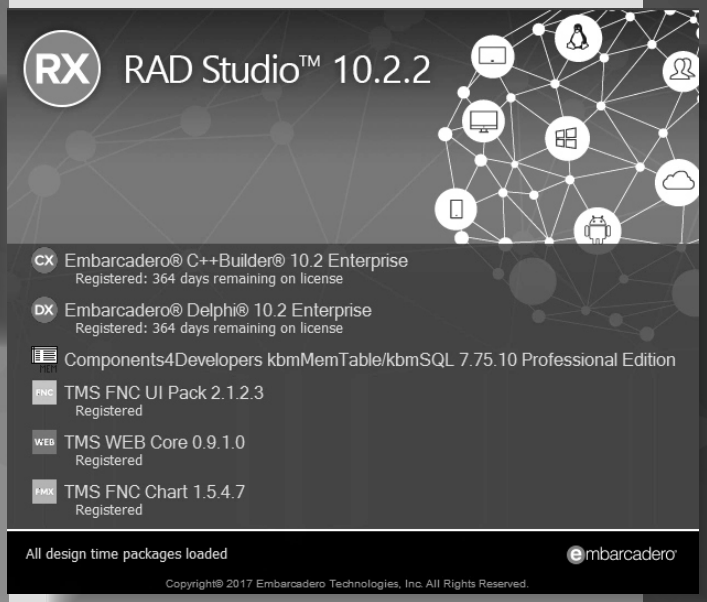


Figure 1. The opening splash screen.

The suite installs very smoothly. I tried it under Win7 and Win 10. Simple quick and easy. I did not need to ask for any help, as can be the case for installing a component suite.

Note 1:
If you have a **version with source code** the source code will be recompiled during the installation process and integrated in the IDE(Integrated Development Environment).
If you have a **version without source code** the pre-compiled "dcu"forms will be integrated.
If you have a so-called **"TMS All Access Subscription"** you can make the installation by simply calling The TMS Subscription Manager. In that case you are always provided the latest version.

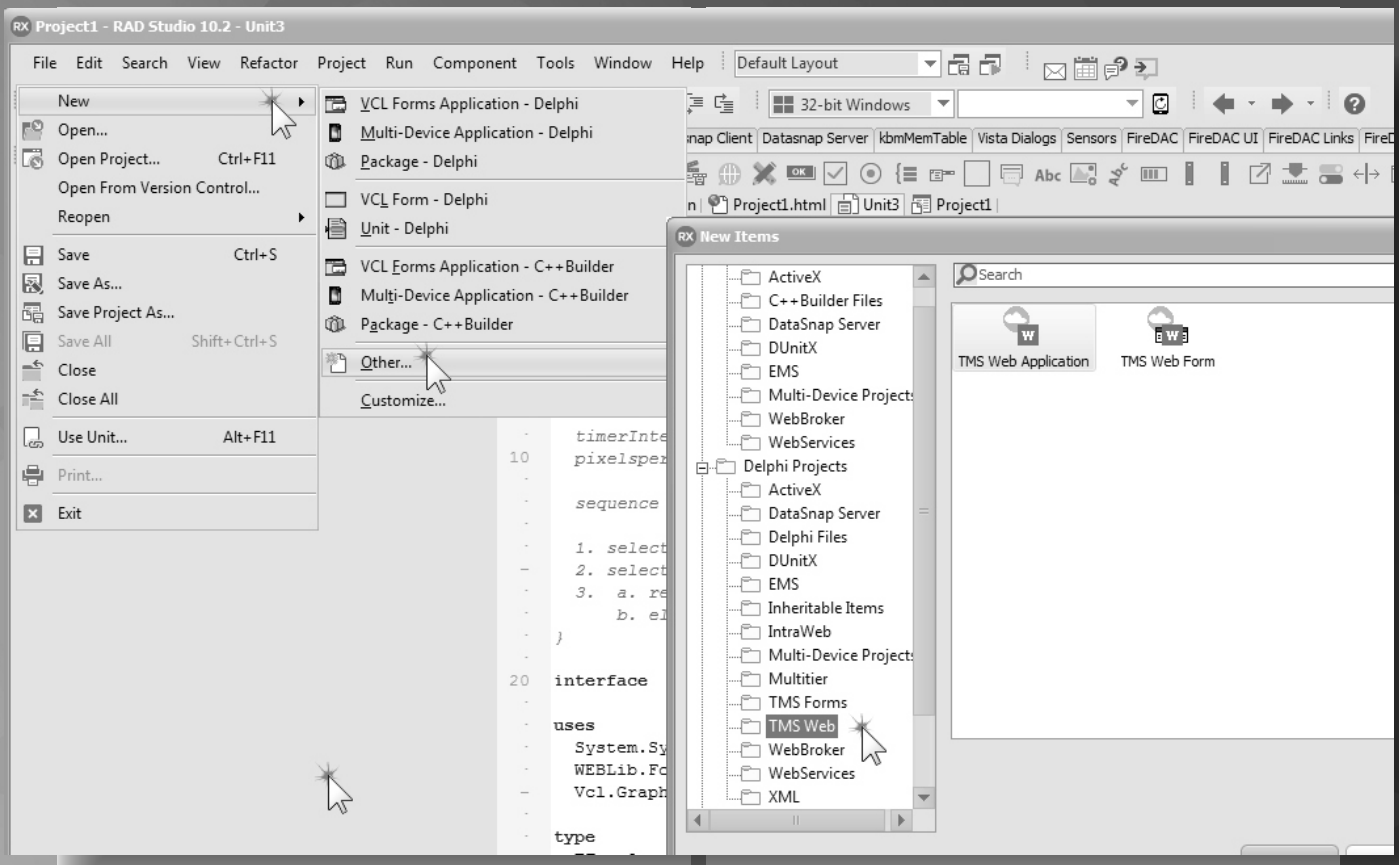


Figure 2: This post-installation screenshot shows where the new TMS Web Form and Web Application can be found in the Delphi IDE.

THE FIRST PROJECT

Once installed, you have a fully-integrated IDE extension for generating code for Web applications. Whenever you start using something new it's useful to start with a very simple basic program that usually shows the text "Hello World". The IDE is extended by **TMS Web** and you can find that by **File → New → Other** and the wizard will show a list where you find the category 'Delphi Projects' ' **TMS Web**' .
Just click on **TMS Web Application** (*See Figure 2*). There is nothing else to do. All application settings will be passed from the basic settings of TMS Web and you do not need to copy settings each time you want a new project for the web. Configurations we will discuss later.

The integration of the web design is done where it belongs: In HTML or CSS.

THE PROJECT SETTINGS

The project consists of a form, the **Main Form** in the unit **`Unit1.pas`** and the project file **`Project1.dpr`**. You will find an additional file: **`Project.html`**. This file is the **HTML** document for the web application. This file exists firstly as a reference for the web app which is created with **TMS Web**. You usually do not need to make many changes to it, however a web designer may wish to tweak or edit the overall design using **HTML.**

Each TMS Web Form consists of three Files:
the **`.pas`**-file – including the code,
the **`.dfm`**-file - containing the layout for the form
and a **HTML** file. Editing this HTML form file lets you make possibly far-reaching changes to the form's design.can **integrate** other frameworks.

Note 2:
The TMS Web philosophy places all application logic in the framework's components.
The integration of the web design is done where it belongs: In **HTML** or **CSS.**
Many Web Frameworks trip themselves up by trying to integrate **HTML** or even **JavaScript** into the Application Component files. The code of these files is not easy to locate and maintain This because there is no clear separation between the Application logic and the design.

Now here is the overview of the **Project File** of the App: **(project1.dpr)**

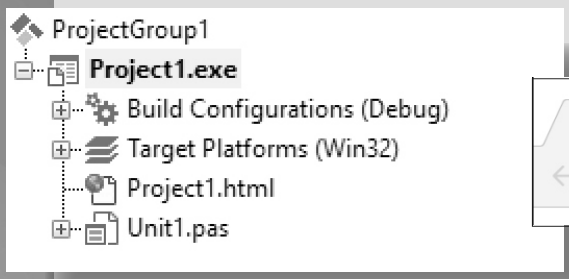


Figure3: the project group

If you run the program by pressing **Ctrl+Shift+F9** the program will run without Debugging and your default browser (*whatever your default browser is*) will show the app's output.

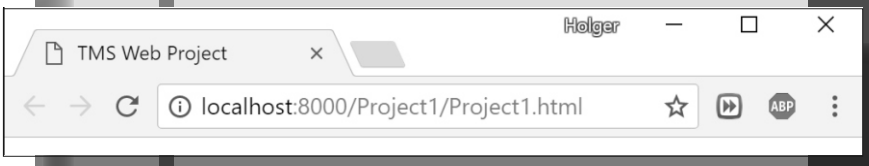


Figure 4 Here Google is the default browser

```
program Project1;

uses
    Vcl.Forms,
    WEBLib.Runner,
    Unit1 in 'Unit1.pas'          {Form1: TWebForm} {*.html};

{$R *.res}

begin
    Application.Initialize;
    Application.MainFormOnTaskbar := True;
    Application.CreateForm(TForm1, Form1);
    Application.Run;
    TTMSWebRunner.Execute('http://localhost:8000/$(ProjectName)', tbnDefault);
end.
```

Code Listing 1

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At first sight there aren't many differences from a classic form-based application, except that the uses clause includes the **WebLib.Runner** unit. As usual **TApplication** will be initialized but a call is made to the **WebRunner** - complete with a URL. The static **Execute Method** of the Class **TTMSWebRunner** opens a Browser

- conditioned by the constant tbnDefault for the standard workstation browser,
- with the specified address as the first parameter.

A place-holder for the name of the project **$(ProjectName)** is also used.
Place-holders are all marked by a **$** and begin and end with brackets ().

Alternatively **tbnDefault** can be replaced by one of the following constants:

Constant	Web Browser
tbnDefault	Standard Web Browser
tbnChrome	Google Chrome
tbnFirefox	Mozilla Firefox
tbnEdge	Microsoft Edge
tbnIExplore	Microsoft Internet Explorer
tbnOpera	Opera

So you can force Microsoft Edge to run the app by specifying the constant tbnEdge.

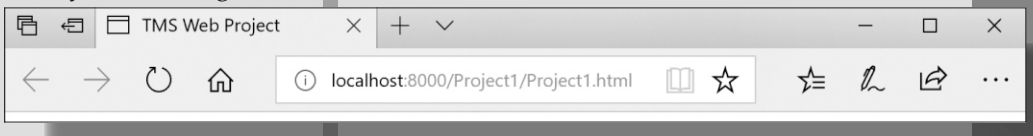


Figure 5 Microsoft Edge

So it is clear now that **TMS Web Apps** are actually very normal applications in Delphi. You will be running an executable (.exe). However, the Web app will not show its main form on your desktop.

Figure 6: TMS Web Server

The executable file generated on our development machine is merely a launcher for the browser, which starts a **local Web Server** and navigates to the address so the application will be started. By default the internal web server is bound to **`localhost`** with **`port 8000`**.

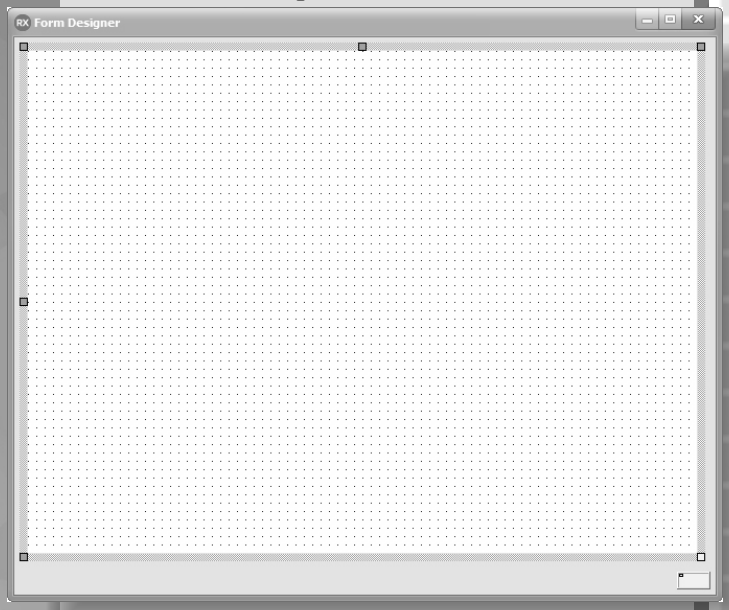


Figure 7: The Form Designer looks like one of the Data Modules

So far the application has no content so that we cannot yet verify the last step that the app will be started. So let's change that. Open the Main Form **`Unit1.pas`** in the **Form Designer** of the **IDE.** The **Form Designe**r looks like a **Data Module** and is clearly distinct from the **VCL** or **FireMonkey** form. All visual tools for the use of Components in the designer are now available.

The component overview (*see the column to the right*) is now limited to those components that can be used in conjunction with **TMS Web**. This form inherits not from **`TForm`**, but from **`TWebForm`**. Many **`TWebForm`** properties have the identical name and functionality that their **`TForm`** counterpart shares. If you ever worked with other frameworks for the web to create apps you will appreciate the events of the forms immediately. It's like coming home. With TMS Web you will at first see no difference from creating a **VCL** form application at all. You can instinctively find the component you need: **`TWebLabel`** duplicates **`TLabel's`** functionality.
`TWebEdit` is the equivalent of **`TEdit`**. Every **VCL** developer will be able to identify and use Standard-page components straight away.
You will be pleased to know there are very few limitations on Web-component properties and events compared to their VCL analogues.

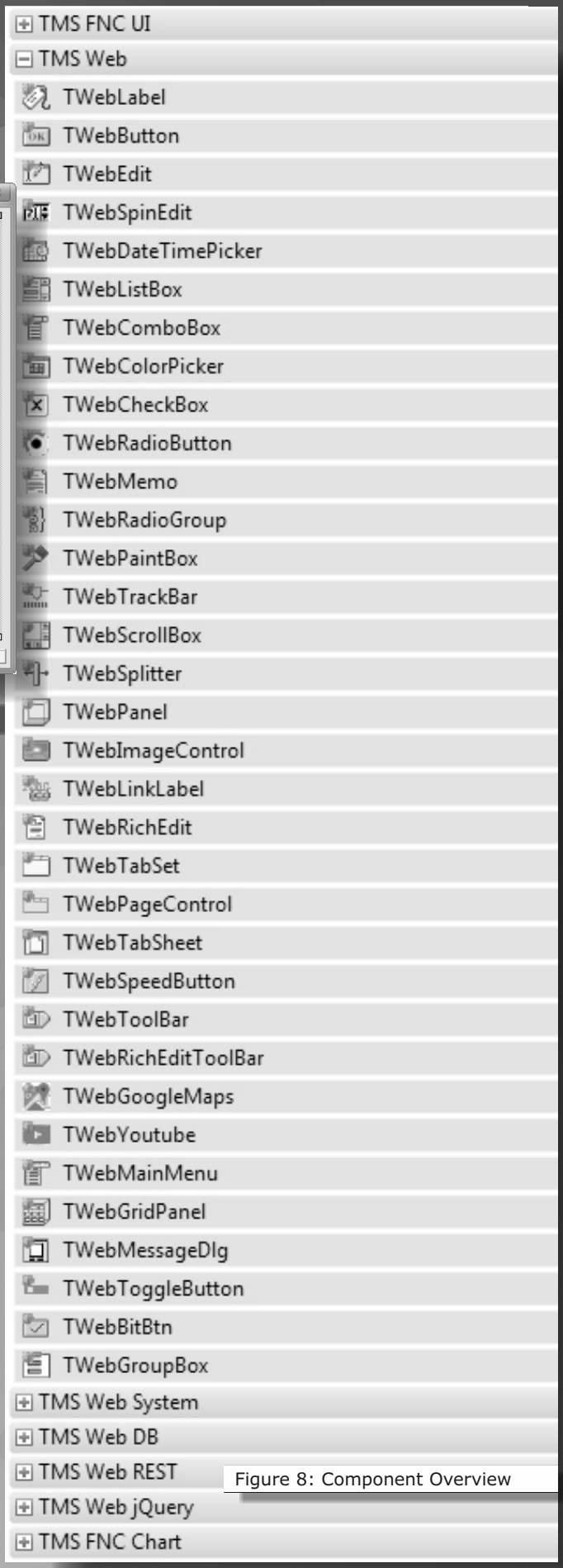


Figure 8: Component Overview

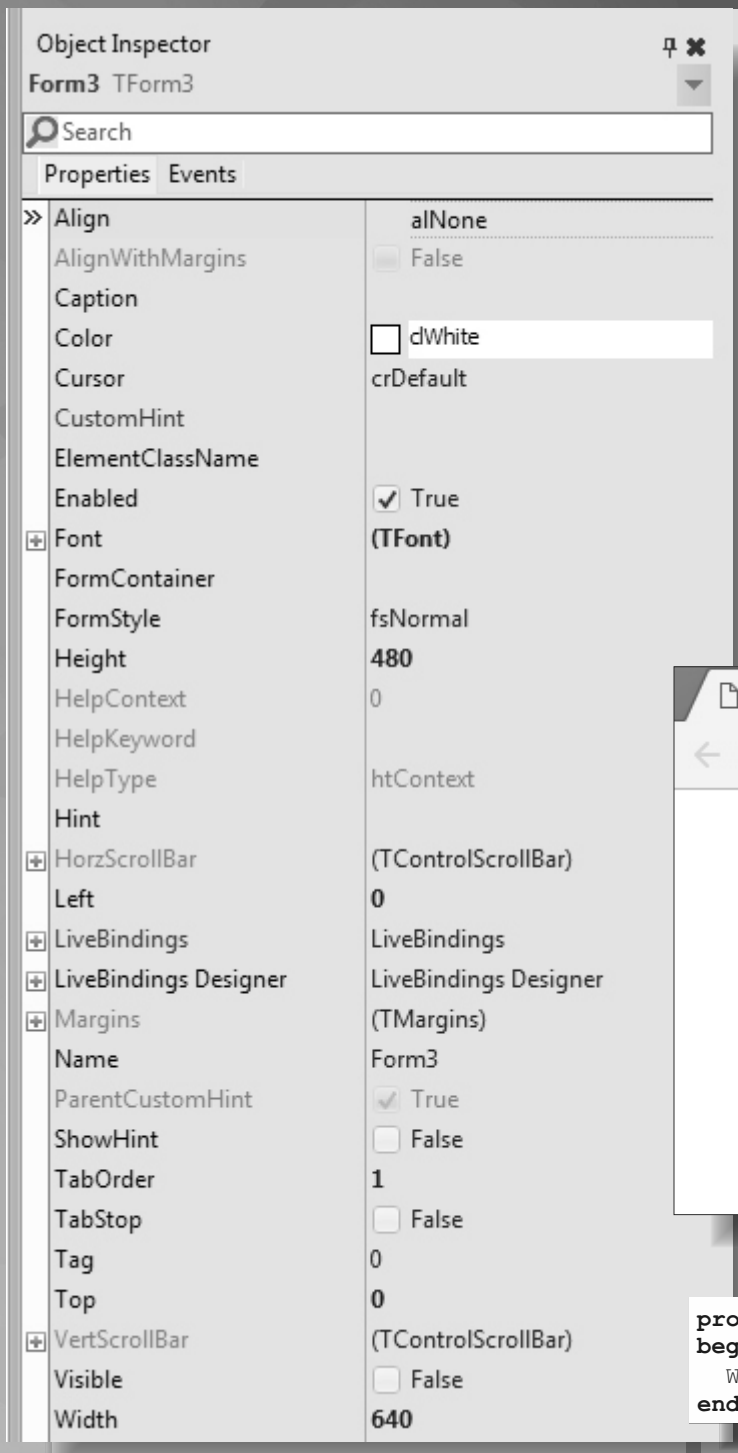


Figure 9: the Object Inspector

For example, you can use **Anchors** and **Align** to put your components in place. You also can use the panel component to group your components. The adoption of so-called "Responsive Design" means it is supremely easy to use these components and set their properties.
Let's go for the simple „Hello World" app. Drop a **`TWebEdit`** and a **`TWebButton`** component on the form.

Double-clicking the button generates an **`OnClick`** handler as you would expect, and you are placed in the editor to complete the generated code skeleton:

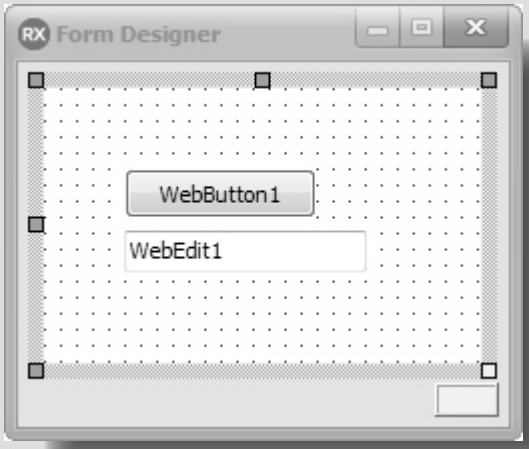


Figure 10: the Form and components

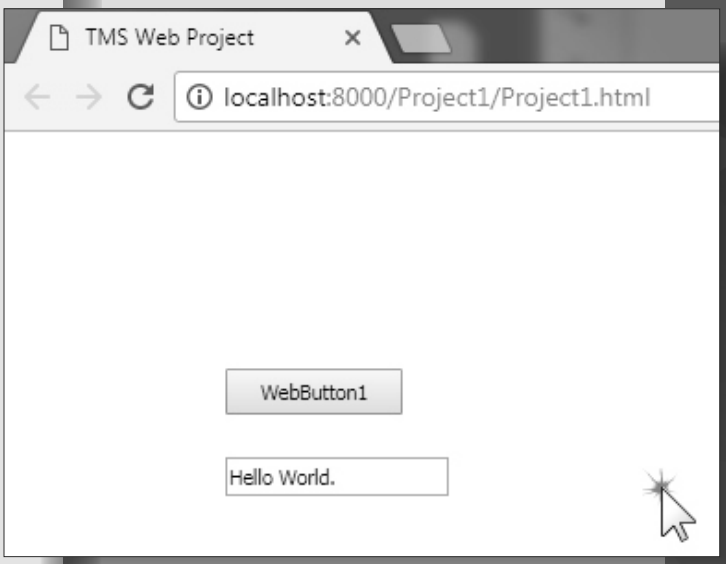


Figure 11: the Result after compilation

```
procedure TForm1.WebButton1Click(Sender: TObject);
begin
  WebEdit1.Text := 'Hello World.';
end;
```

Code Listing 2

Again: no difference at all between writing a **Web App** or a **Desktop VCL** application.
The WebEdit1's Text property gets the value 'Hello World'.
Of course you could also have renamed the component through the property Name.
After starting the app we can see the components are shown. One click on the button provides the desired result.

Let's see what files the compiler has generated. In addition to the **.exe** there is a new **.ini** file. Its contents are as follows:

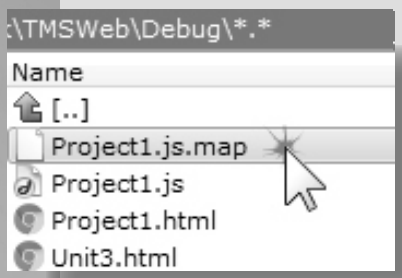
```
[Paths]
HtmlPath=C:\tex\TMSWebBook\demos\minimal\.\TMSWeb\Debug
HtmlFile=Project1.html
DefaultURL=http://localhost:8000/Project1
```

Code Listing 3

The ini file contains the information for the app in the exe file to find the Web app. This is only meant to start the desired web browser. So where is the Web Application? By default a "TMS Web" directory has been created in a subdirectory. You can of course alter that according to your own wishes.

The web application consists of the **HTML** files for the forms and a **JavaScript** Form.

Opening the **HTML** file on the web server runs the corresponding **JavaScript** file. Furthermore the meta information for the debugger will be generated in a **.map** file. Where is that found?



By default it is placed in the project's **TMSWeb\Debug** directory. You can of course alter that.

Figure 12: Location of the . map file

Note 3:
If you place several apps on the same server, their overall size can be reduced by creating separate JavaScript files for each unit. I actually hardly needed the manual. Compared to using other web solutions, I quickly found an enormous improvement in speed and ease of working using TMS Web. I actually hardly needed the manual. To create web applications in this way is To create web applications in this way is for any developer that knows the VCL completely intuitive.

An further example:
Just to show how true the last words are we'll show two further examples. Let' s expand the form with another component of type **TWebEdit** and add to the **OnClick** of the Button as follows:

```
procedure TForm1.WebButton1Click(Sender: TObject);
begin
  WebEdit1.Text := 'Hello World.';
  WebEdit2.Text := DateTimeToStr(Now); // <-- new!
end;
```

Code Listing 3

We will naively try to use familiar, well-known Delphi RTL functions. Especially Date and Time functions are by using the Web a very popular subject for discussions which many developers love to hate. A click on the Button starts the WebApp and indeed shows what we expected. So our naivety and hope are fully successful. Here the strength of **TMS Web** is shown: all the **RTL** functions used in the **VCL** work well in web apps thanks to **TMS Web** with very few limitations also in a **Web App.**

LIVE CLOCK

So lets try the next step: we will create a little clock that is automatically updated in the background.

Here the strength of TMS Web is shown: all the RTL functions used in the VCL work well in web apps thanks to TMS Web with very few limitations also in a Web App.

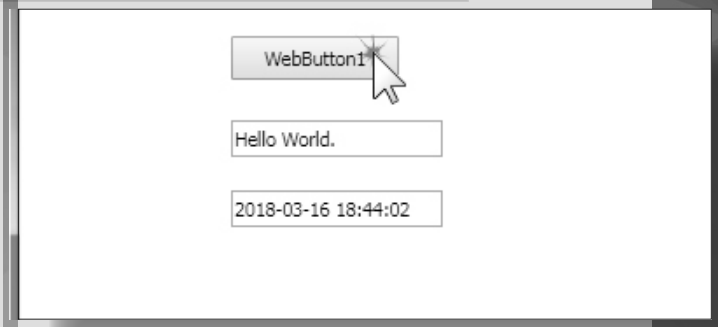


Figure 13: Result

We want the correct time to be shown by being updated continuously. But we also want this to happen without sending a request to the server. Our goal is an implementation that is as easy as possible and that we are used to when we create a desktop application. We will drop two further WebButtons and call them **btnTimerStart** and **btnTimerStop.**

The name on the caption should be altered accordingly. You will find under TMS Web System a component called TWebTimer, which is the equivalent of TTimer known from the VCL. The timer's Interval property defaults to 1000, equivalent to 1 second.

The events for the buttons to start and stop the timer are implemented as follows:

```
procedure TForm1.btnTimerStartClick(Sender: TObject);
begin
  WebTimer1.Enabled := true;
end;

procedure TForm1.btnTimerStopClick(Sender: TObject);
begin
  WebTimer1.Enabled := false;
end;
```

Code Listing 5

The event **OnTimer** should show the actual time in on one of the edit fields

```
1 procedure TForm1.WebTimer1Timer(Sender: TObject);
begin
   WebEdit2.Text := TimeToStr( Now );
end;
```

Code Listing 6

That's all folks. We now can start the app.
The result is impressive.
A simple click on the start button shows the time immediately. Each second the clock is updated. Clicking „Stop" causes the clock updates to cease. Anyone who ever tried to implement such a simple clock by writing a **JavaScript** implementation will appreciate what fantastic results **TMS Web** can produce in a fraction of the time.

FUNCTIONALITY

Now that we've seen TMS Web in action for the first time, it's time to move on and explain exactly what happens when Delphi source code becomes a runnable web application. You need to understand this so you can see how the few limitations of TMS Web arise. Most restrictions result from restrictions imposed by the target platform and the web itself, not from design shortcomings in **TMS Web.**

ARCHITECTURE

On the basis of the diagram in Figure 3.1, we can comprehend how the transforming of the source code of a JavaScript-dominated web application works. Any application will be built from several interdependent abstraction layers that encapsulate the desired layer functionality. You've already seen that you can use both **FNC** (Framework Neutral Components) standard components, and elements from **RTL.** You also can use visual components from other JavaScript frameworks. We now map the various components of a **TMS Web** application to the layers and explain how the compiler moves from layer to layer to build the final application.

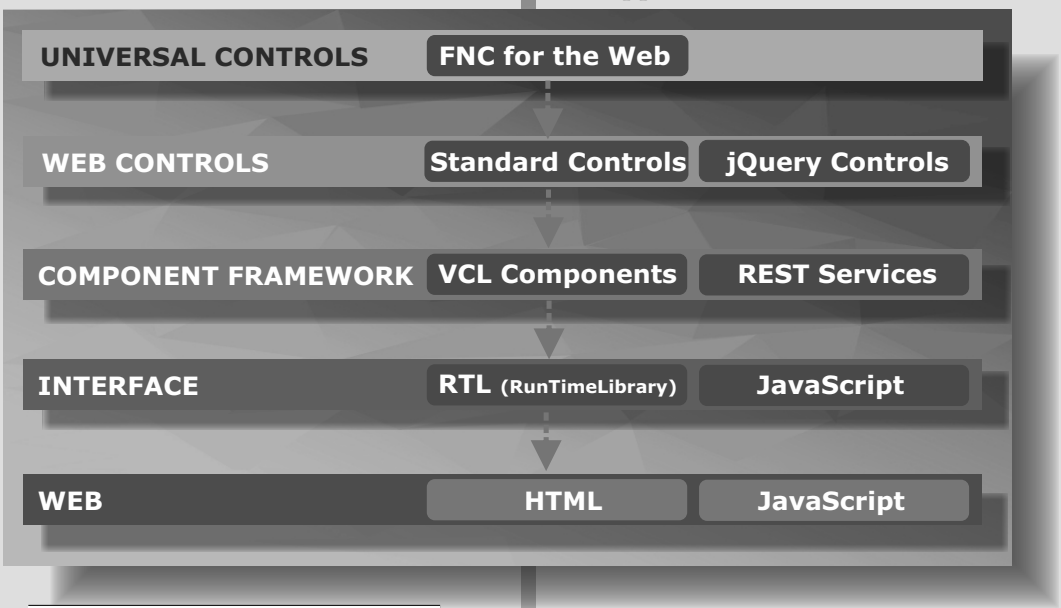


Figure 14: Architecture of TMS Web.

The final product on the web (*bottom layer*) is generated step by step.

For this purpose, e.g. **FNC components** (*top layer*) are mapped to **Web Standard** components, which in turn map to **VCL Standard** components.

Finally, the **Pascal2JavaScript** compiler forms the necessary components for a Web Application consisting of **HTML** and **JavaScript.**

- The top layer, at the highest level of abstraction, uses universal components which are independent of any implementing framework. The developer doesn't have to worry whether the components are used in a **VCL** application, **FireMonkey** application or Web Application. Even for the **Linux** target, enabled now via **fmxlinux** or via **LCL** and **Lazarus,** the **TMS FNC** controls can be used, no adjustments are necessary. The platform is perfectly abstracted. **TMS** has given this type of component the name **'FNC':** Framework Neutral Components. In **TMS Web Applications** these components are shown on the next, deeper abstraction layer. This means a framework neutral input field **(TTMSFNCEdit)** will be converted to a standard web component input field.

- The web components of TMS Web form the next layer. Here you can find the default components that start with **TWeb.** Examples are **TwebLabel, TWebEdit** etc. These Web components are broken down to components from the **VCL.** The web component abstraction layer ensures that the only properties and events available will be those appropriate to a web application. Any visual components used from other **JavaScript** frameworks must be wrapped as distinct components which can then be mapped to **VCL** equivalents.

- The next layer is the interface between the Delphi layer and the web Level. It also provides the RTL and JavaScript functions. That means here you can also find the implementation that ensures that the RTL will become **'Web - able'.** Of course, here are also internal JavaScript elements to be found for integration in the web applications.

- The bottom layer represents the end product: an HTML document containing one or more JavaScript file(s) with the web application. The visual components used are **HTML** elements that at this moment can be interpreted and displayed by any **HTML5** -able Web Browser.

For example a **TWebEdit** is converted into an **<input>** with parameters that represent the defined properties and events. Of course wrapped **JavaScript** components, e.g. **jQuery** Components, are replaced by the corresponding **JavaScript** components.

In summary it should be noted that TMS Web using the above 'Transformation chain' for web applications is an abstract, completely comprehensible representation of an object-oriented high-level language implemented concretely as a web application. How to implement this? From among the various object oriented possibilities open to **TMS,** they opted for inheritance abstraction.
The abstraction is based on inheritance of the respective classes from a **VCL** base class. All visual components in the upper layers **FNC** or the Web standard components thus descend from a base class in the **VCL.**

We now want to look at 3 classes as an example, to consolidate our understanding of the architecture of the **TMS Web** framework.

TWebForm
All components are arranged on a form.
The form is represented by the class **TWebForm.** This component is found in the standard components and is thus according to our model is mapped as a descendant of the VCL **TCustomForm** component.

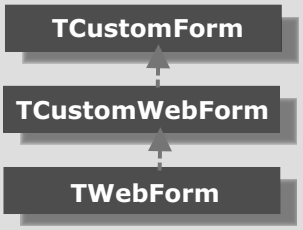


Figure 15

TWebEdit
The input field **TWebEdit** is also derived directly from the corresponding **VCL** components **TCustomEdit** forms the base class.

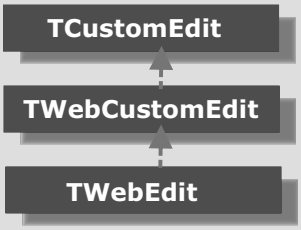


Figure 16

TTMSFNCEdit - an FNC component
Finally, an example of an FNC component. Analogous to the standard components is also derived here from VCL components. Important is the understanding that no web standard component is stored. It is directly derived from the VCL - without reference to the web.

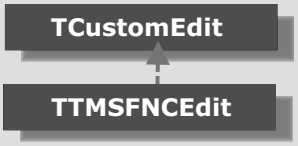


Figure 17

BUILDING BLOCKS

TMS Web has a modular structure. It consists of a basic building block designated as the '**TMS Web Core**'. Based on this core, additional components can be used. Which building blocks are available to the developer depends on the licensing model chosen, and which blocks that licence provides.

Figure 18 overleaf is a graphical representation of the way the different parts morph together and how modular it is. *However, it does not show the available modules as JavaScript has more things than are shown in the illustration.*

TMS WEB CORE

TMS Web Core is the foundation for all other modules. It contains both basic components and everything needed for full IDE integration, together with the special transpiler needed for the web applications this package creates.

TMS FNC FOR THE WEB

- **FNC** components for the Web.
With this package a variety of components from the **FNC UI** package come available for **TMS** Web. These types of components are of these components do not differ in principle from other **Delphi** frameworks.
You can use these FNC components on the Web - just as you might do for **VCL** or **FireMonkey** applications with **FNC** components normally.

jQuery COMPONENT

Components from the **jQuery JavaScript framework** can be used with help of the components from this module.
These components are shown as white frames in the form designer at design time.
WYSIWYG is not supported because the graphical representation is only available in JavaScript. **TMS Web** also uses the component package **`jQWidgets`**, to improve the interoperability between **jQuery** and **Delphi.**

CLOUD SERVICES

Components for direct use of cloud services, such as **Google Calendar**.
When using the components, you don't need to worry about the implementation of the communication interface between your application and the cloud.
In particular, aspects such as encryption, authentication and authorization are handled automatically in the background.

XData Server

The use of external Databases is handled using the **XData Server**. XData Server provides **REST Web Services**, which are set up automatically by the **TMS XData** engine
The final link in the web database app development chain is provided by TMS Aurelius. You develop your database structure, use **TMS Aurelius** to connect your database to your application logic and use then **XData,** to let the information become available. Your **Graphical User Interface (GUI)** on the web - if developed with **TMS Web** - can use this standardized interface to access the data and even new data, transfer records or changes to the database.

Starting at page 18 of the issue (page 13 of the article) you will find an exact overview of all the available components from TMS Web

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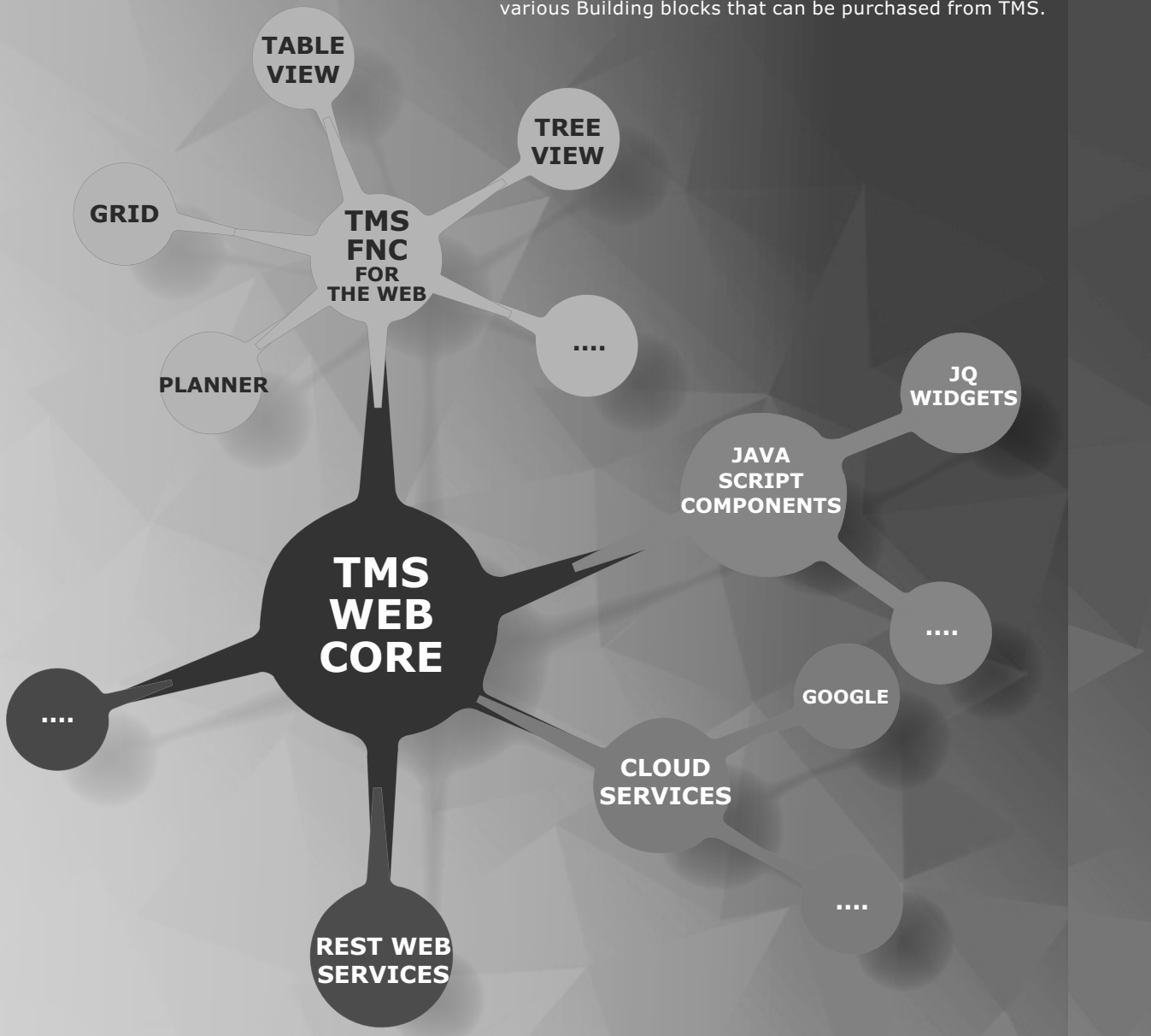
Figure 18: TMS Web Core can be extended. The Mind Map shows various Building blocks that can be purchased from TMS.



Note:
Even if it has only a building block for the jQuery JavaScript Framework, TMS Web can still work with other JavaScript frameworks, which offer visual components. In particular, it is advisable to consult with TMS for your interest in special frameworks. Without requests for support for a particular framework, TMS will not provide the needed supporting module.

Figure 19

TMS FNC UI

TTMSFNC*

BitmapContainer	PopUp	ScrollBar	BitmapPicker
BitmapSelector	CheckGroupPicker	CheckGroup	ColorPicker
ColorSelector	Edit	FontnamePicker	FontSizePicker
GridDatabaseAdapter	Grid HTMLText	Image	CheckedListBox
ListEditor	NavigationPanel	PageControl	Panel
PlannerDatabaseAdapter	Planner	RadioGroupPicker	RadioGroup
TabSet/ToolBar	ToolBarButton	ToolBarSeparator	ToolBarFontNamePicker
ToolBarFontSizePicker	ToolBarColorPicker	ToolBarBitmapPicker	ItemPicker/DockPanel
TreeView	CheckedTree	ViewTaleView	

Figure 20

TMS WEB

TWEB*

Label	WebButton	WebEdit	SpinEdit
DateTimePicker	ListBox	ComboBox	ColorPicker
CheckBox	RadioButton	Memo	RadioGroup
PaintBox	TrackBar	ScollBox	Splitter
Panel	ImageControl	LinkLabel	RichEdit
Tabset	PageControl	TabSheet	SpeedButton
ToolBar	RichEditToolbar	GoogleMaps	YouTube
MainMenu	GridPanel	MessageDlg	ToggleButton
BitBtn	GroupBox		

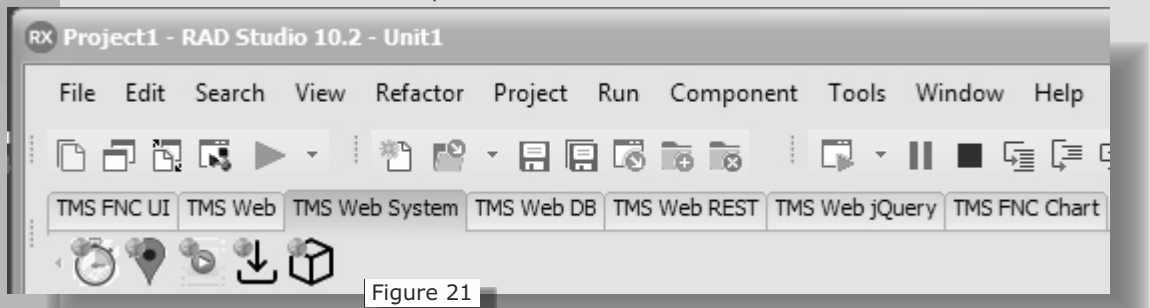


Figure 21

TMS WEB SYSTEM

TWEB*

Timer	GeoLocation	MultiMediaPlyer	FileUpload
Code Manager			

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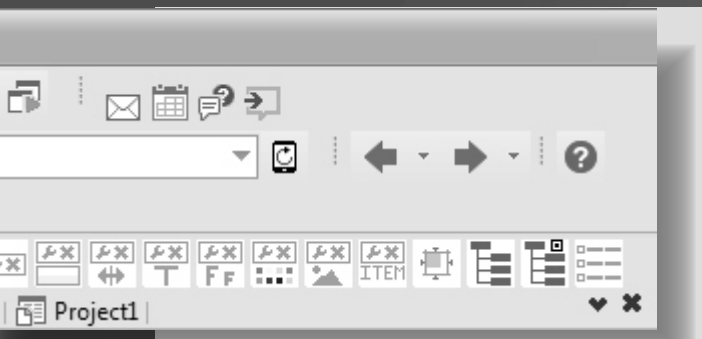
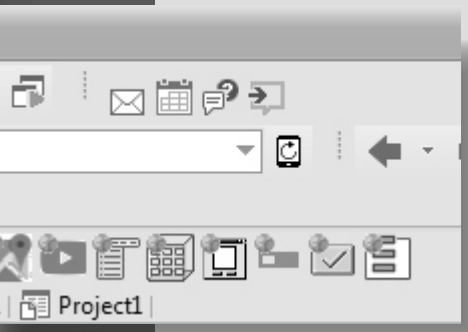




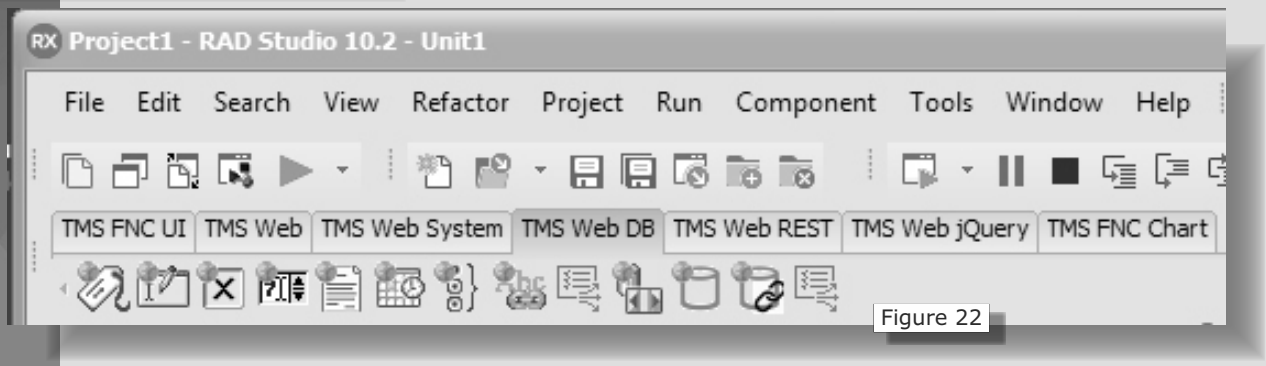


Figure 22

TMS WEB DB

TWEB*

DBLabel	DBEdit	DBCheckBox	DBSpinEdit
DBMemo	DBDateTimePicker	DBRadioGroup	DBLinkLabel
DataSource	DBNavigator	ClientDataSet	ClientConnection
ClientDataSource			

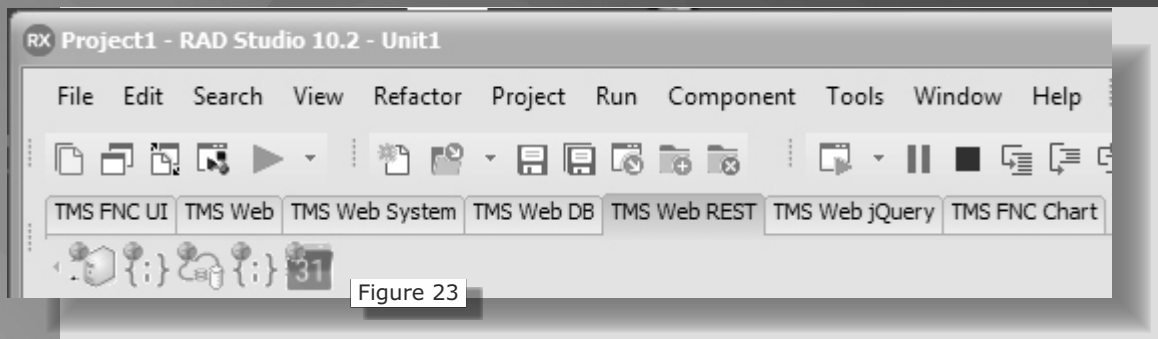


Figure 23

TMS WEB DB
TMS Web REST*
HttpRequest RESTClient CloudData GoogleClient
GoogleCalendar

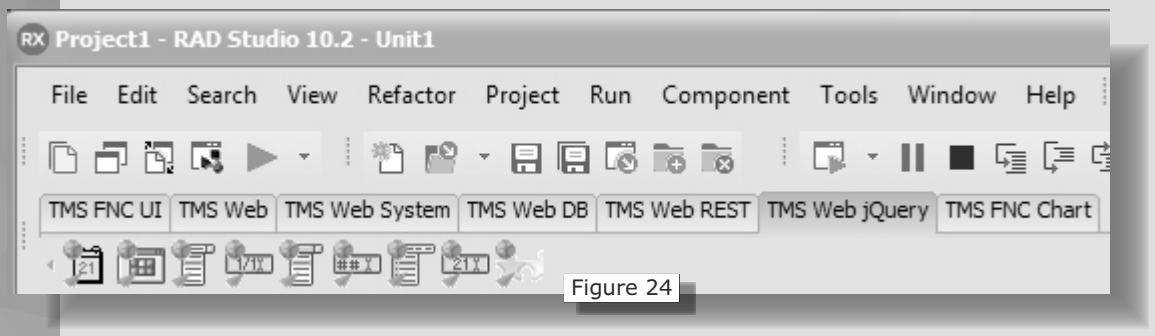


Figure 24

TMS WEB jQuery
TWebJQX*
Calendar ColorPicker ComboBox DateTimeInput
Dropdownlist MaskedInput Menu NumberInput Rating

Figure 25

TMS FNC CHART
TMSFNCChart

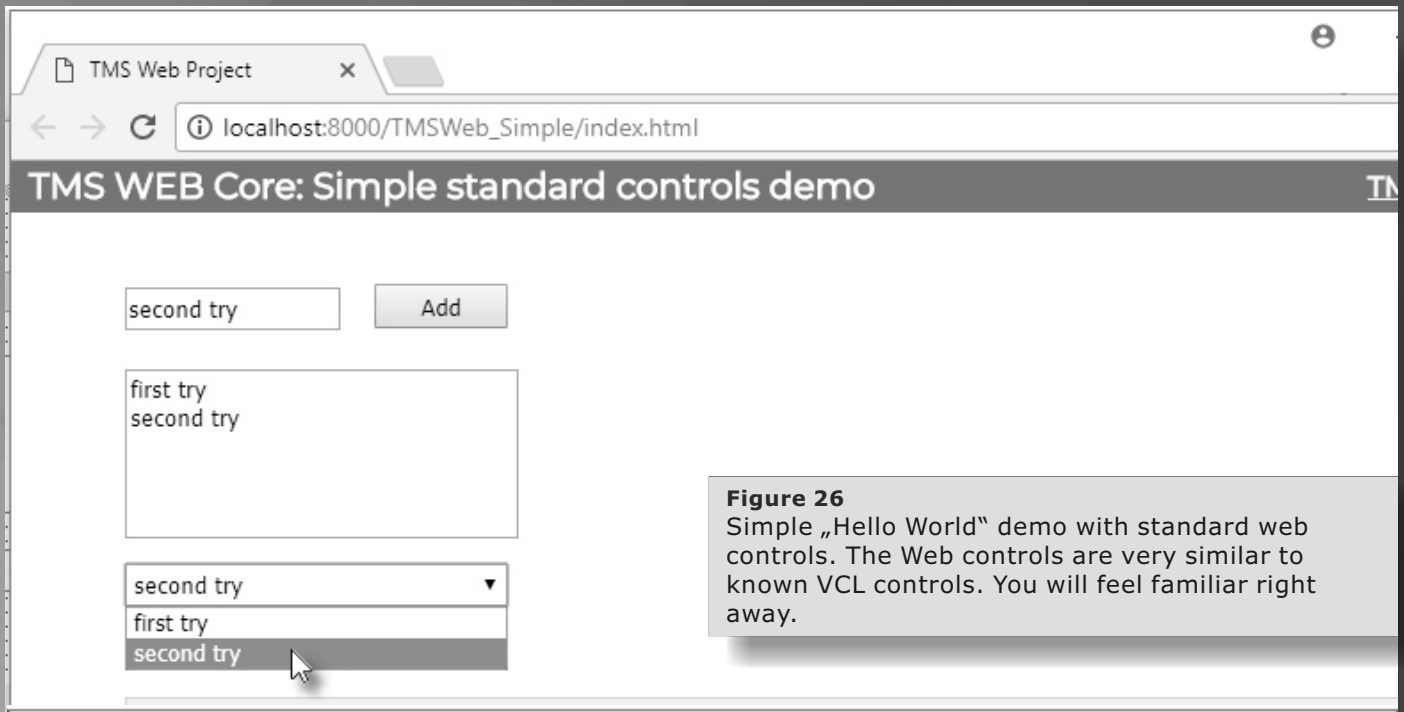


Figure 26
Simple „Hello World" demo with standard web controls. The Web controls are very similar to known VCL controls. You will feel familiar right away.

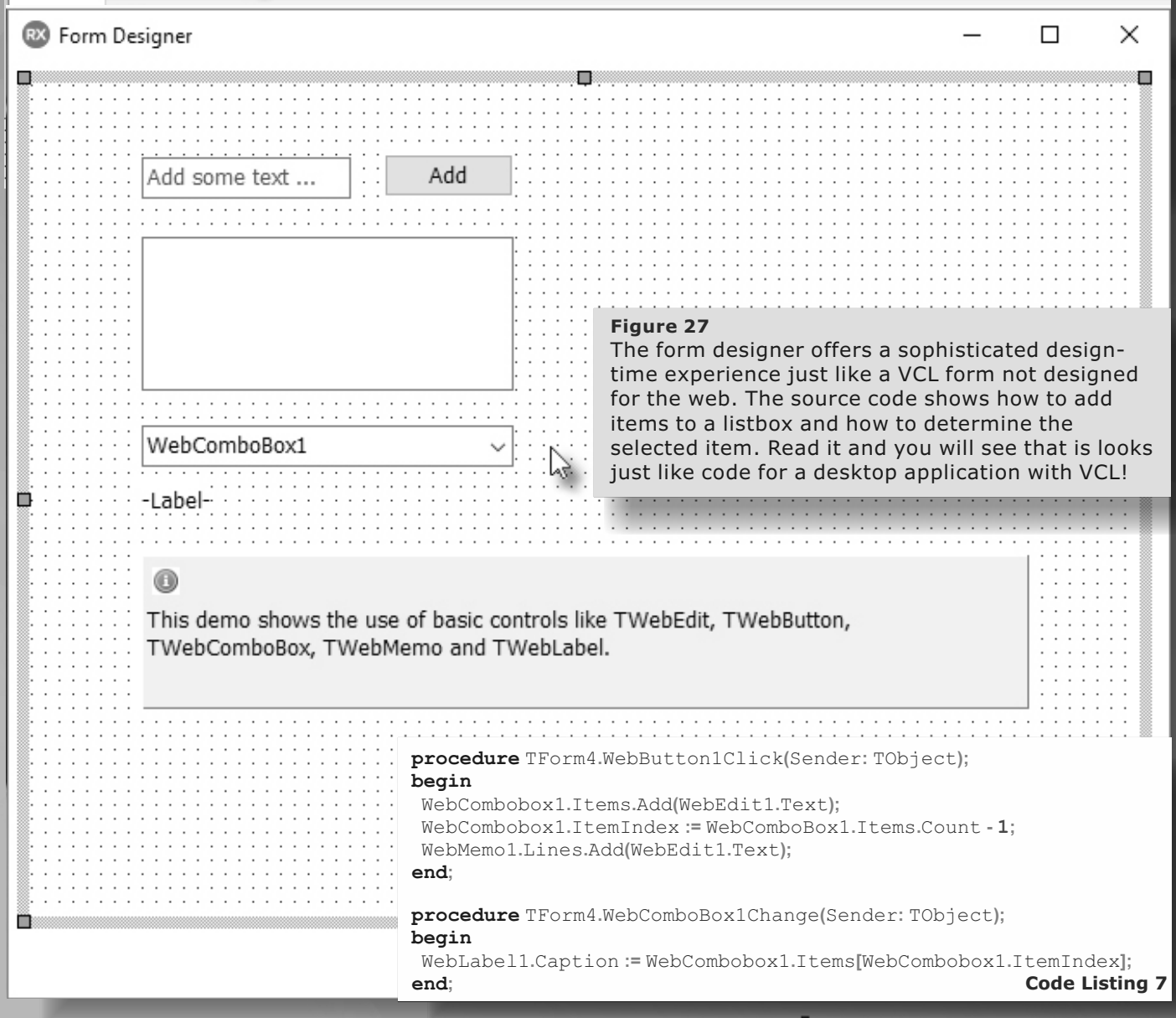
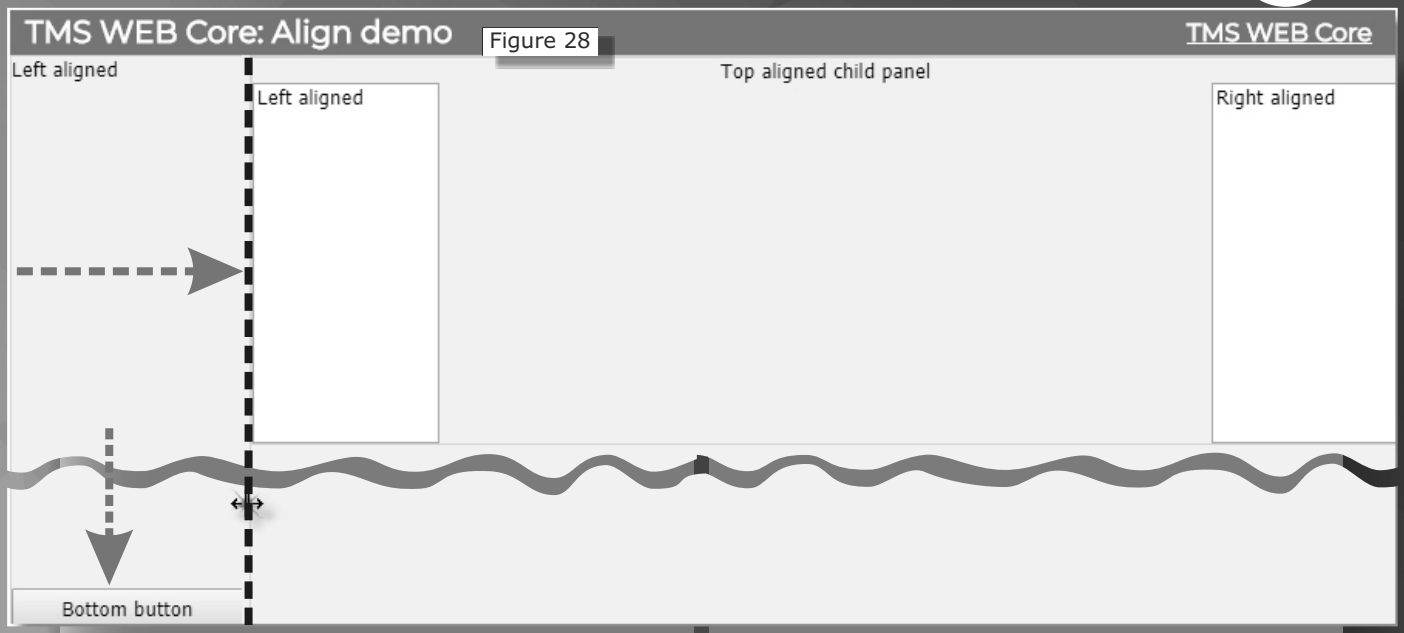


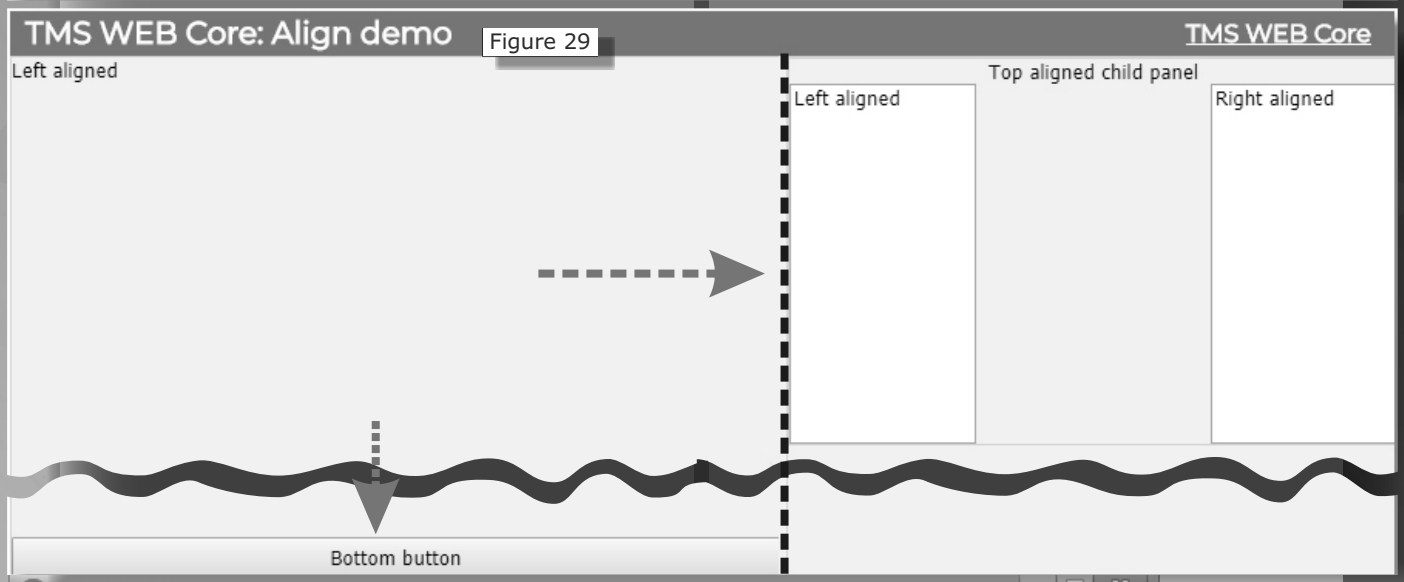
Figure 27
The form designer offers a sophisticated design-time experience just like a VCL form not designed for the web. The source code shows how to add items to a listbox and how to determine the selected item. Read it and you will see that is looks just like code for a desktop application with VCL!

```
procedure TForm4.WebButton1Click(Sender: TObject);
begin
  WebCombobox1.Items.Add(WebEdit1.Text);
  WebCombobox1.ItemIndex := WebComboBox1.Items.Count - 1;
  WebMemo1.Lines.Add(WebEdit1.Text);
end;

procedure TForm4.WebComboBox1Change(Sender: TObject);
begin
  WebLabel1.Caption := WebCombobox1.Items[WebCombobox1.ItemIndex];
end;
```

Code Listing 7





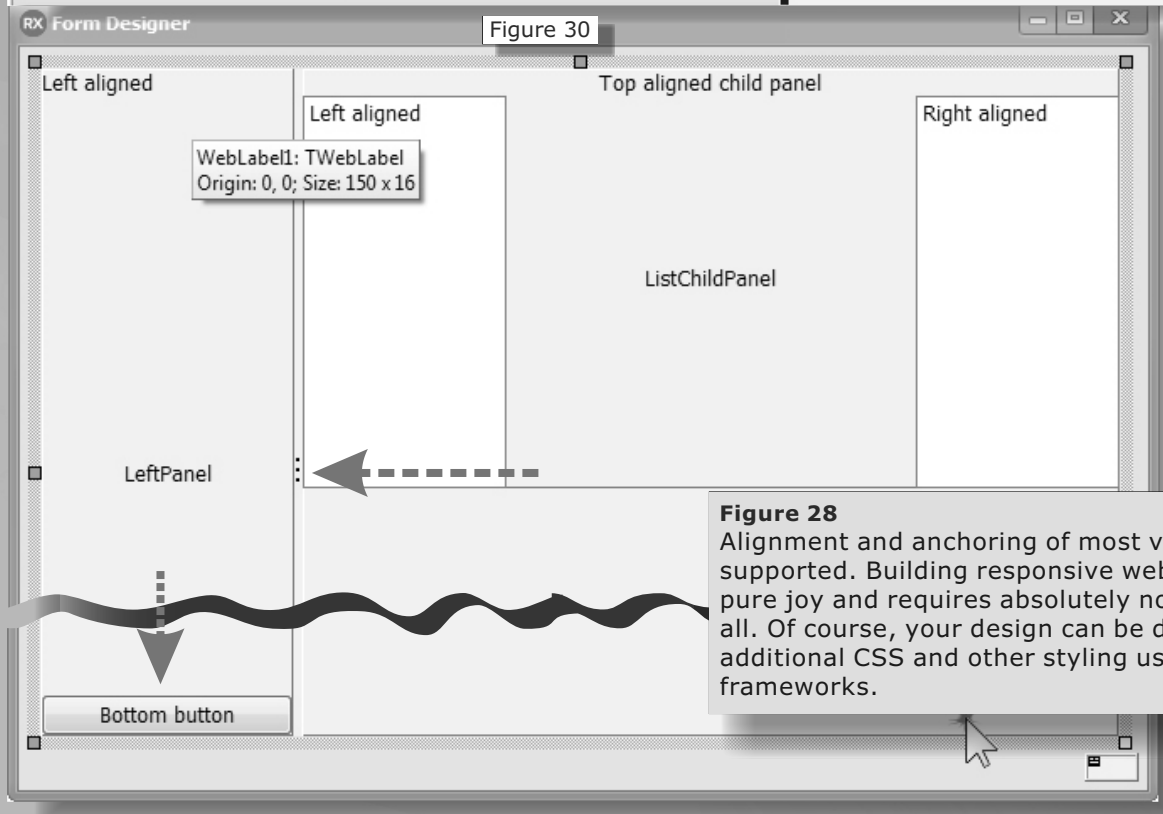
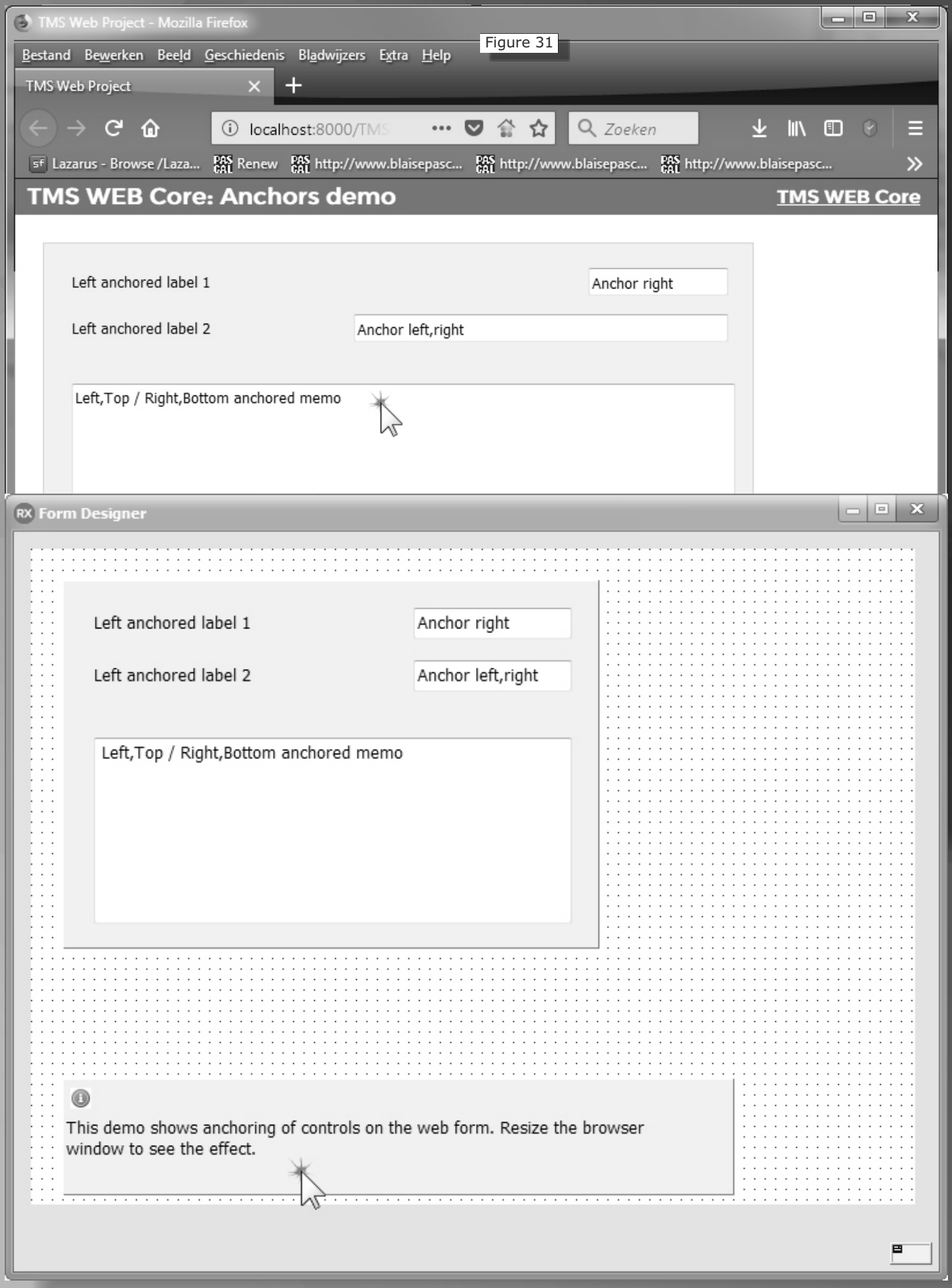


Figure 28
Alignment and anchoring of most visual control is supported. Building responsive web pages becomes pure joy and requires absolutely no source code at all. Of course, your design can be decorated with additional CSS and other styling using JavaScript frameworks.

Figure 31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TMS WEB Core: Anchors demo
TMS WEB Core
Left anchored label 1
Anchor right
Left anchored label 2
Anchor left,right
Left,Top / Right,Bottom anchored memo
Form Designer
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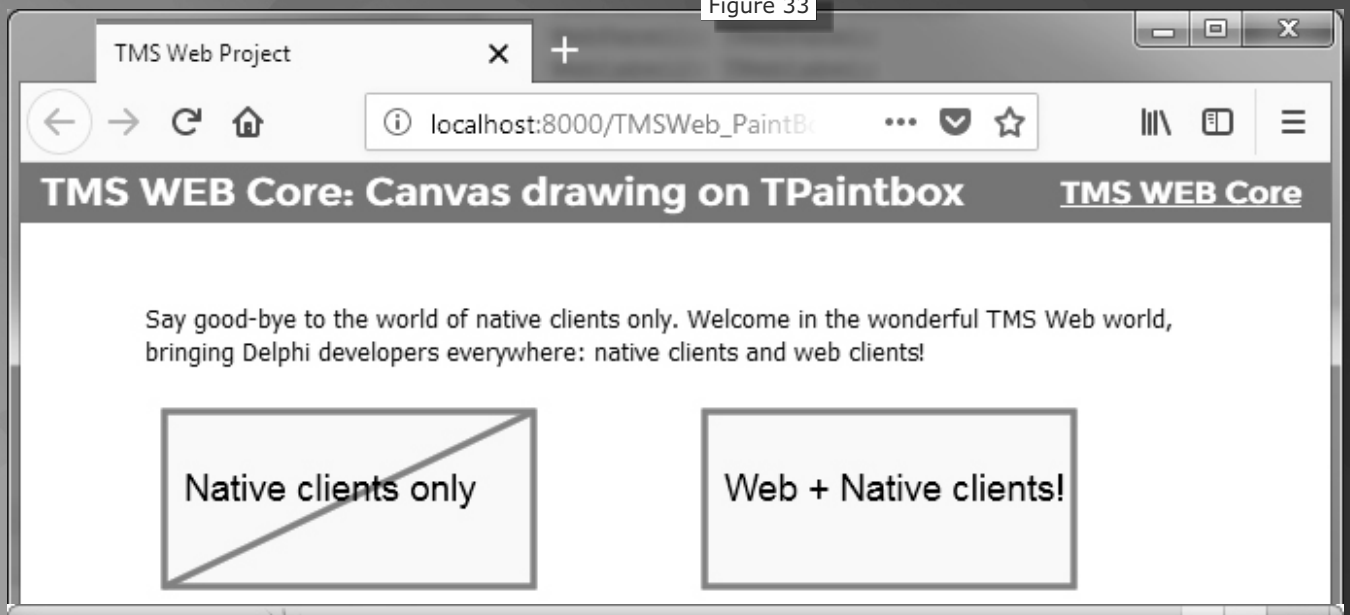
This demo shows anchoring of controls on the web form. Resize the browser window to see the effect.

Figure 33



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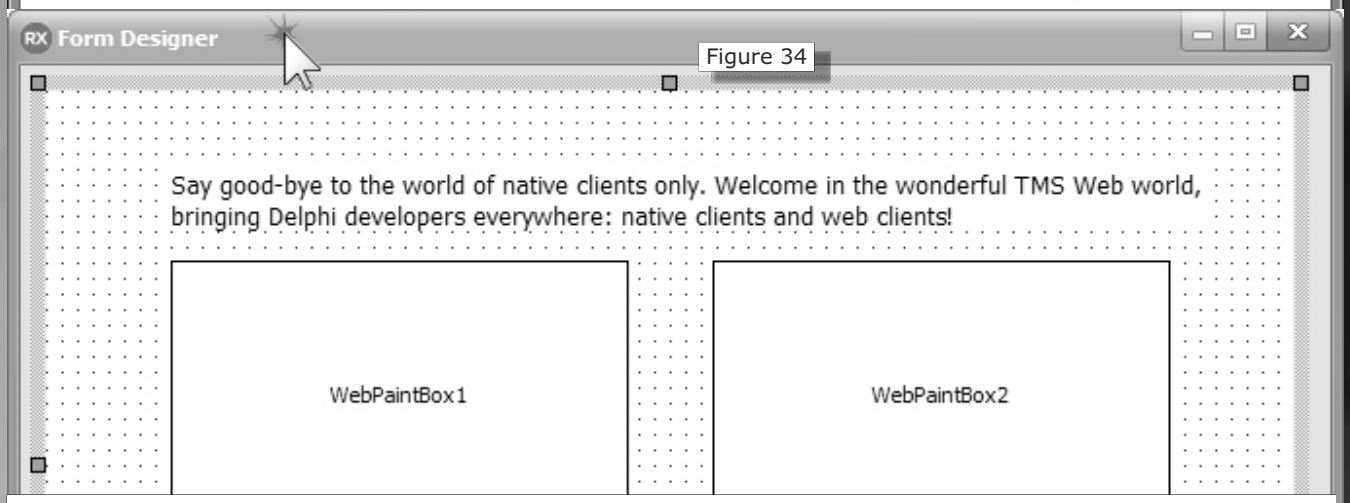
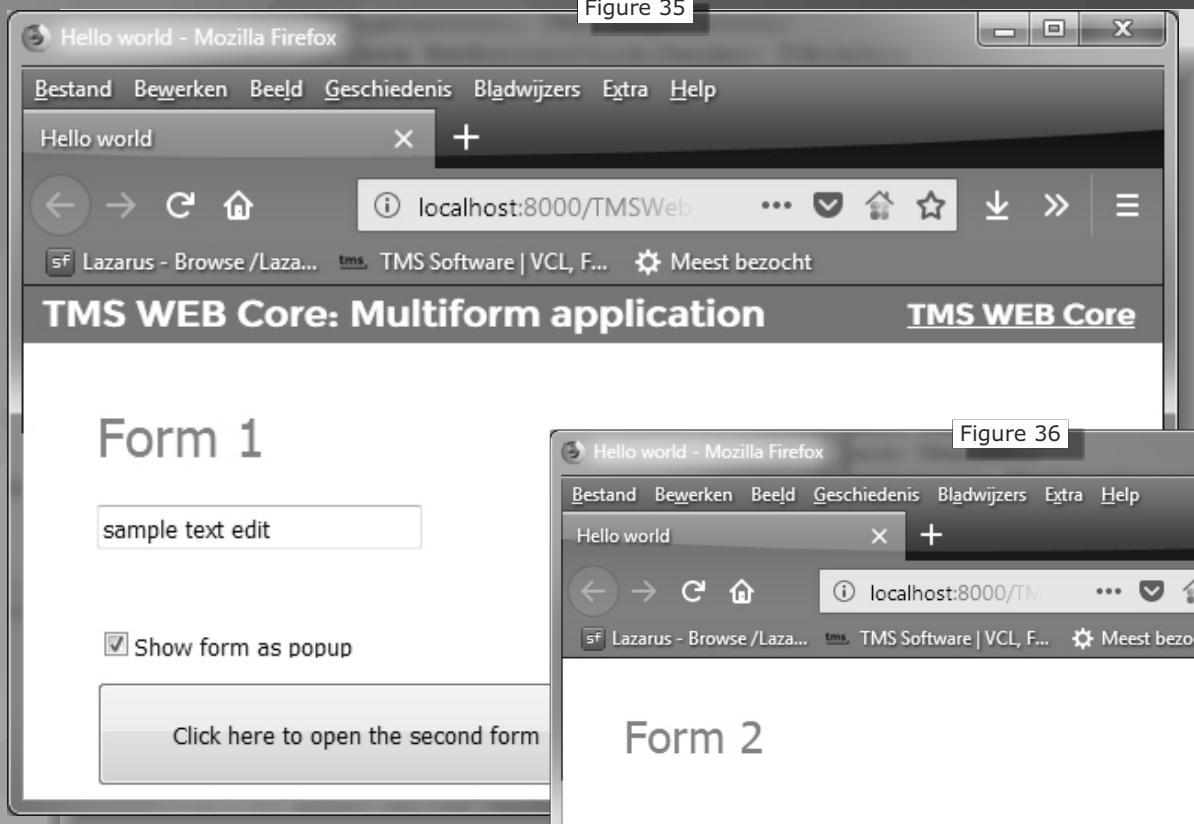



```
procedure TForm4.PaintSign(Control: TWebPaintBox; AText: string; Cross: boolean);
begin
 Control.Canvas.Pen.Width := 3;
 Control.Canvas.Pen.Color := clRed;
 Control.Canvas.Brush.Color := clYellow;
 Control.Canvas.Brush.Style := bsSOlid;
 Control.Canvas.Rectangle(10,10,200,100);

 if Cross then
 begin
  Control.Canvas.MoveTo(10,100);
  Control.Canvas.LineTo(200,10);
  Control.Canvas.Font.Size := 14;
 end;

 Control.Canvas.Font.Name := 'Arial';
 Control.Canvas.Font.Size := 14;
 Control.Canvas.TextOut(20,40,AText);
end;

procedure TForm4.WebPaintBox1Paint(Sender: TObject);
begin
 PaintSign(WebPaintBox1, 'Native clients only', true);
end;

procedure TForm4.WebPaintBox2Paint(Sender: TObject);
begin
 PaintSign(WebPaintBox2, 'Web + Native clients!', false);
end;
```

Code Listing 8

Figure 34
Paintbox support in web applications! The paintbox allows you to paint on a canvas just like in any VCL, FMX or LCL application. The canvas class offers known methods to draw, paint and output texts. TMS Web will make sure that the box is rendered correctly in any browser.

Figure 35



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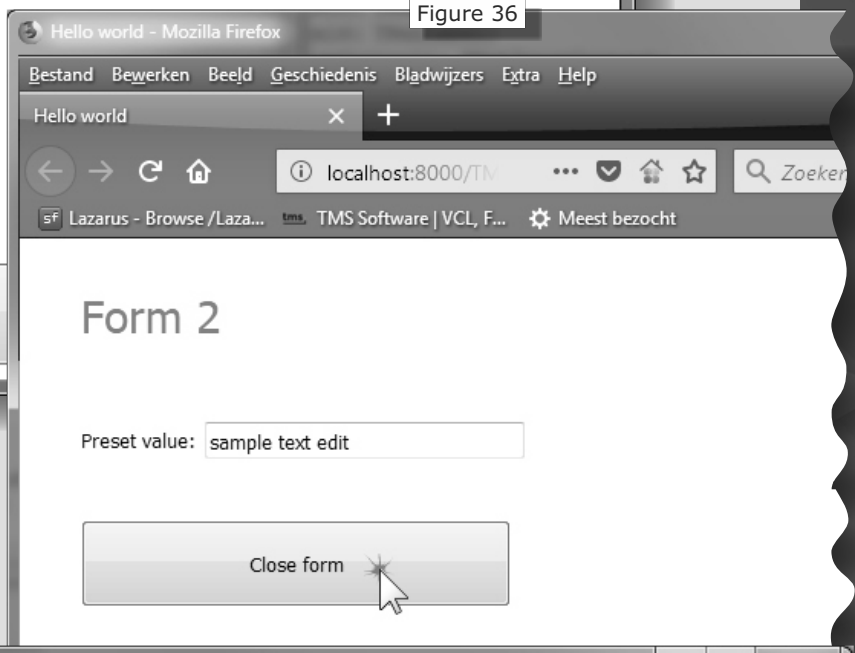

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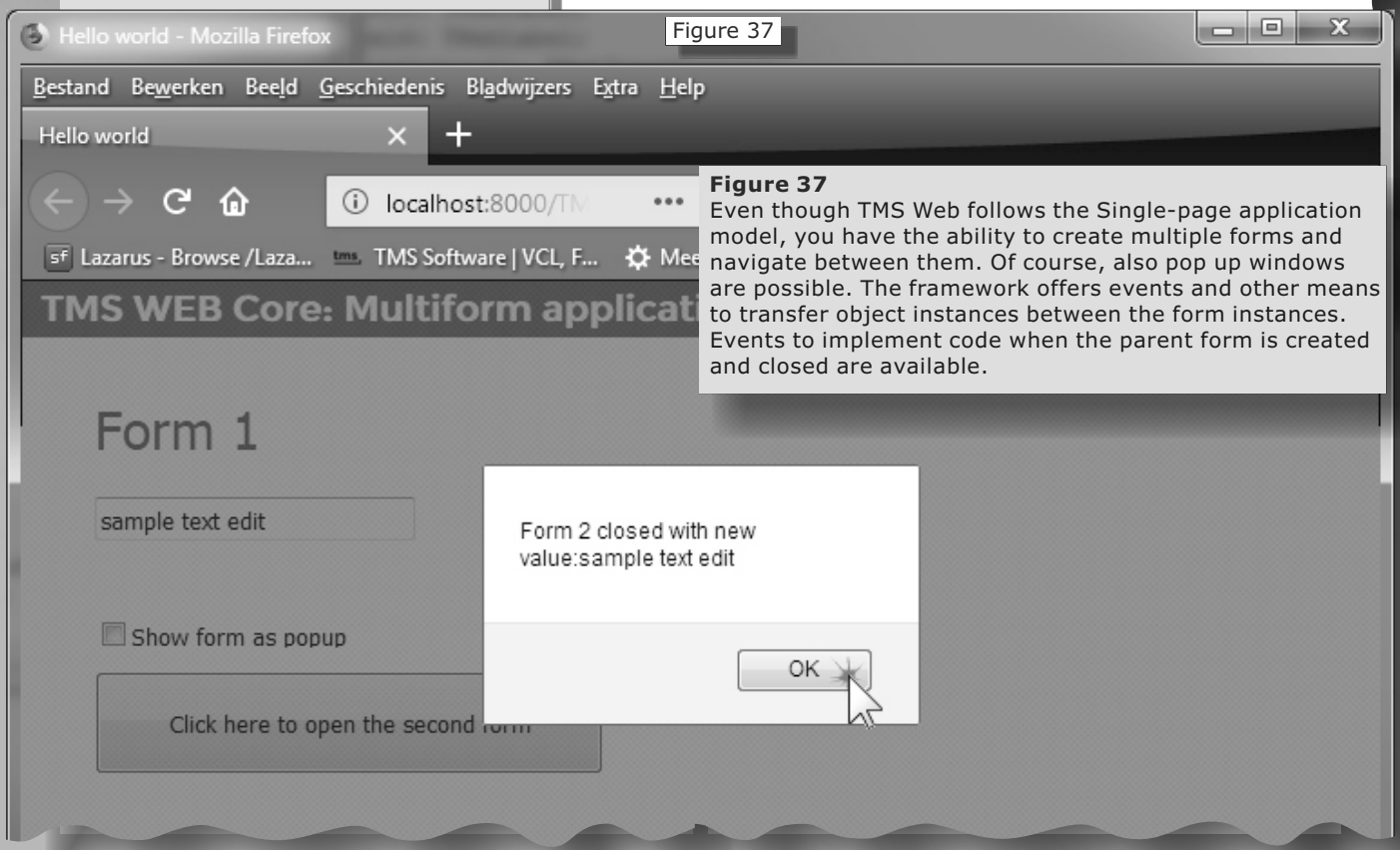
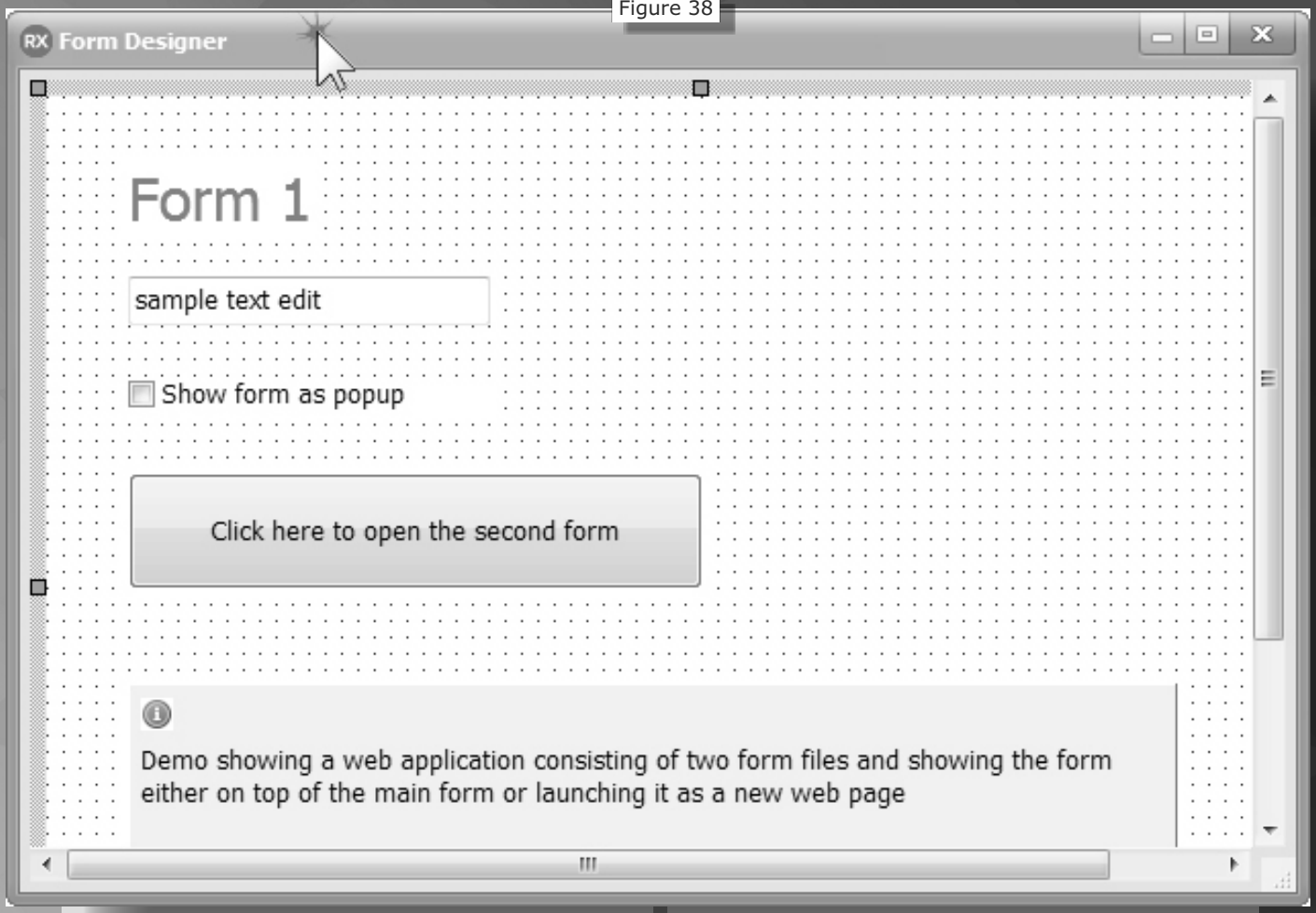


Figure 37
Even though TMS Web follows the Single-page application model, you have the ability to create multiple forms and navigate between them. Of course, also pop up windows are possible. The framework offers events and other means to transfer object instances between the form instances. Events to implement code when the parent form is created and closed are available.

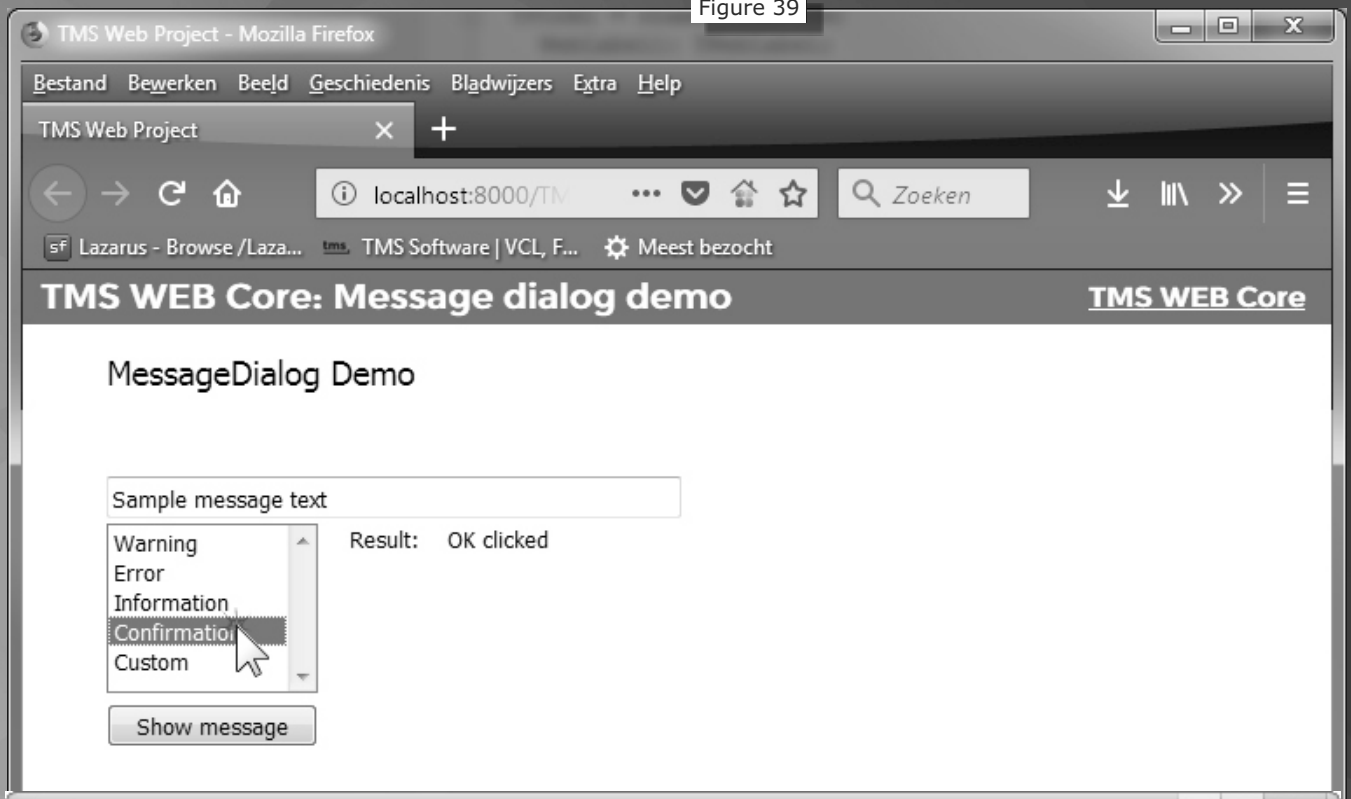
Figure 38




```
var
 Form1: TForm1;

implementation

{$R *.dfm}

uses
 unit2, WebLib.WebTools;

procedure TForm1.WebButton1Click(Sender: TObject);
var
 newform: TForm2;

 procedure AfterShowModal(AValue: TModalResult);
 begin
  ShowMessage('Form 2 closed with new value:'+newform.frm2Edit.Text);
  WebEdit1.Text := newform.frm2Edit.Text;
 end;

 // async called OnCreate for TForm2
 procedure AfterCreate(AForm: TObject);
 begin
  (AForm as TForm2).frm2Edit.Text := WebEdit1.Text;
 end;

begin
 newform := TForm2.CreateNew(@AfterCreate);
 newform.Popup := WebCheckBox1.Checked;
 newform.ShowModal(@AfterShowModal);
end;

end.
```

Code Listing 9

Figure 39



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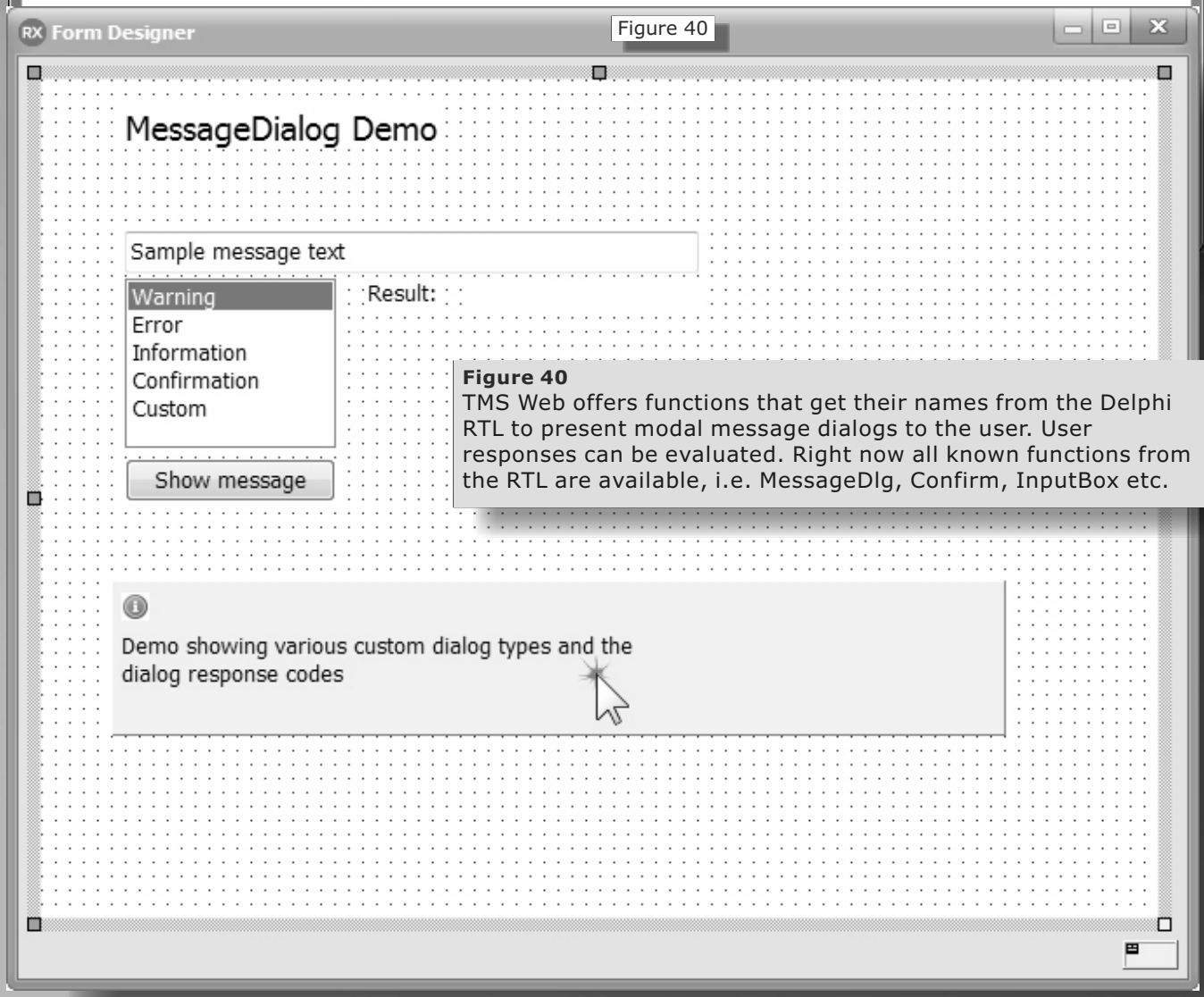
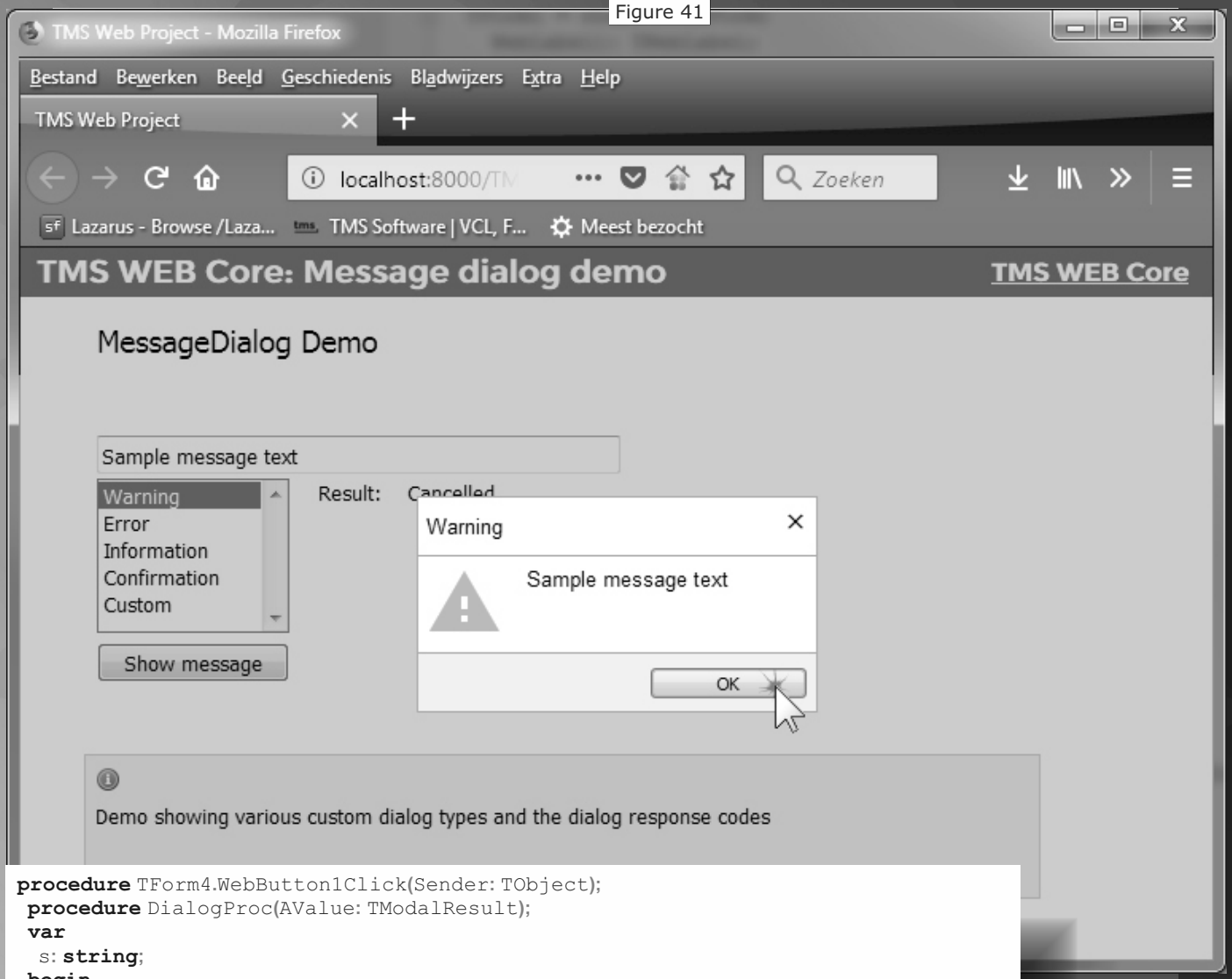


Figure 40
TMS Web offers functions that get their names from the Delphi RTL to present modal message dialogs to the user. User responses can be evaluated. Right now all known functions from the RTL are available, i.e. MessageDlg, Confirm, InputBox etc.

Figure 41



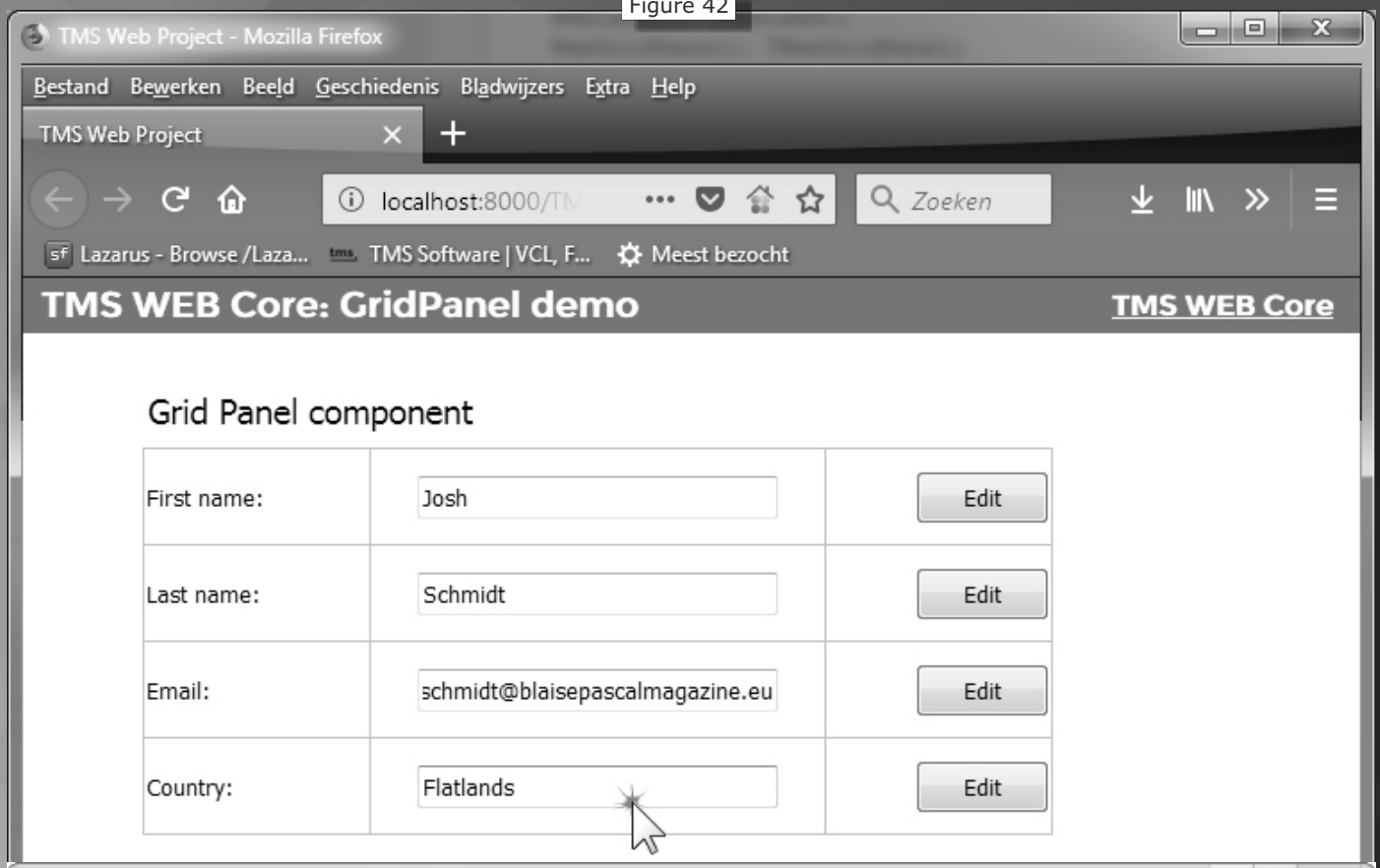

```
procedure TForm4.WebButton1Click(Sender: TObject);
 procedure DialogProc(AValue: TModalResult);
 var
  s: string;
 begin
  if AValue = mrOk then
   s := 'OK clicked'
  else if AValue = mrYes then
   s := 'Yes clicked'
  else if AValue = mrNo then
   s := 'No clicked'
  else if AValue = mrAbort then
   s := 'Abort clicked'
  else if AValue = mrRetry then
   s := 'Retry clicked'
  else if AValue = mrClose then
   s := 'Close clicked'
  else if AValue = mrCancel then
   s := 'Cancelled';

  WebLabel2.Caption := s;
 end;

begin
 case WebListBox2.ItemIndex of
  0: MessageDlg(WebEdit1.Text, mtWarning, [], @DialogProc);
  1: MessageDlg(WebEdit1.Text, mtError, [], @DialogProc);
  2: MessageDlg(WebEdit1.Text, mtInformation, [], @DialogProc);
  3: MessageDlg(WebEdit1.Text, mtConfirmation, [mbYes, mbNo, mbCancel], @DialogProc);
  4: MessageDlg(WebEdit1.Text, mtCustom, [mbAbort, mbRetry, mbClose], @DialogProc);
 end;
end;
```

Code Listing 10

Figure 42



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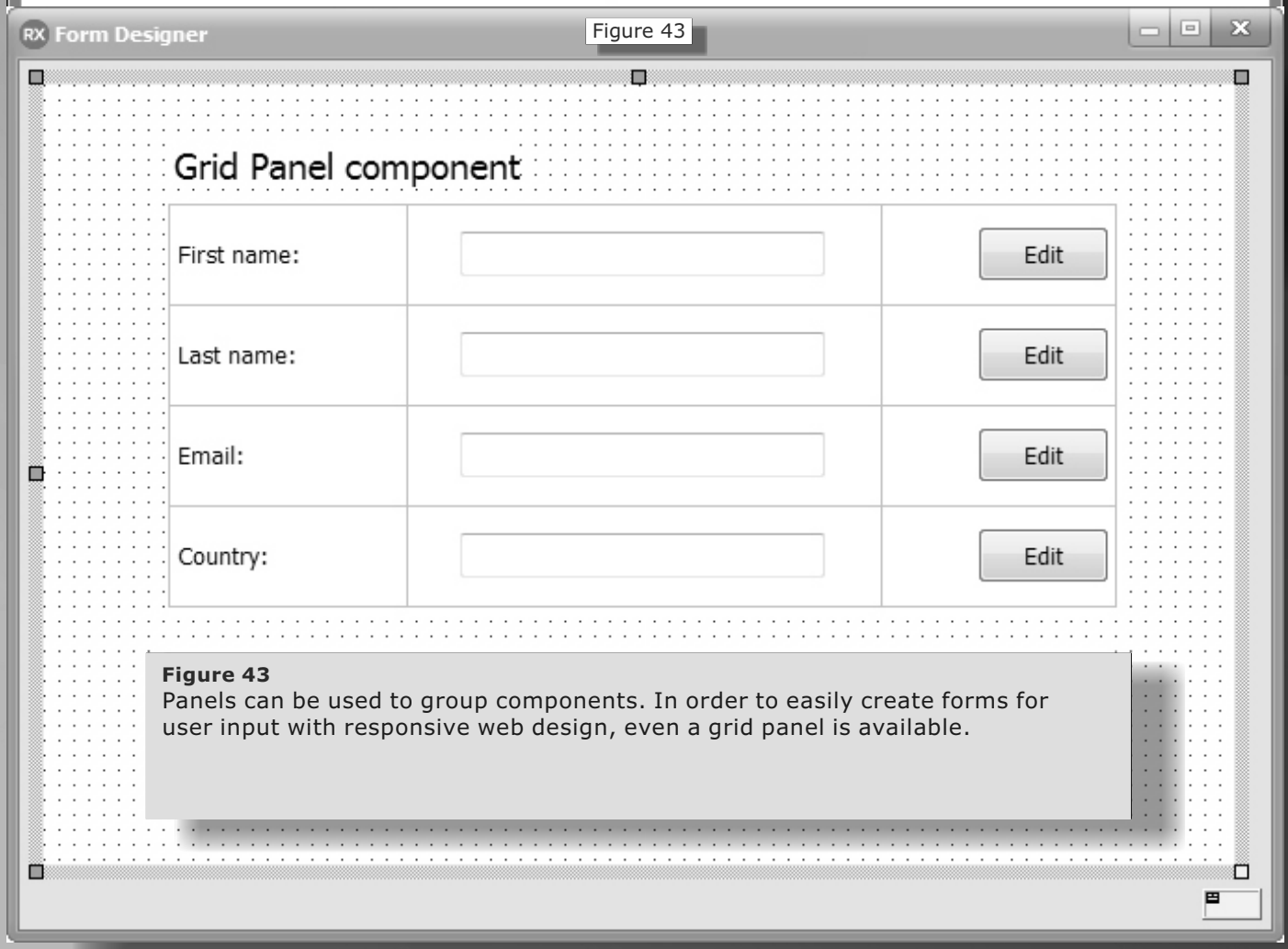
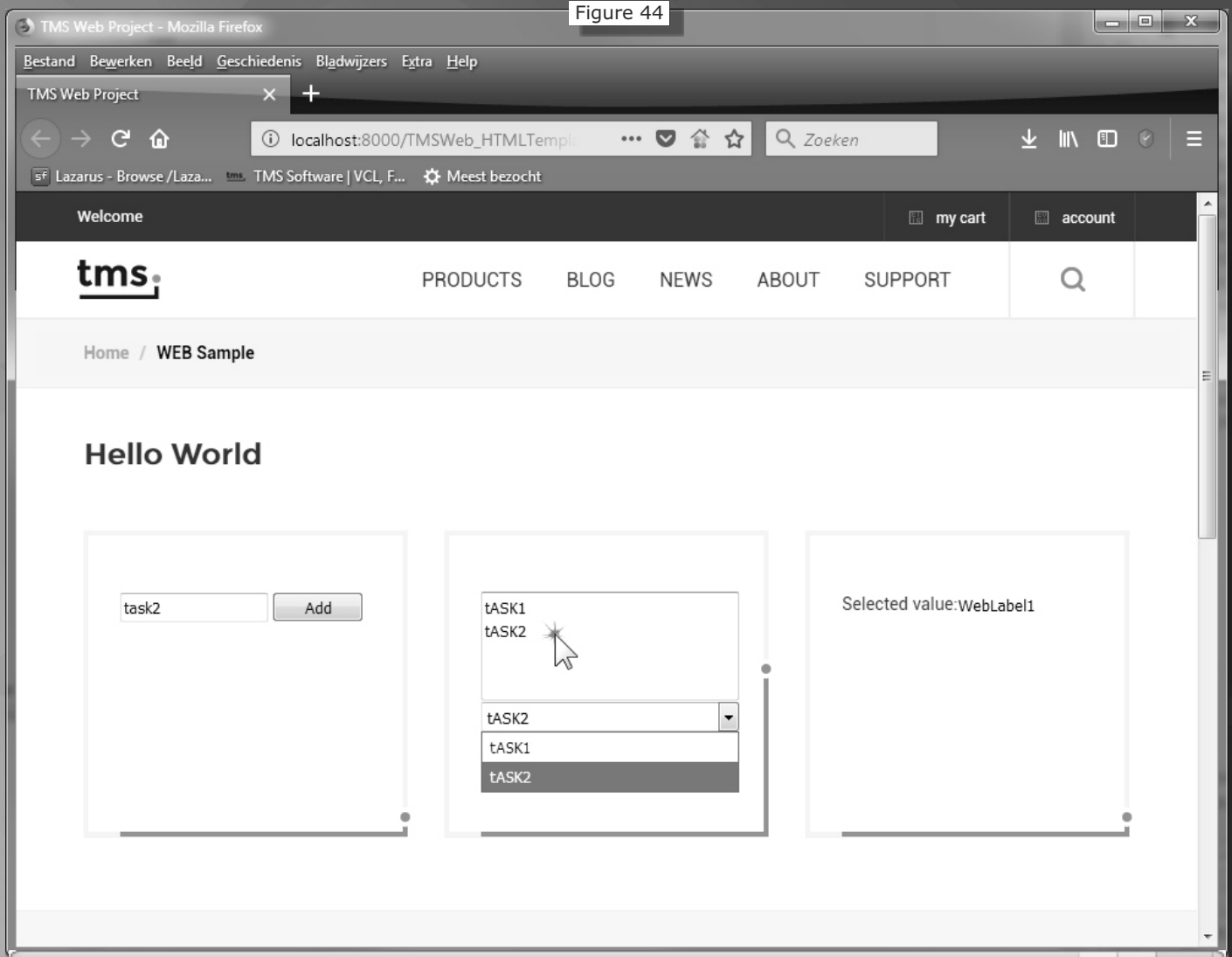


Figure 43
Panels can be used to group components. In order to easily create forms for user input with responsive web design, even a grid panel is available.

Figure 44



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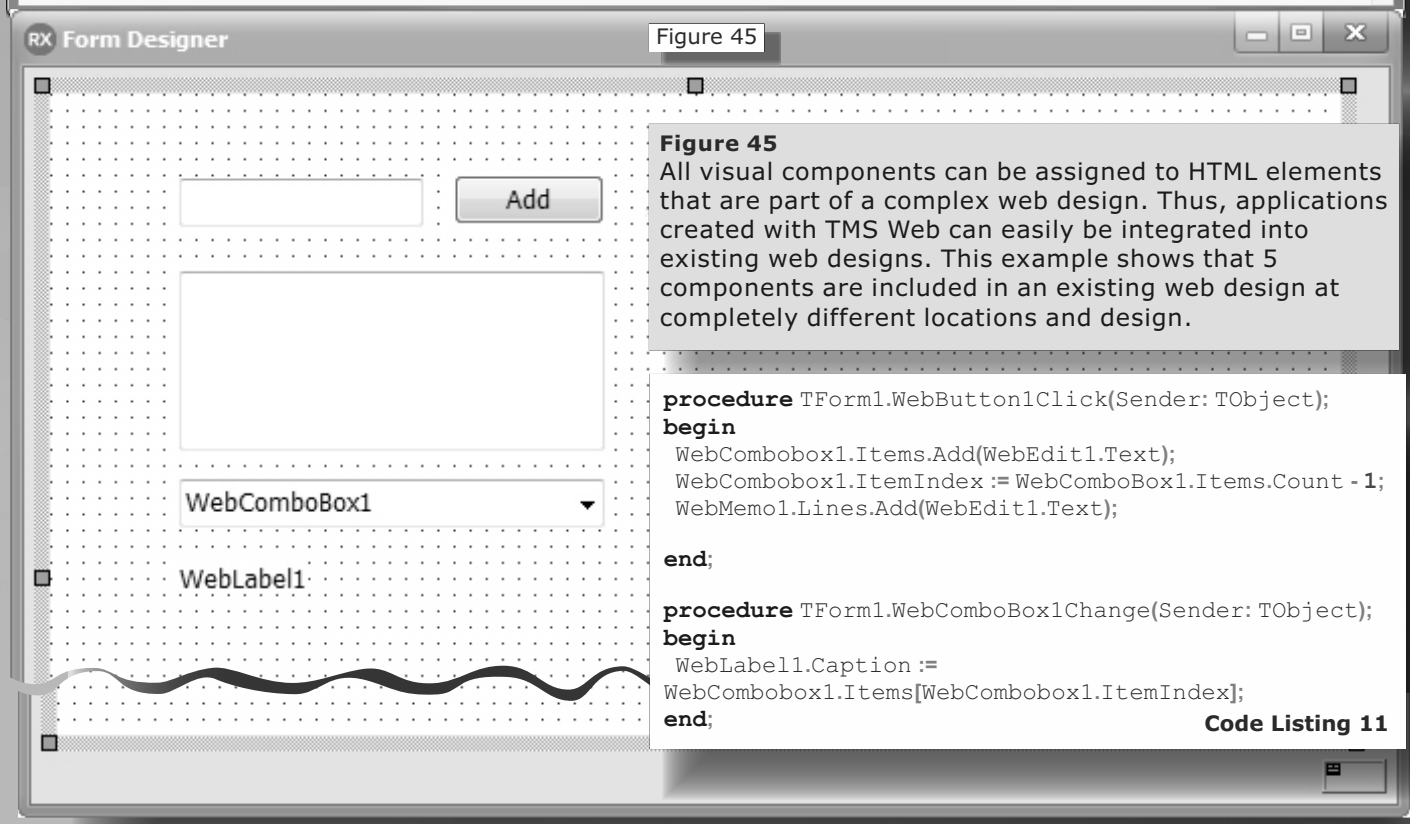


Figure 45
All visual components can be assigned to HTML elements that are part of a complex web design. Thus, applications created with TMS Web can easily be integrated into existing web designs. This example shows that 5 components are included in an existing web design at completely different locations and design.

```
procedure TForm1.WebButton1Click(Sender: TObject);
begin
 WebCombobox1.Items.Add(WebEdit1.Text);
 WebCombobox1.ItemIndex := WebComboBox1.Items.Count - 1;
 WebMemo1.Lines.Add(WebEdit1.Text);

end;

procedure TForm1.WebComboBox1Change(Sender: TObject);
begin
 WebLabel1.Caption :=
WebCombobox1.Items[WebCombobox1.ItemIndex];
end;
```

Code Listing 11

Figure 46

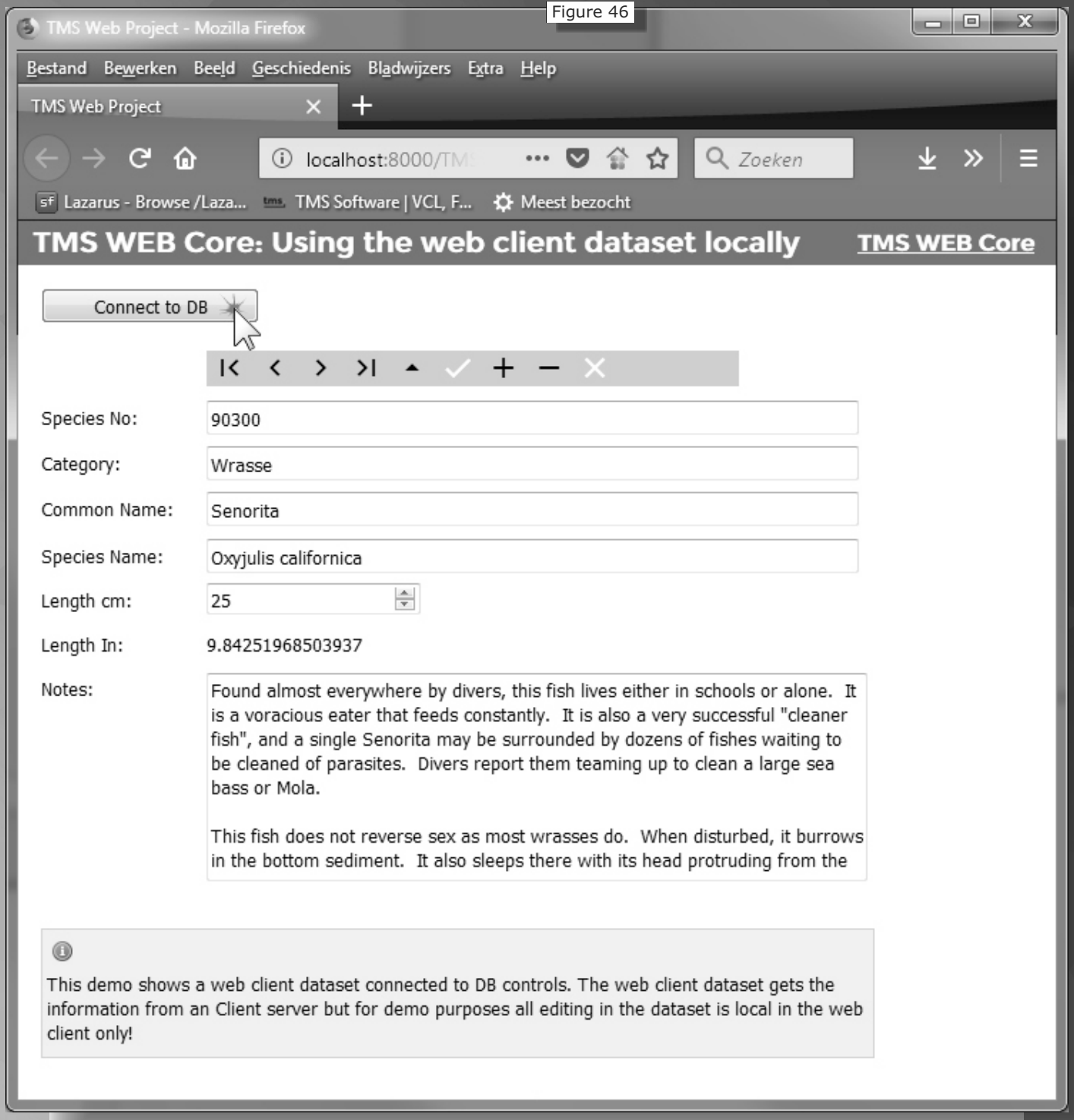
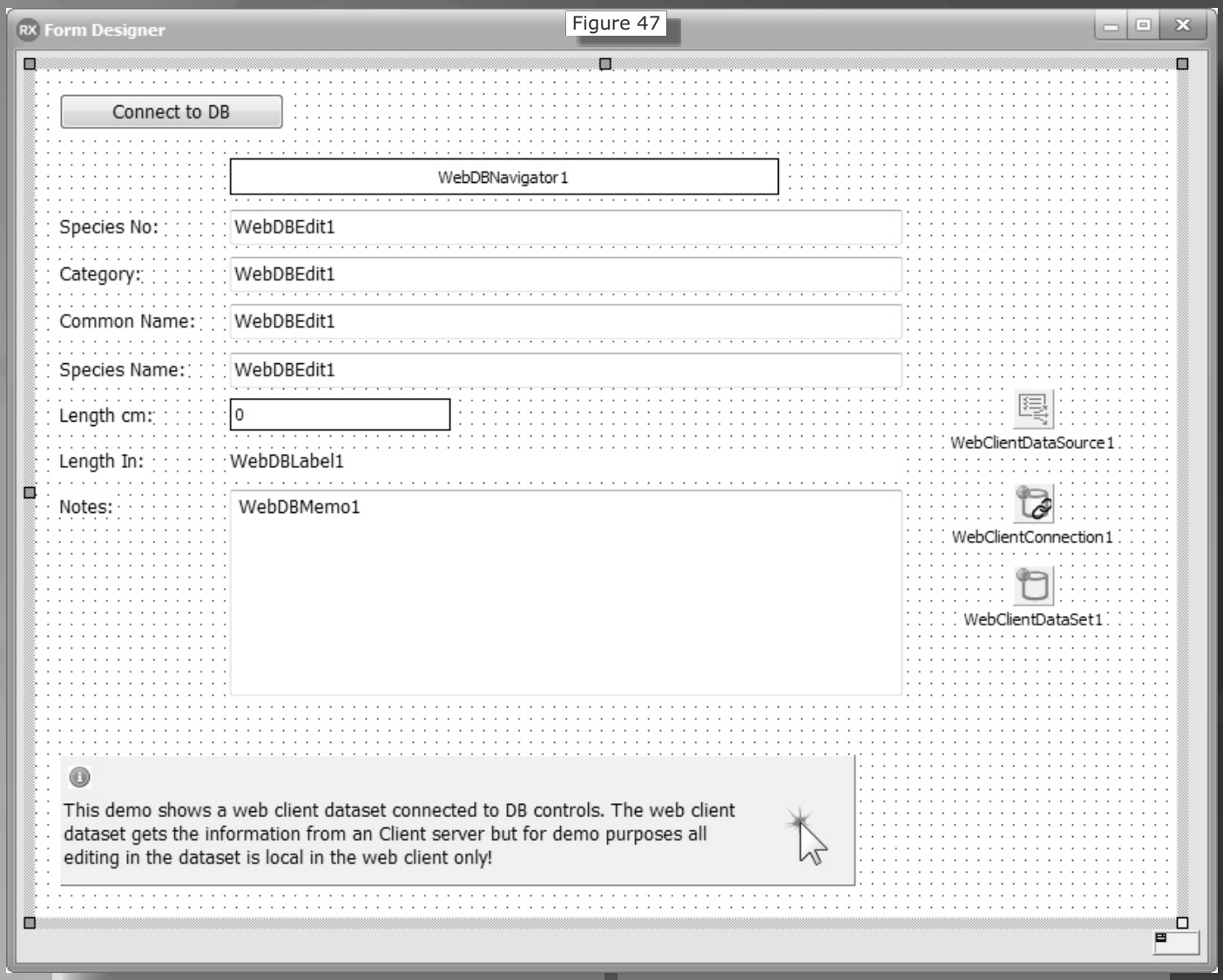


Figure 46
TMS Web can be used with all sorts of datasources. Its architecture is designed in particular for REST datasources. Components to consume REST web services are included in Web Core. Furthermore, you can directly use XData web services with database base components. Using XData makes it easy to implement web forms that not only display data, but also allow the user to add, edit and delete data. The communication with the web service is completely handled by the framework. You can concentrate on using Delphi components on the form and will not have to deal with tricky communication and protocol implementation scenarios.

Figure 47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WebClientDataSource1
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WebClientDataSet1
This demo shows a web client dataset connected to DB controls. The web client dataset gets the information from an Client server but for demo purposes all editing in the dataset is local in the web client only!

Figure 48

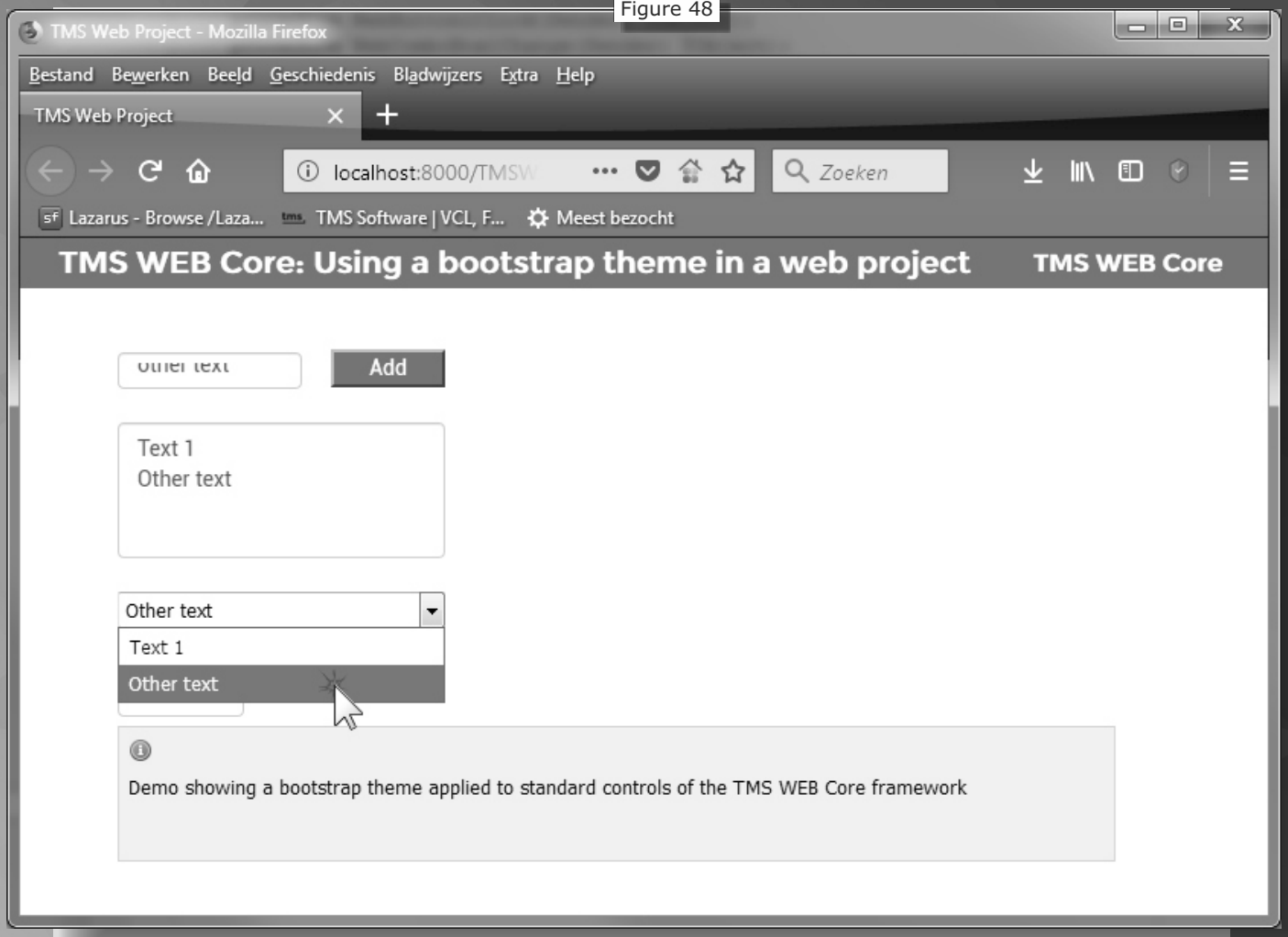


Figure 48
Interoperability with other JavaScript frameworks is unrestricted. You may import any JavaScript framework into your web project. This demo shows how to use Bootstrap to modify the design of the standard web controls. Litsbox and combobox get a different style using Bootstrap. Furthermore, additional styling is applied to the buttons on the form.

Figure 49

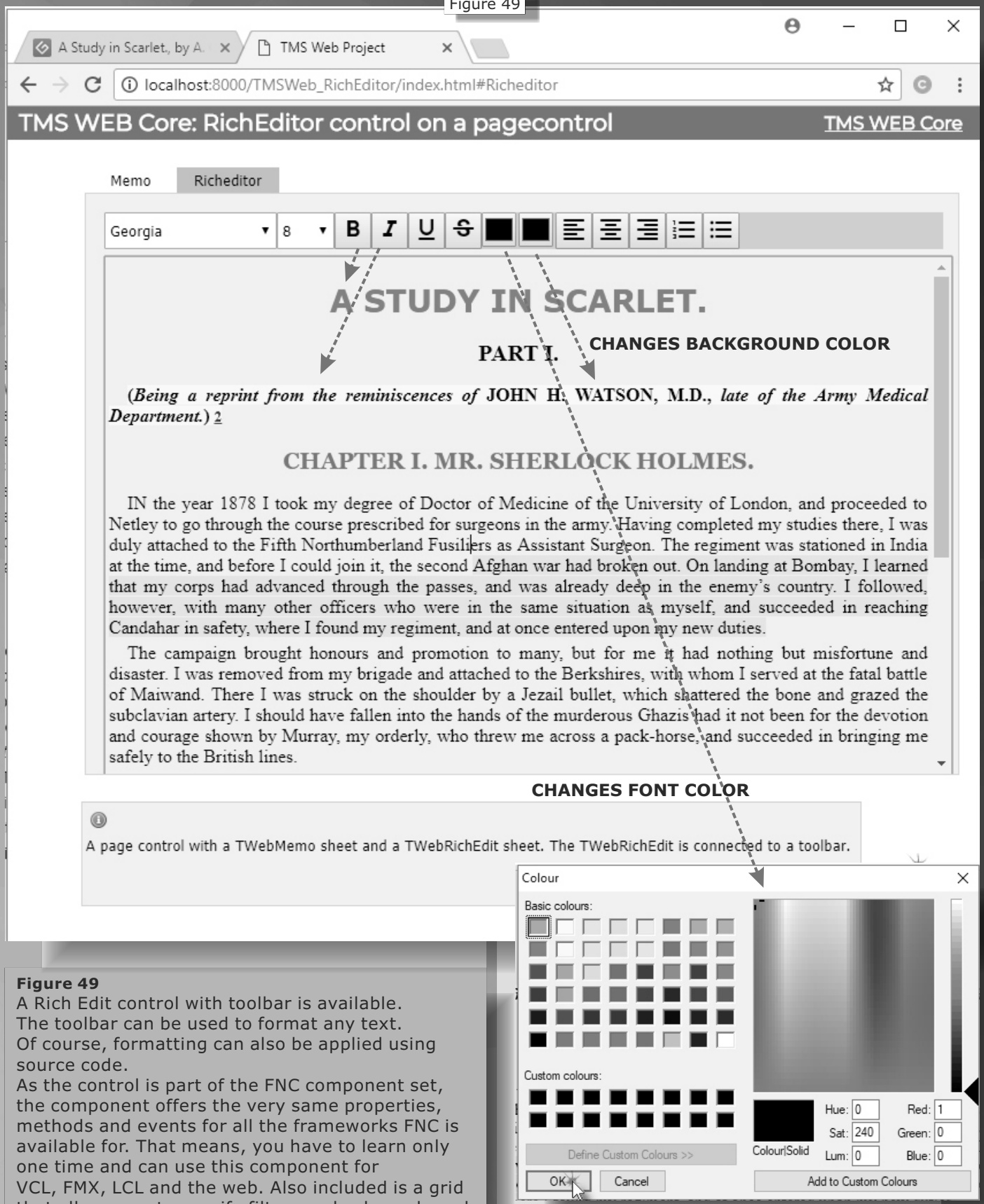
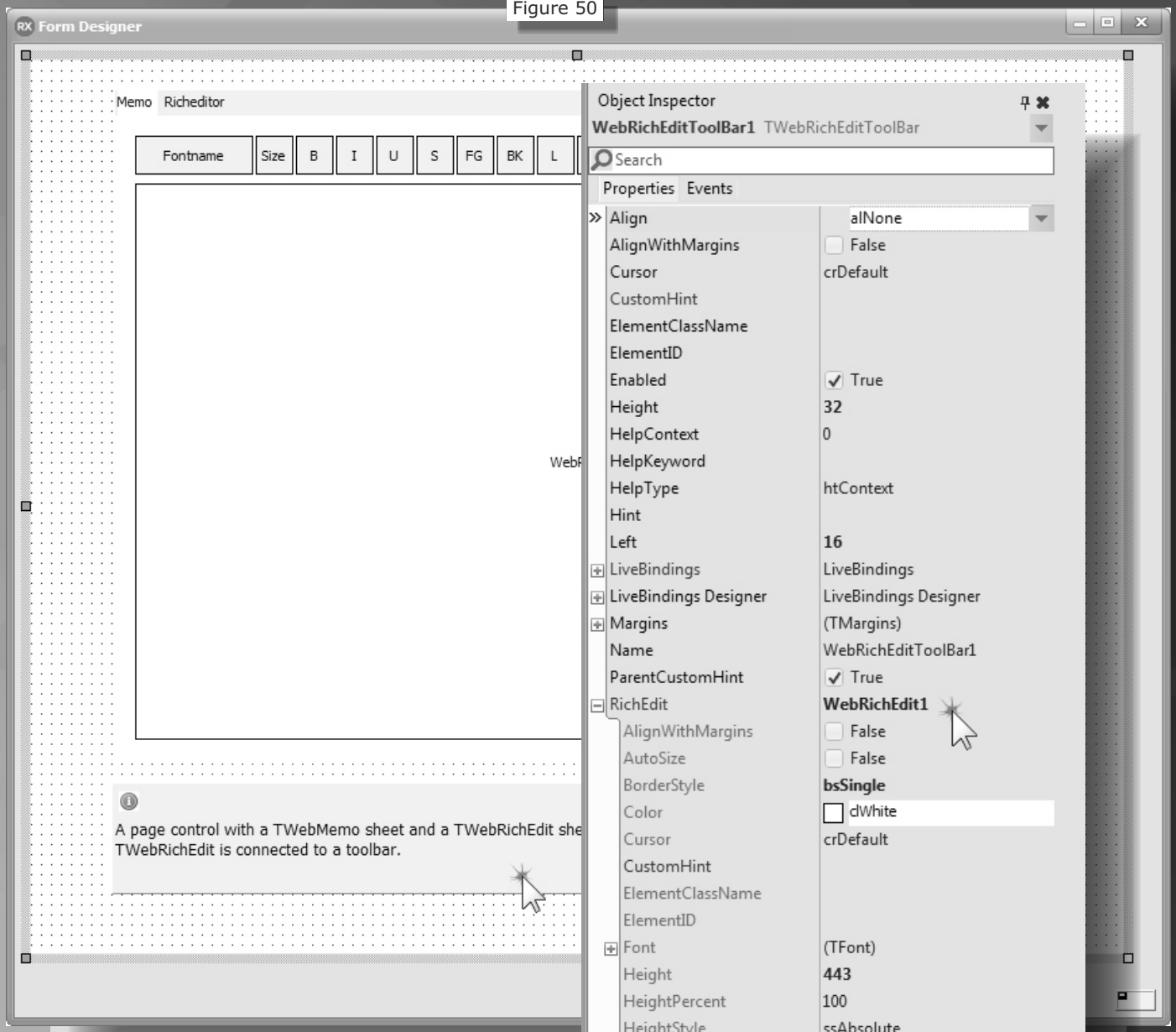


Figure 49
A Rich Edit control with toolbar is available.
The toolbar can be used to format any text.
Of course, formatting can also be applied using source code.
As the control is part of the FNC component set, the component offers the very same properties, methods and events for all the frameworks FNC is available for. That means, you have to learn only one time and can use this component for VCL, FMX, LCL and the web. Also included is a grid that allows you to specify filters and column-based styling. The filters are either offered automatically as drop-down lists or can be specified using a special expression syntax. Different cell styles are also supported, most notably checkboxes can be applied.

Figure 50



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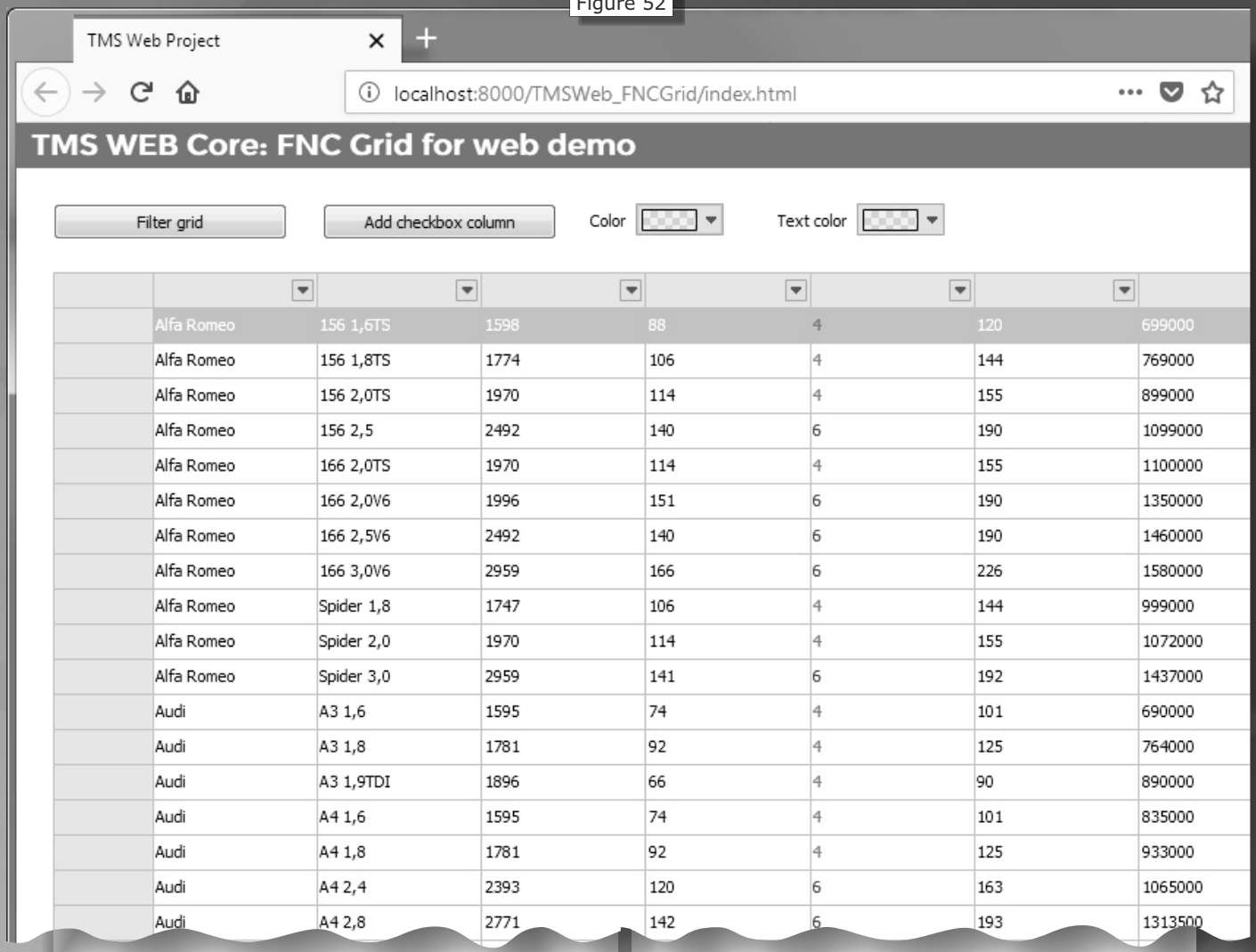

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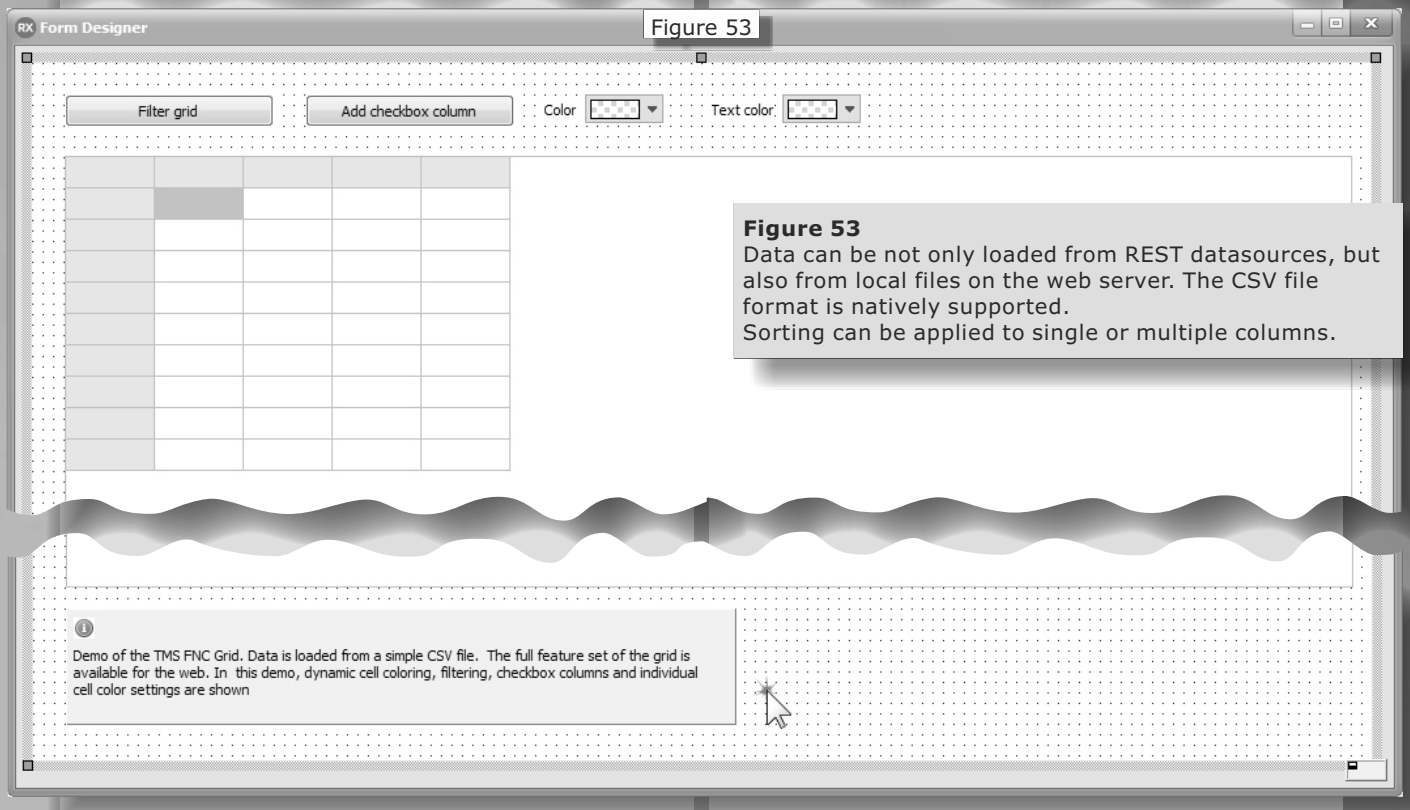


Figure 53
Data can be not only loaded from REST datasources, but also from local files on the web server. The CSV file format is natively supported.
Sorting can be applied to single or multiple columns.

```
procedure TForm4.btnFilterClick(Sender: TObject);
var
 fd: TTMSFNCGridFilterData;
begin
 if not filtered then
 begin
  filtered := true;
  TMSFNCGrid1.Filter.Clear;
  fd := TMSFNCGrid1.Filter.Add;
  fd.Condition := 'B* | M*';
  fd.Column := 1;
  fd.CaseSensitive := false;
  TMSFNCGrid1.ApplyFilter;
  btnFilter.Caption := 'Remove filter';
 end
 else
 begin
  filtered := false;
  TMSFNCGrid1.RemoveFilter;
  btnFilter.Caption := 'Filter grid';
 end;
end;
```

Code Listing 12

```
procedure TForm4.TMSFNCGrid1SelectCell(Sender: TObject; ACol, ARow: Integer;
 var Allow: Boolean);
var
 rc,rr: integer;
begin
 rc := TMSFNCGrid1.FocusedCell.Col;
 rr := TMSFNCGrid1.FocusedCell.Row;
 rr := TMSFNCGrid1.DisplToRealRow(rr);

 TMSFNCColorPicker1.SelectedColor := TMSFNCGrid1.Colors[rc, rr];
 TMSFNCColorPicker2.SelectedColor := TMSFNCGrid1.FontColors[rc, rr];
end;

procedure TForm4.WebFormCreate(Sender: TObject);
begin
 filtered := false;
 {$IFNDEF WIN32}
 TMSFNCGrid1.LoadFromCSV('http://www.tmssoftware.biz/tmsweb/cars.csv');
 {$ENDIF}
 TMSFNCGrid1.Options.Sorting.Mode := gsmNormal;
 TMSFNCGrid1.Options.Filtering.DropDown := True;
 TMSFNCGrid1.Options.Selection.Mode := smRowRange;
 TMSFNCGrid1.Options.Editing.Enabled := true;
 TMSFNCGrid1.Options.ColumnSize.Stretch := True;
 TMSFNCGrid1.Options.ColumnSize.StretchAll := True;
end;
```

Code Listing 13

Figure 54

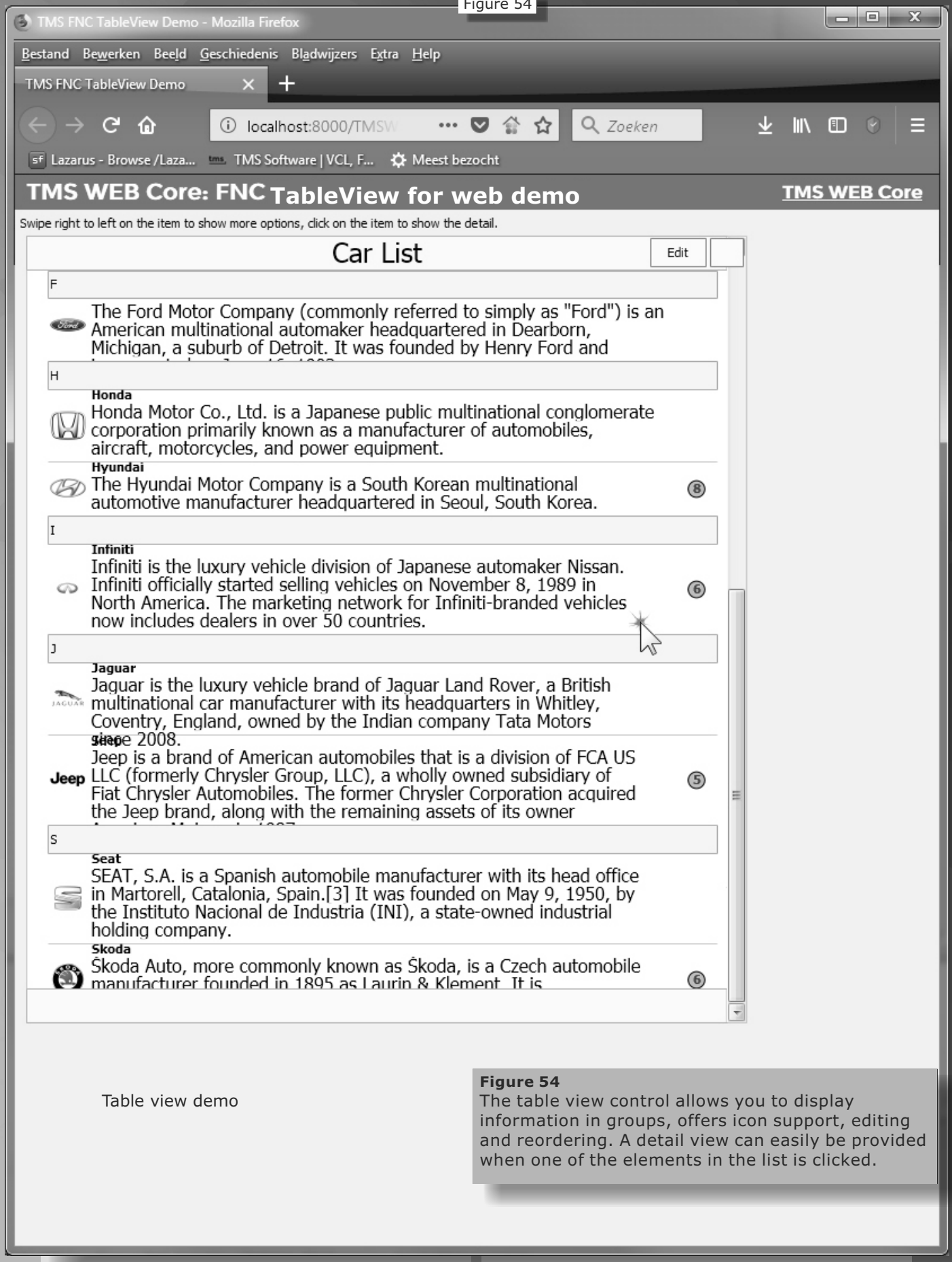


Table view demo

Figure 54
The table view control allows you to display information in groups, offers icon support, editing and reordering. A detail view can easily be provided when one of the elements in the list is clicked.

Figure 55

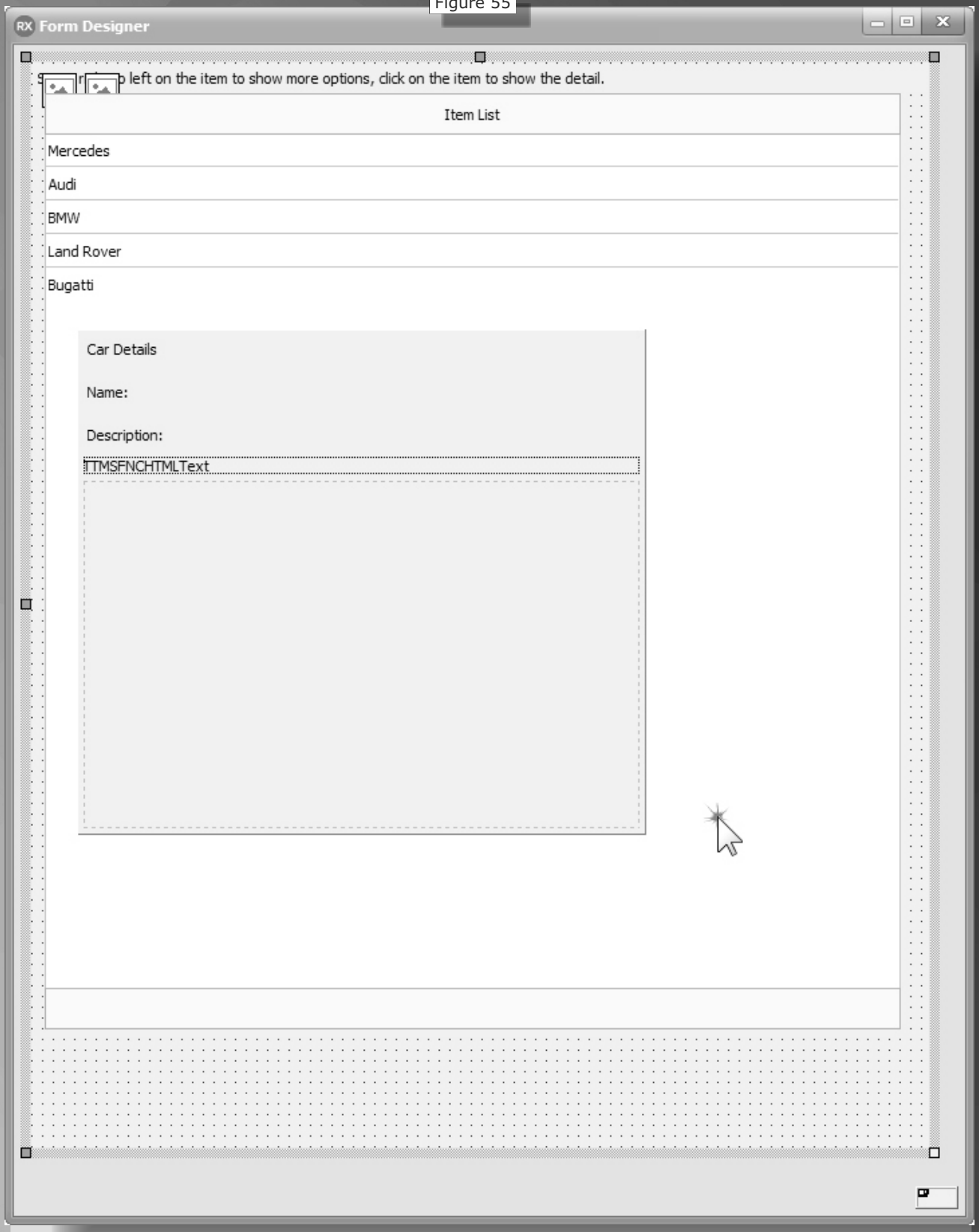
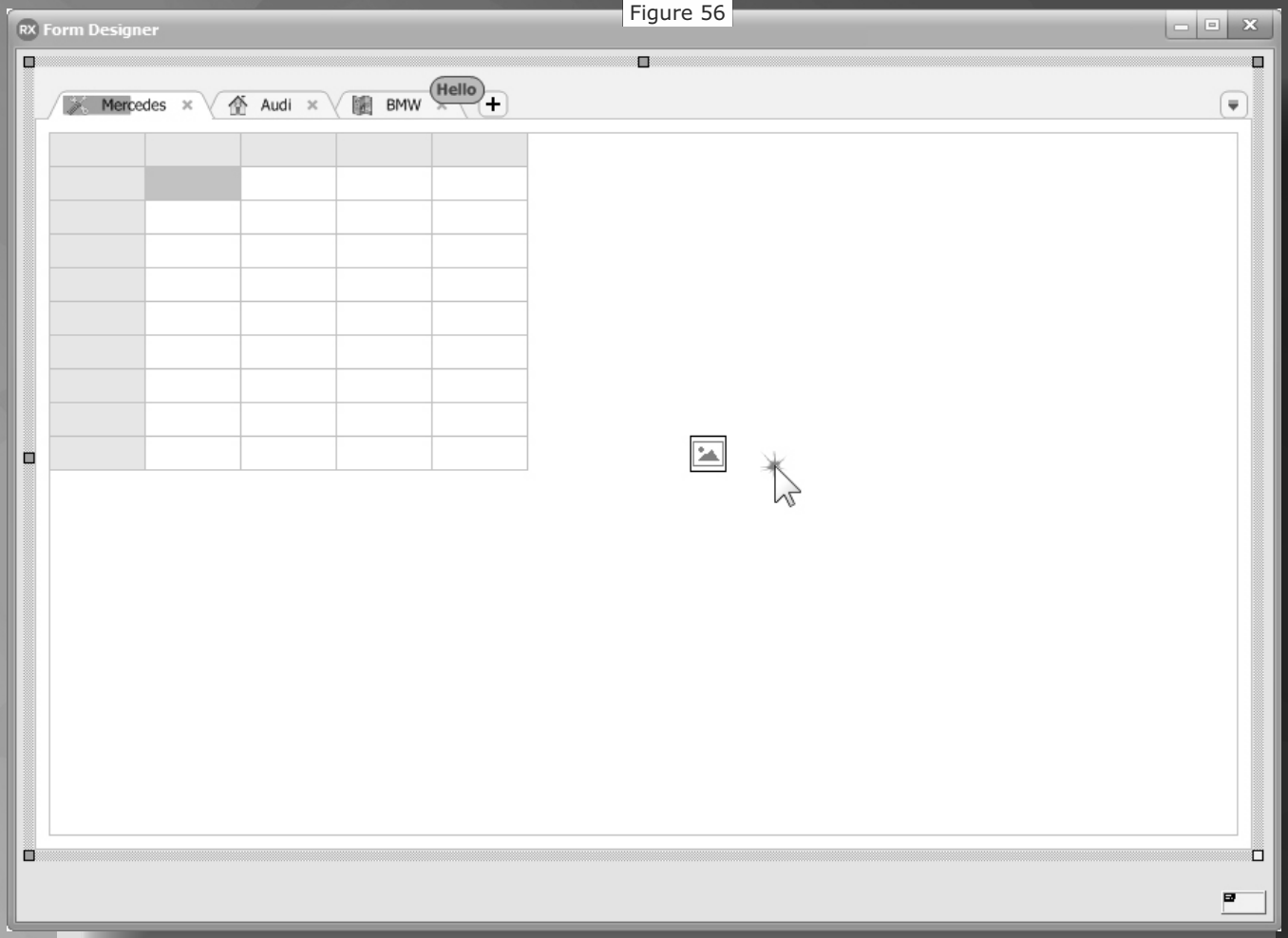


Figure 55.
This form shows the table view in the background and the detail view that is shown whenever an item is selected. A panel hosting all the other visual controls is used as a base component for the detail view and is directly linked to the table view. The component allows you to specify the data for the detail view before it is shown. This works completely the same way as it works on the desktop or mobile platforms.

Figure 56



Form 56:
A page control with fully customizable tabs is included. The tabs can show icons and badges. The tabs can host any visual control and thus allows for very complex web forms with very little source code. Of course, the page controls supports the Anchor and Align property and is thus the perfect choice for responsive web design.

Figure 57

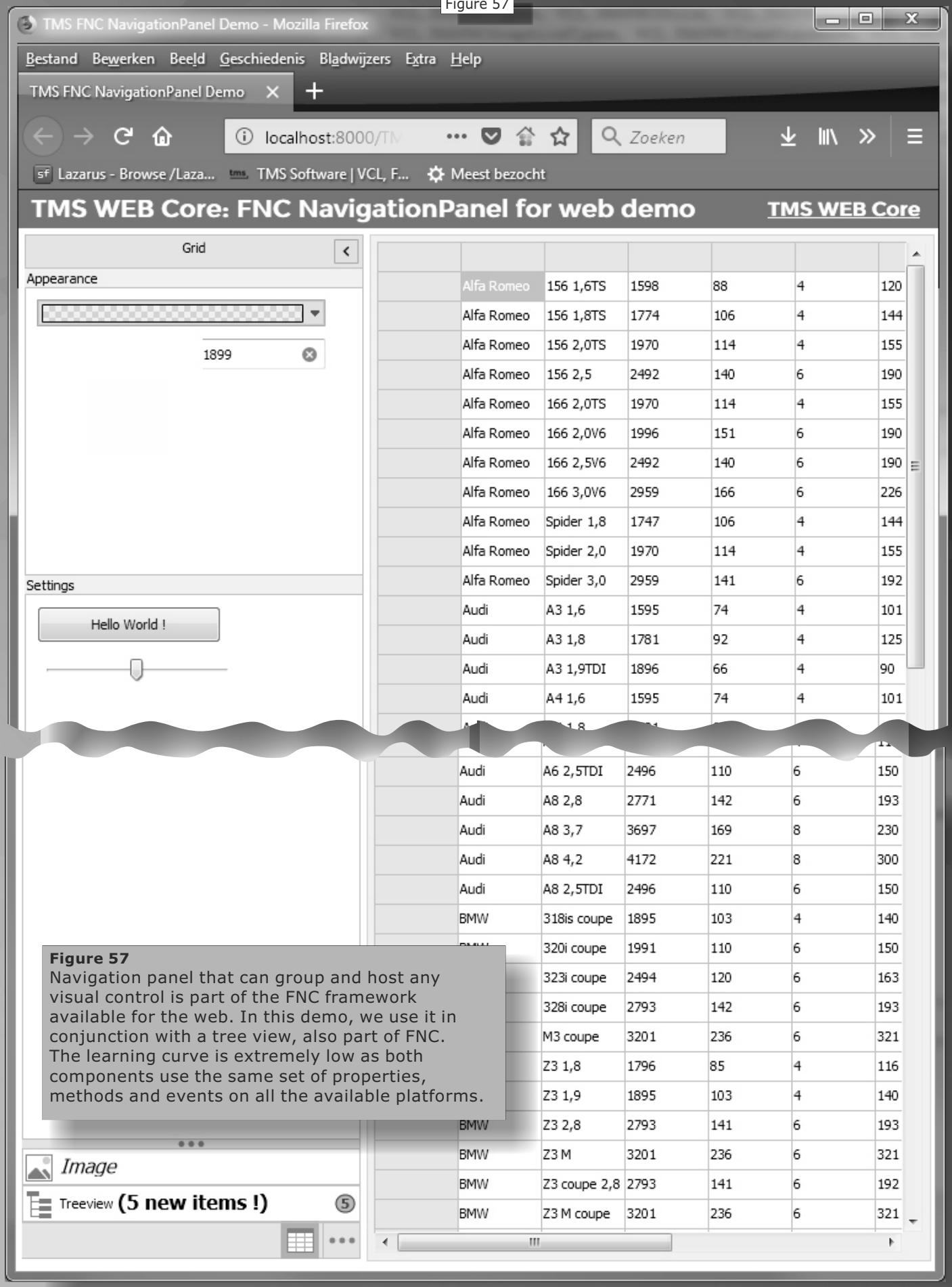
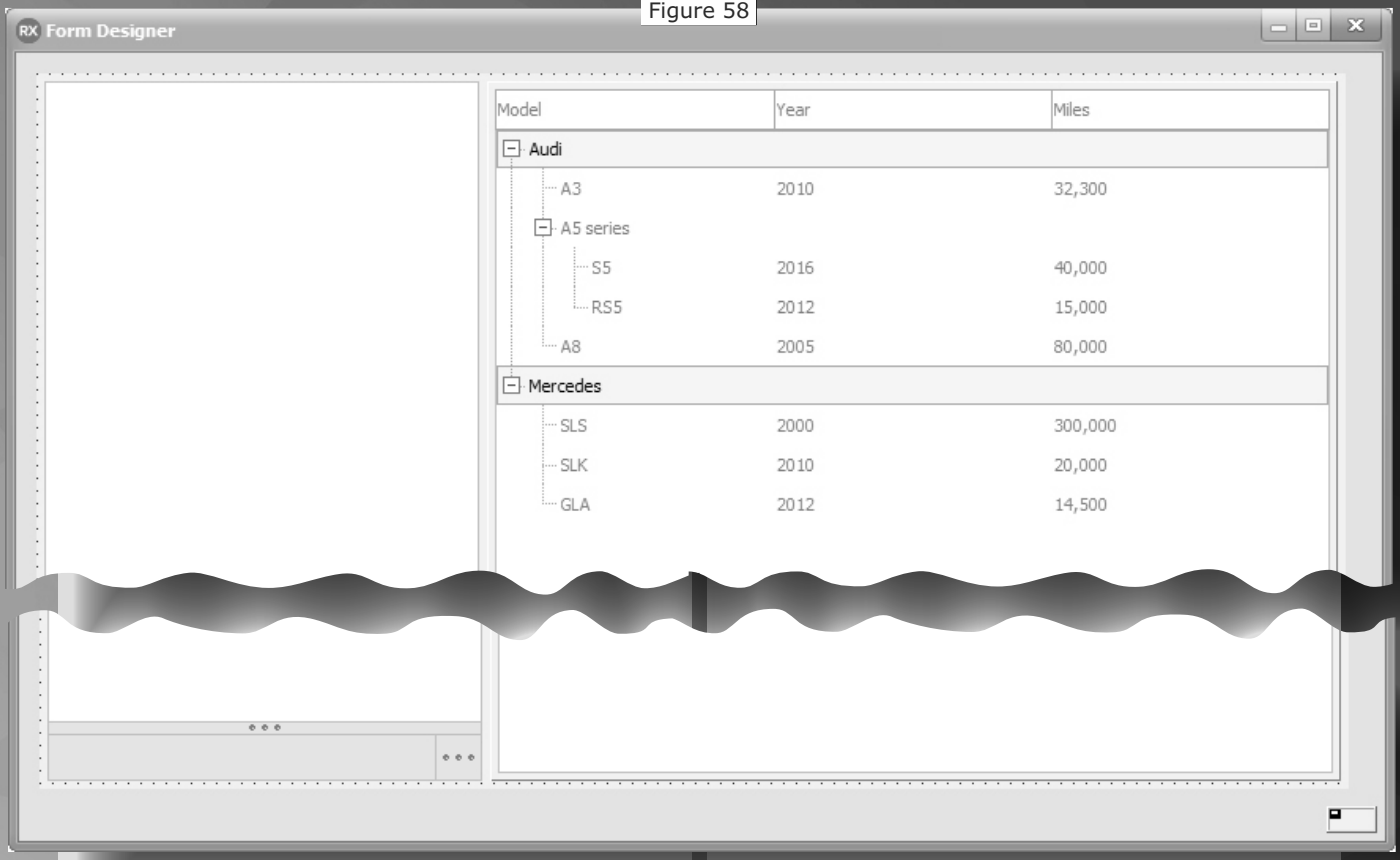


Figure 57
Navigation panel that can group and host any visual control is part of the FNC framework available for the web. In this demo, we use it in conjunction with a tree view, also part of FNC. The learning curve is extremely low as both components use the same set of properties, methods and events on all the available platforms.

Figure 58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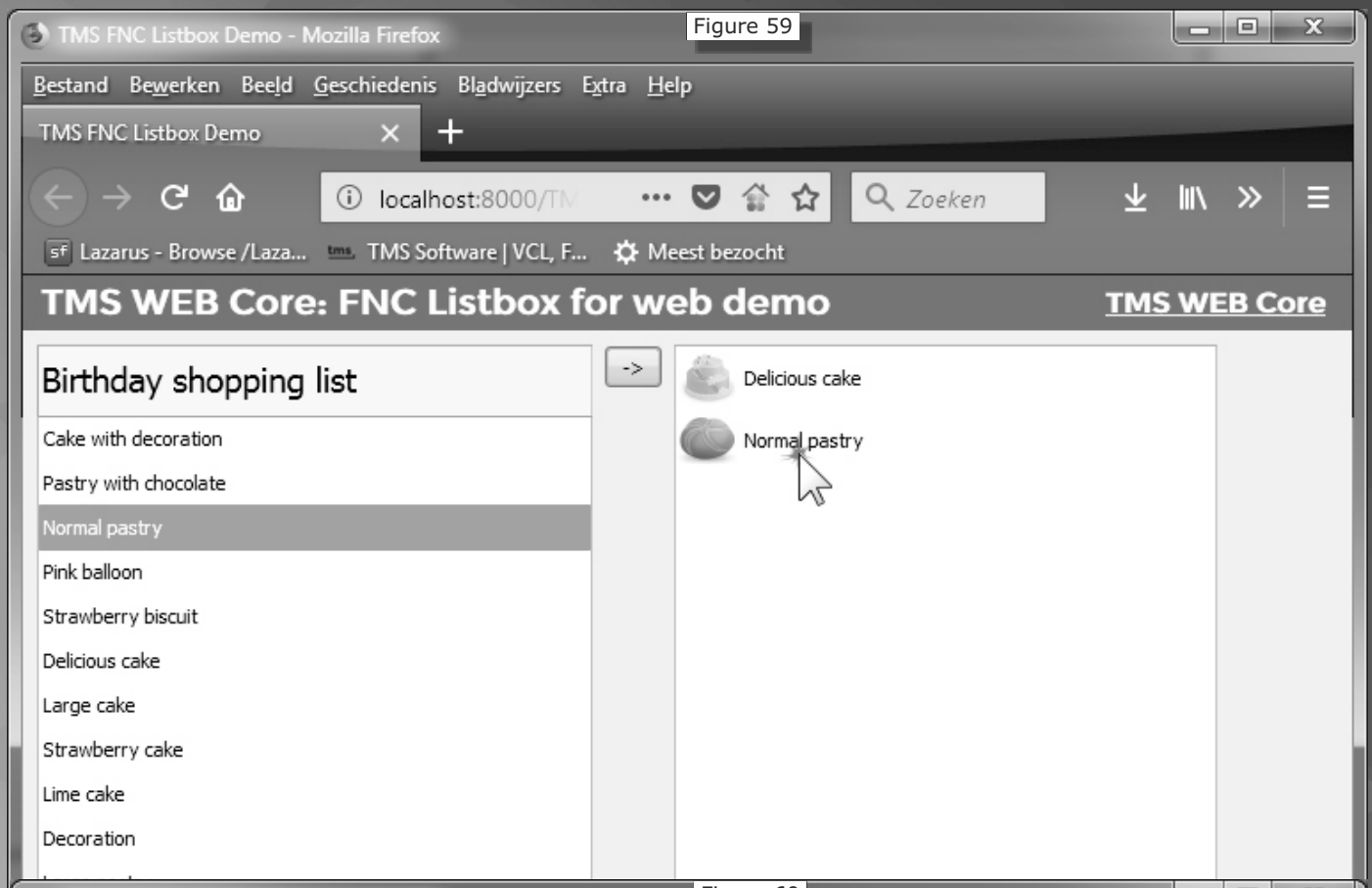

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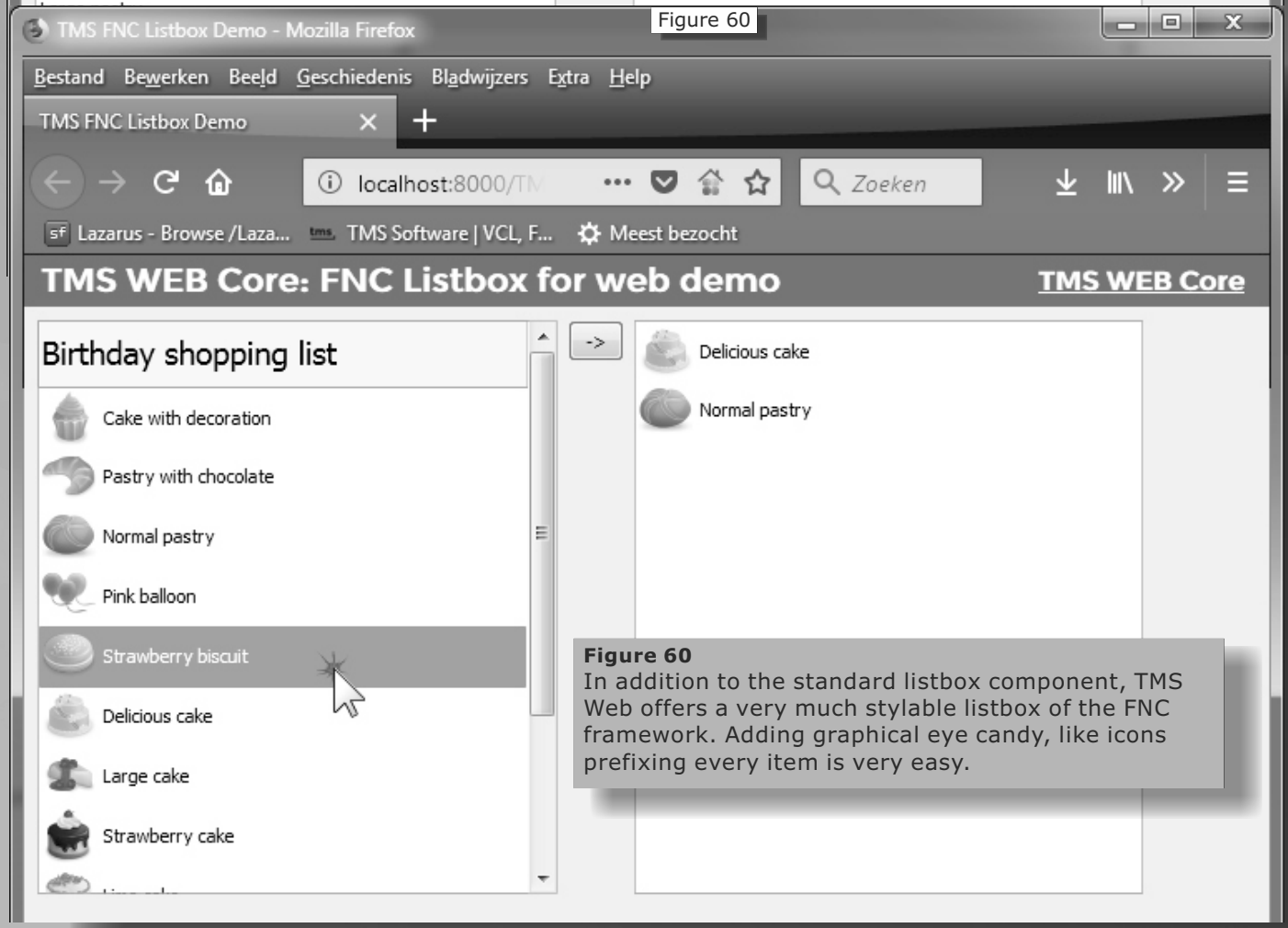
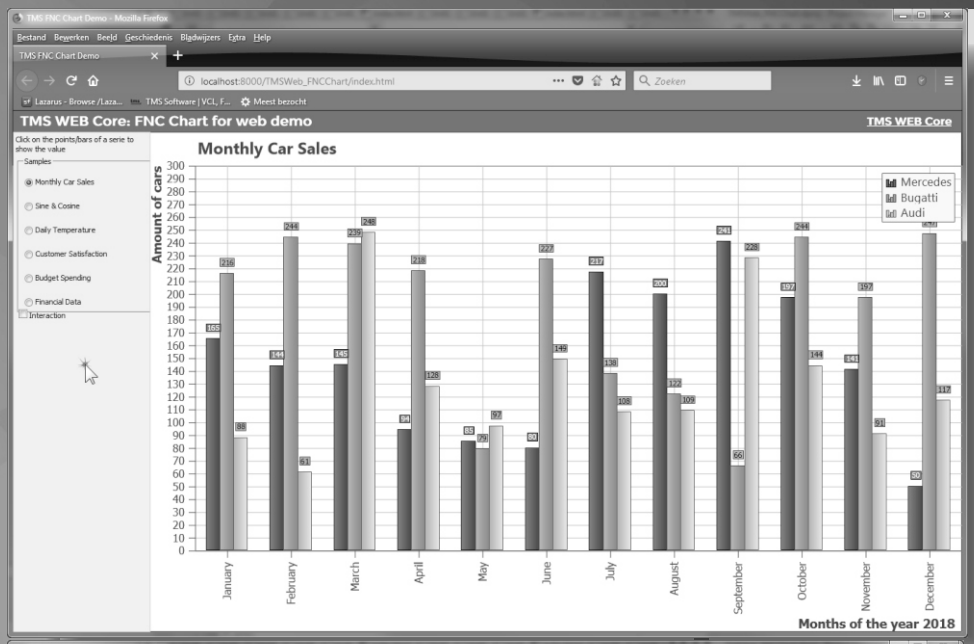


Figure 60
In addition to the standard listbox component, TMS Web offers a very much stylable listbox of the FNC framework. Adding graphical eye candy, like icons prefixing every item is very easy.



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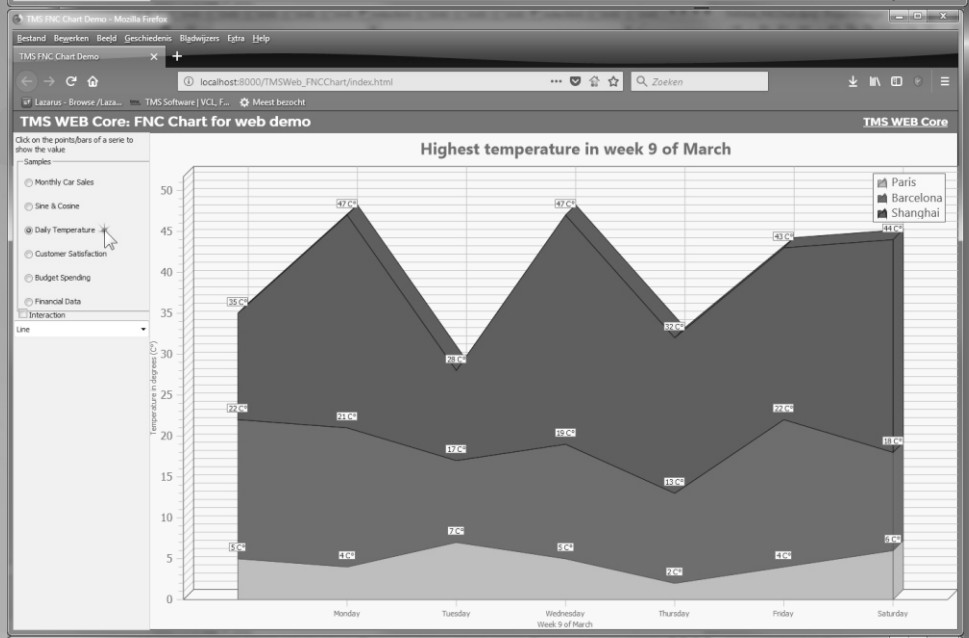

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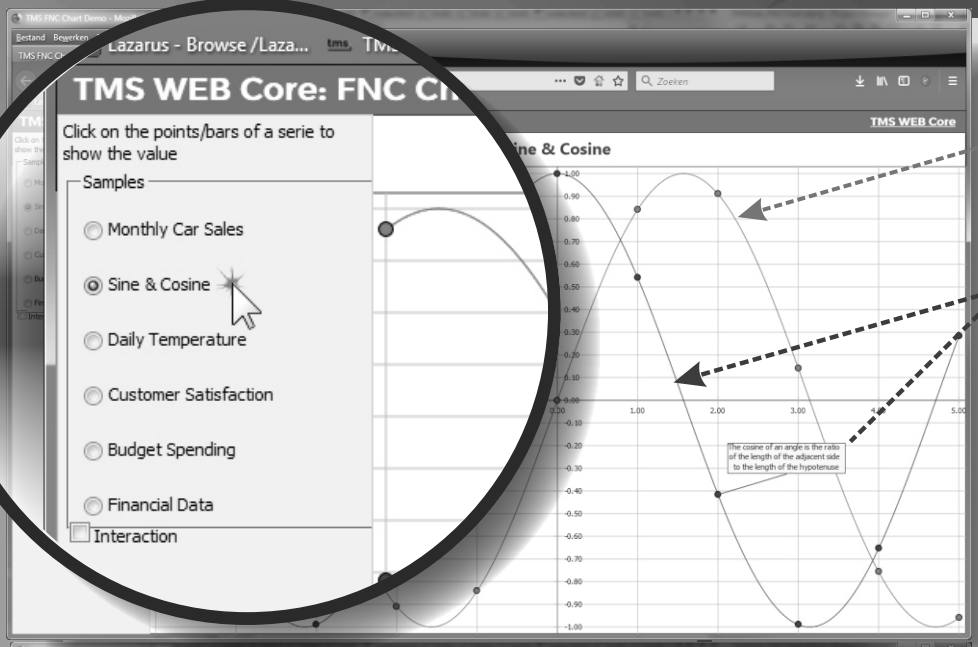

The sine of an angle is the ratio of the length of the opposite side to the lengt of the hypotenuse

The cosine of an angle is the ratio of the length of the adjacent side to the lengt of the hypotenuse

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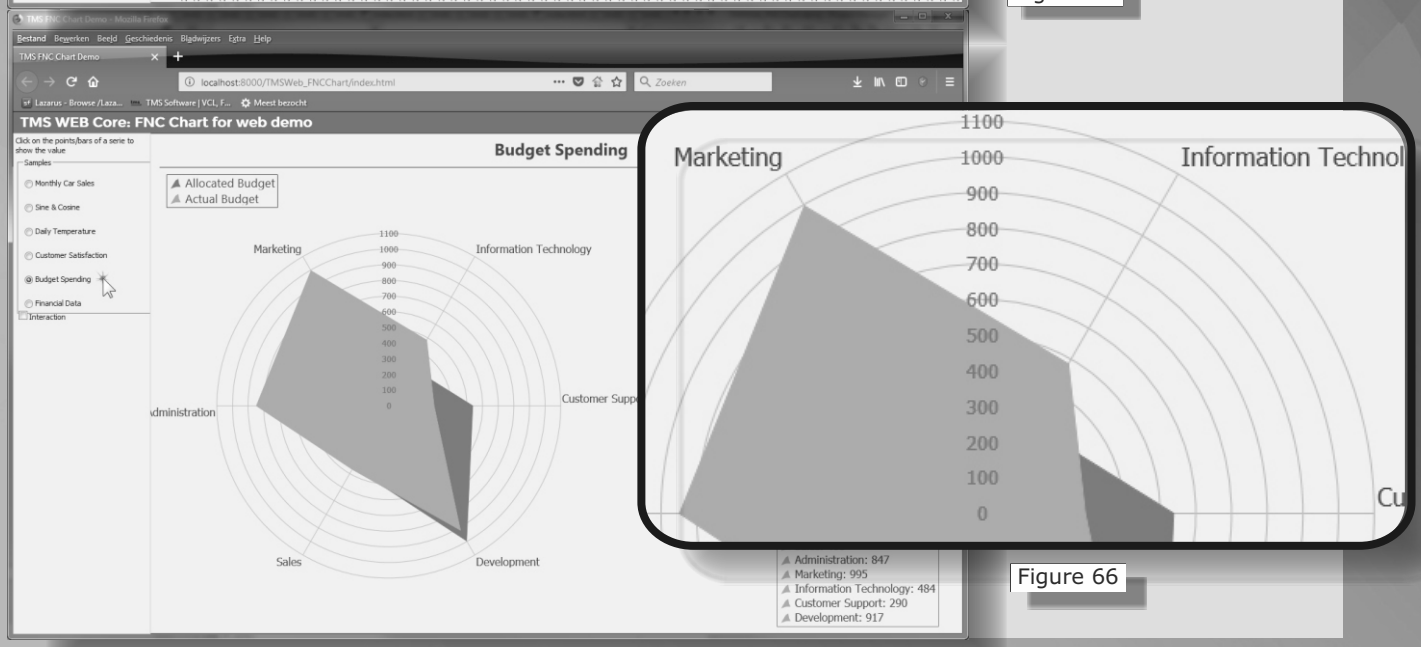

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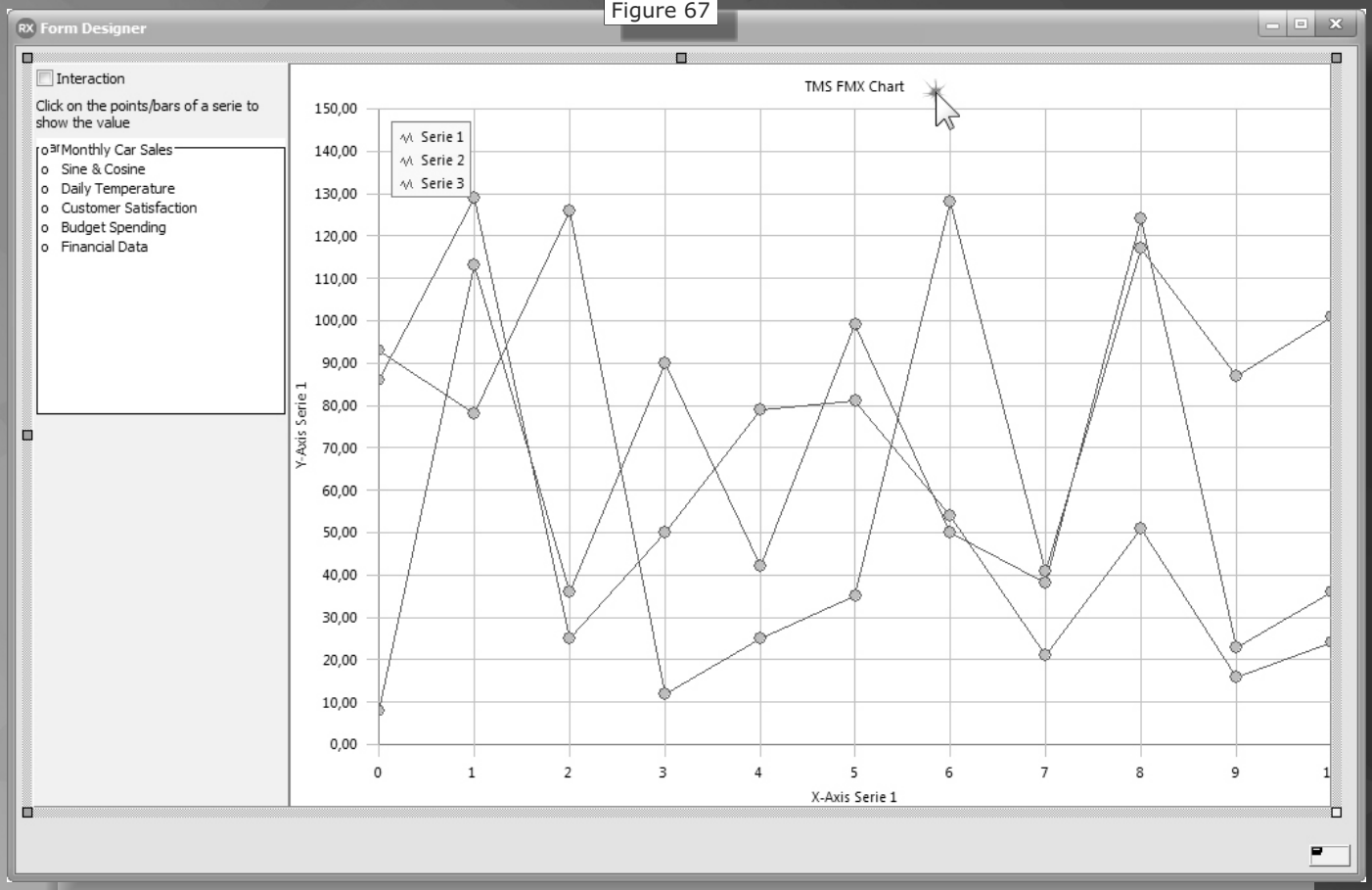

Figure 67
TMS Web offers extensive charting capabilities! There are almost no limits to the customization possibilities for charts! The complete charting abilities that you are used to from the desktop are now also available for the web. All the diagram types with all the customization options are available. Including user interaction and live charting.

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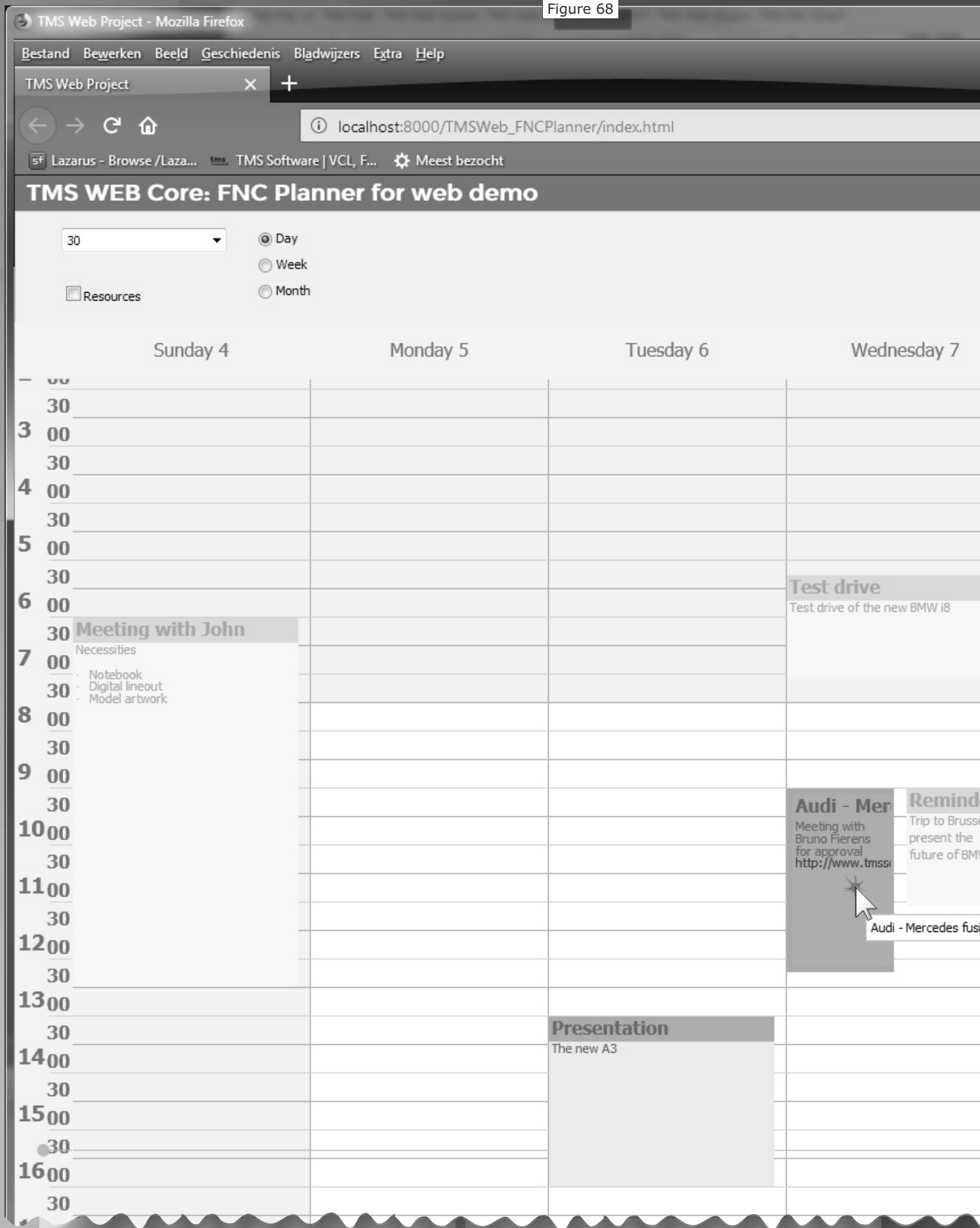
Figure 68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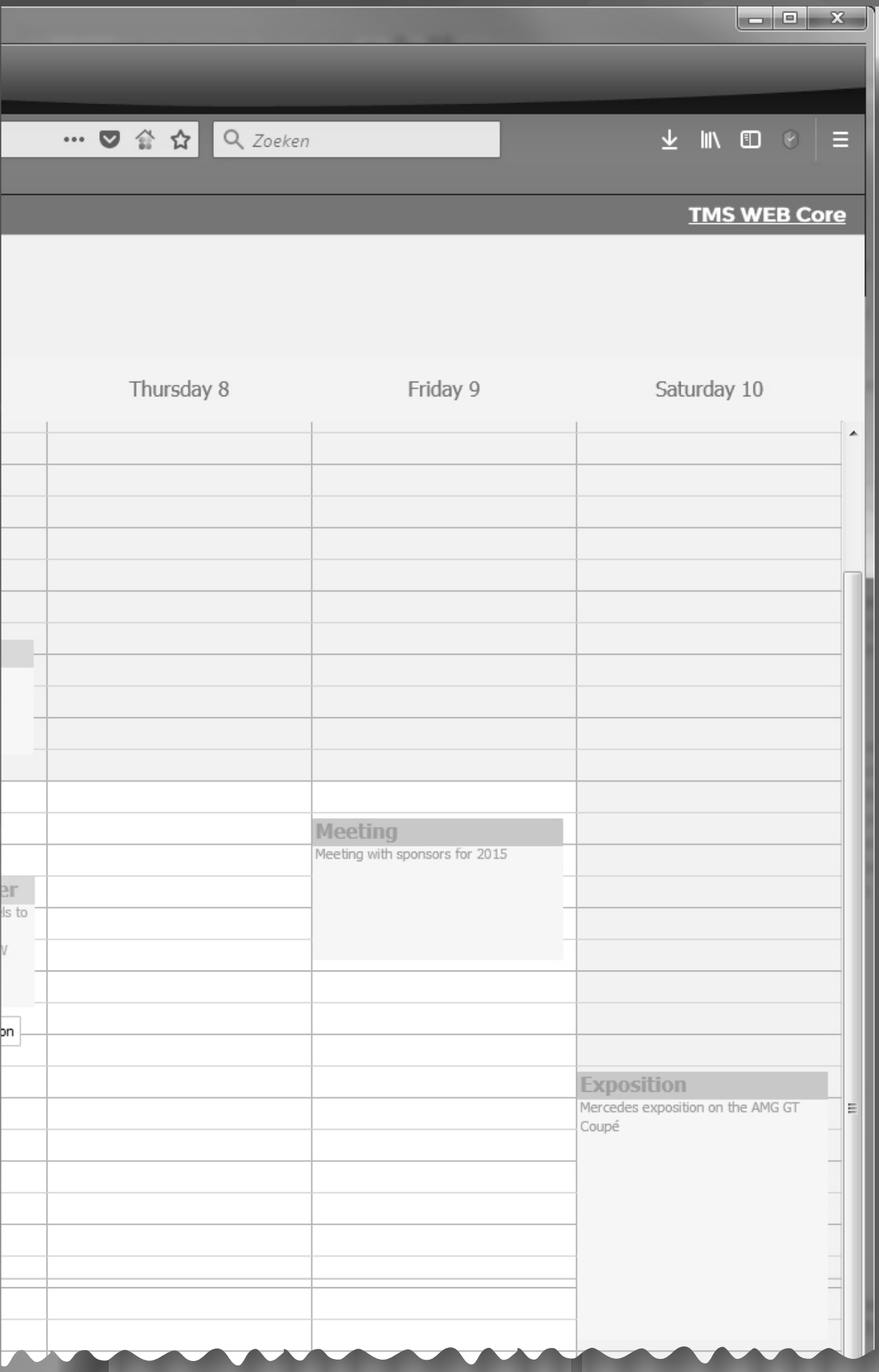
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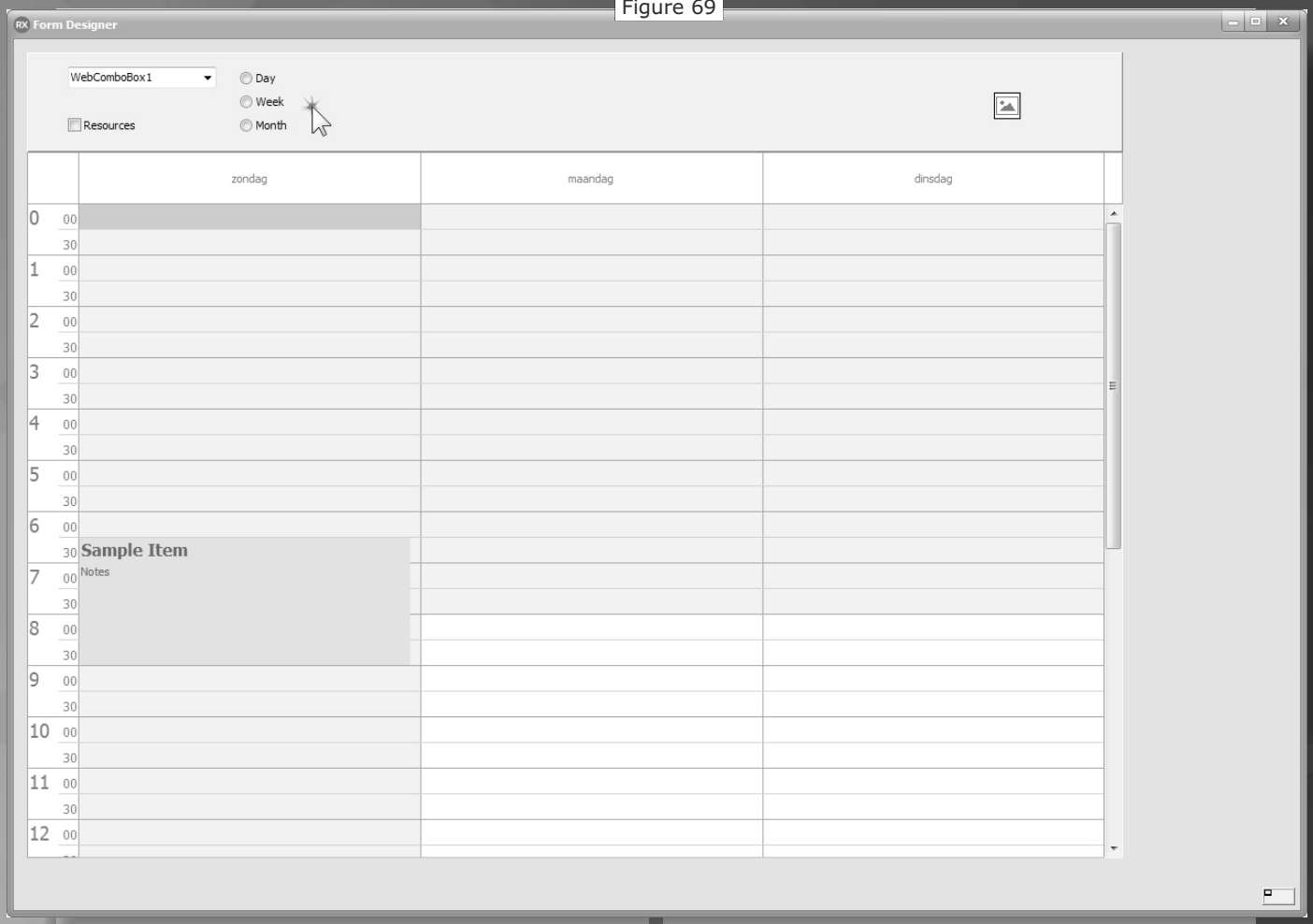

Figure 69
The planner component is very flexible and can be used for many purposes. In this demo, a REST service that provides local TV listings is consumed and the result is being transferred into the planner. This allows comfortable navigation of the TV programs and gives the user a truly incredible user experience to navigate the information. You can concentrate on reading the data from the web service and adding items to the planner. The whole visual part and the user interaction is handled by the frameworks. The best part about this: The very same source code can be shared for desktop and web!

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Table object – for super easy creating and editing of tabular reports
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Fast Reports
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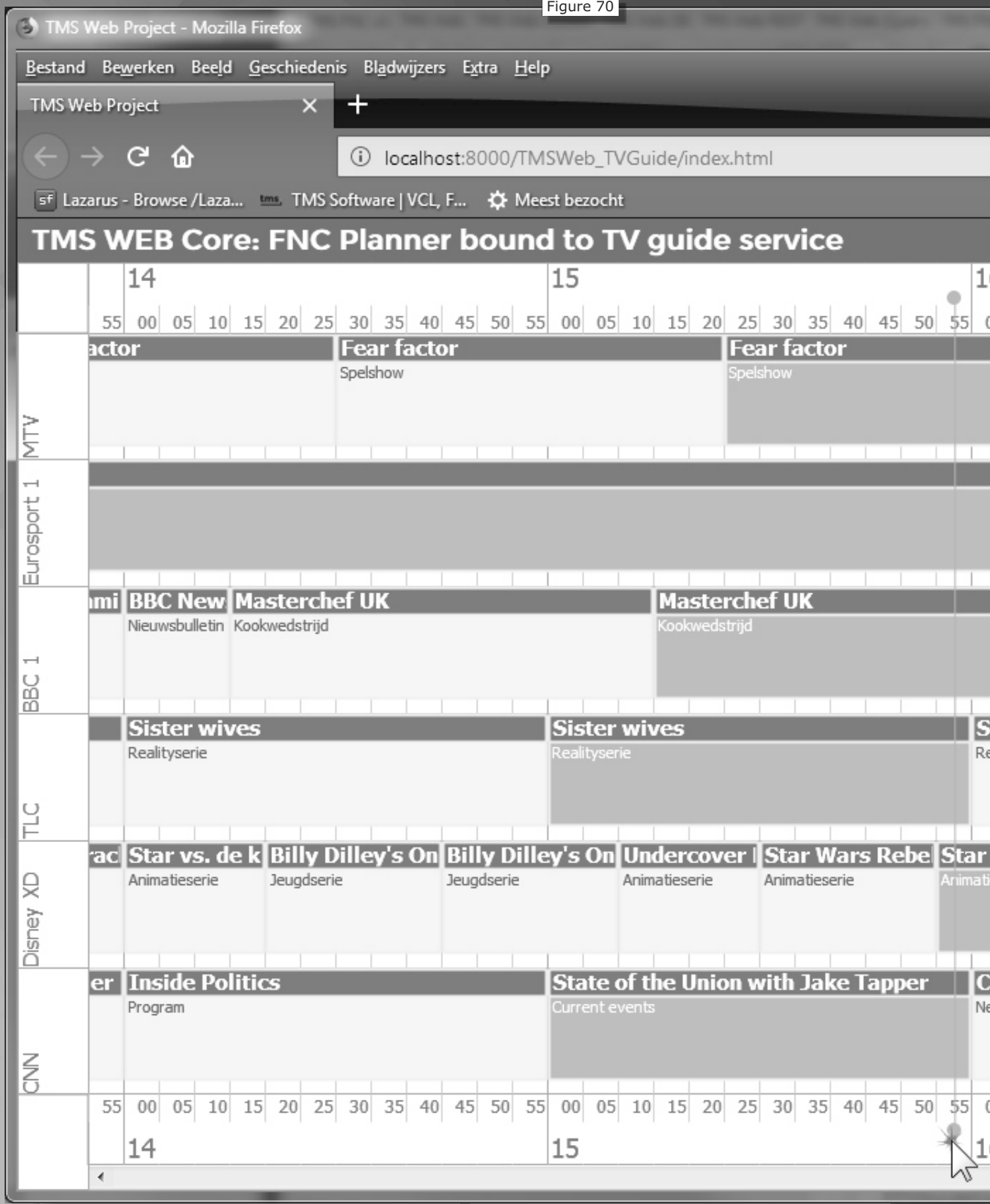
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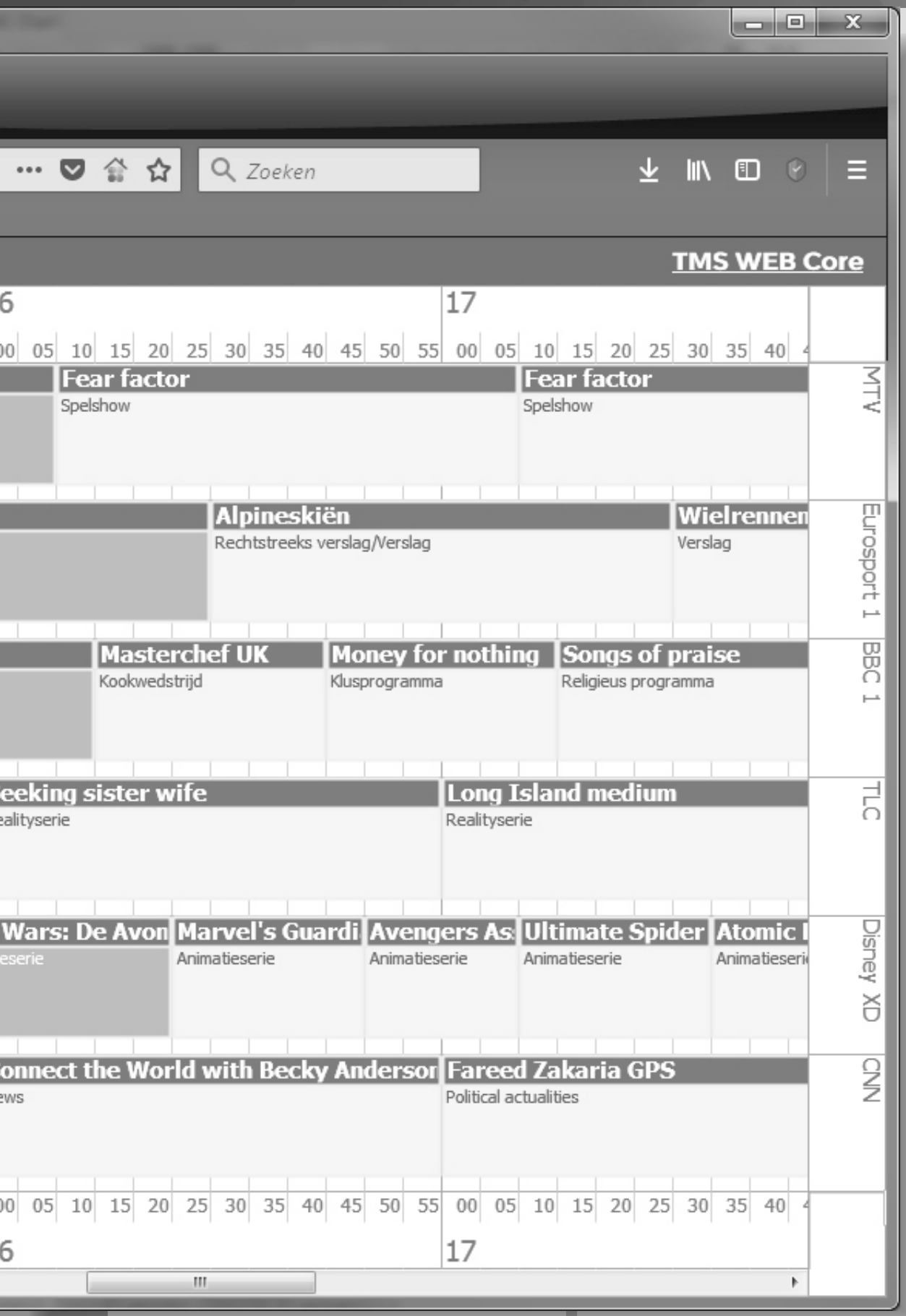
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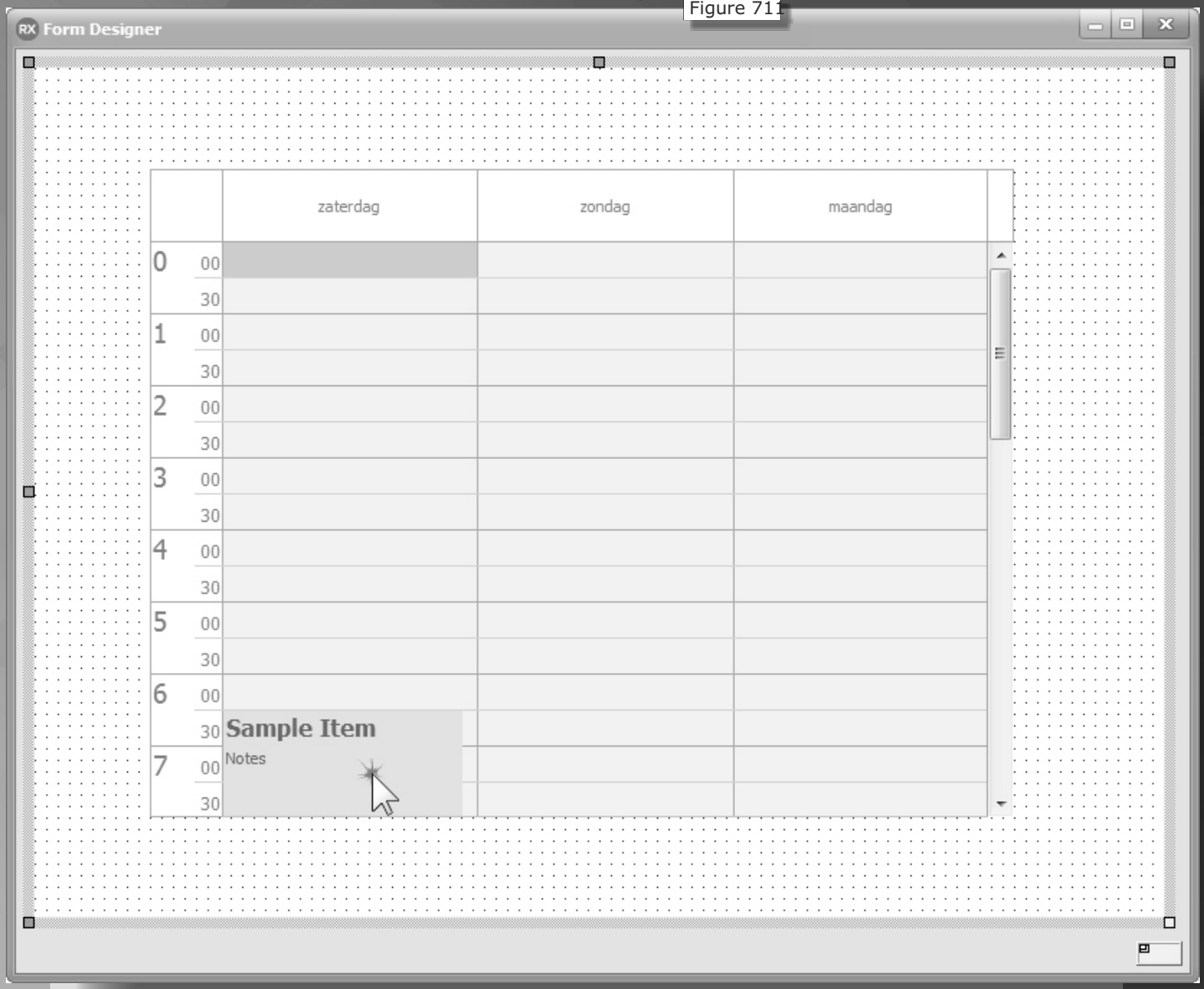
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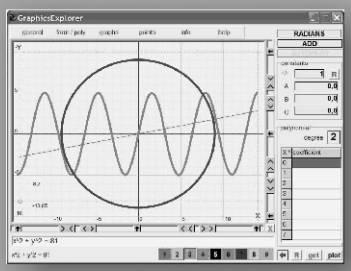

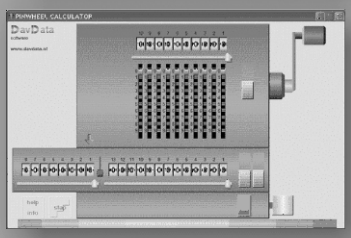

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  begin
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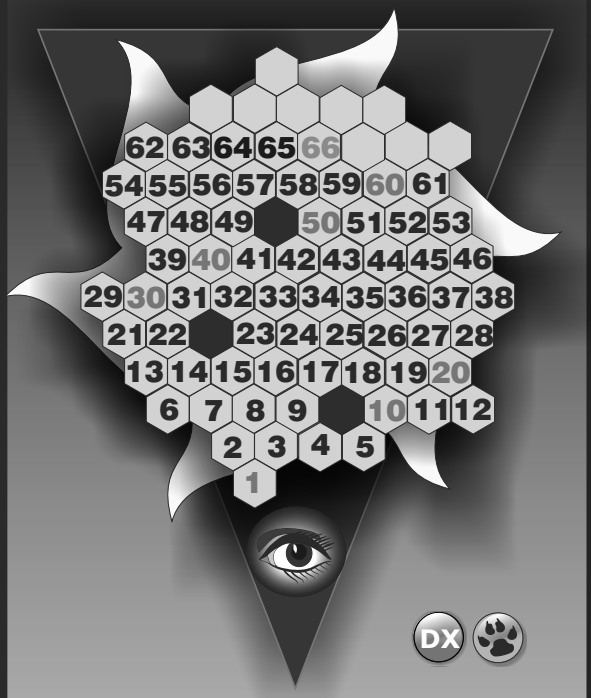

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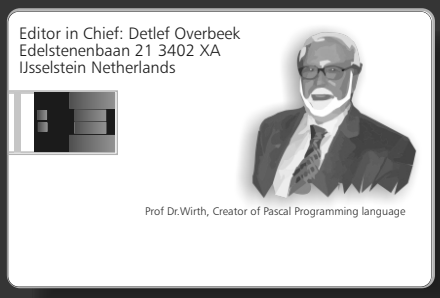

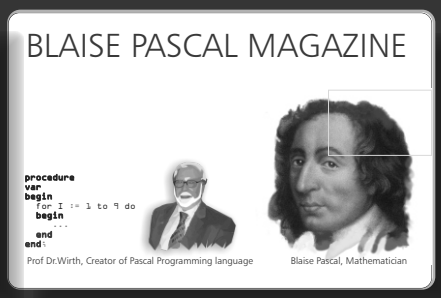

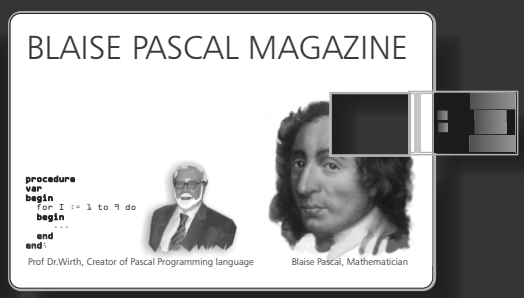

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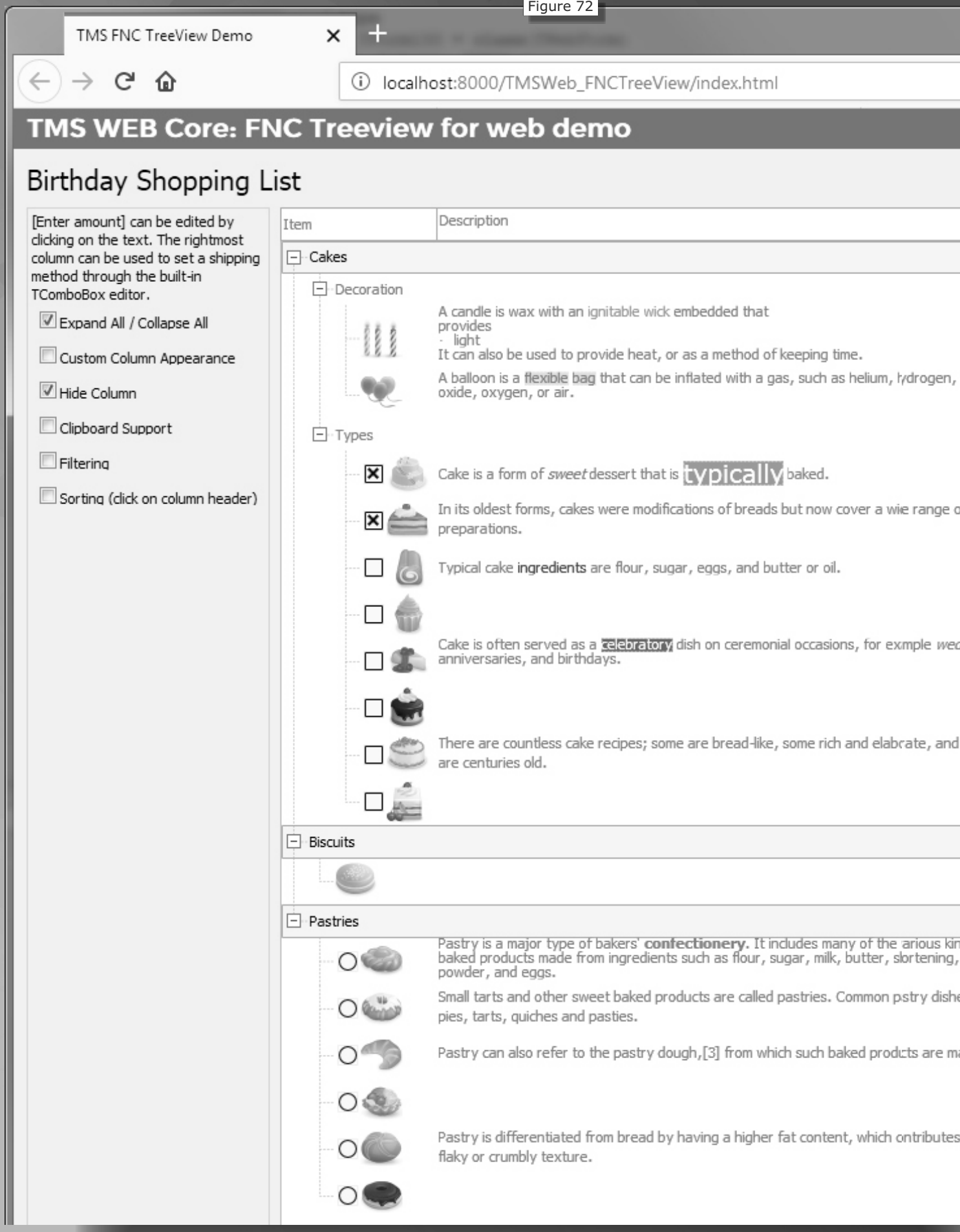
Figure 72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Birthday Shopping List
[Enter amount] can be edited by clicking on the text. The rightmost column can be used to set a shipping method through the built-in TComboBox editor.
Expand All / Collapse All
Custom Column Appearance
Hide Column
Clipboard Support
Filtering
Sorting (click on column header)
Item
Description
Cakes
Decoration
A candle is wax with an ignitable wick embedded that provides
light
It can also be used to provide heat, or as a method of keeping time.
A balloon is a flexible bag that can be inflated with a gas, such as helium, hydrogen, oxide, oxygen, or air.
Types
Cake is a form of sweet dessert that is typically baked.
In its oldest forms, cakes were modifications of breads but now cover a wie range o preparations.
Typical cake ingredients are flour, sugar, eggs, and butter or oil.
Cake is often served as a celebratory dish on ceremonial occasions, for exmple wed anniversaries, and birthdays.
There are countless cake recipes; some are bread-like, some rich and elabrate, and are centuries old.
Biscuits
Pastries
Pastry is a major type of bakers' confectionery. It includes many of the arious kin baked products made from ingredients such as flour, sugar, milk, butter, slortening, powder, and eggs.
Small tarts and other sweet baked products are called pastries. Common pstry dishe pies, tarts, quiches and pasties.
Pastry can also refer to the pastry dough,[3] from which such baked prodcts are ma
Pastry is differentiated from bread by having a higher fat content, which ontributes flaky or crumbly texture.


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Figure 73

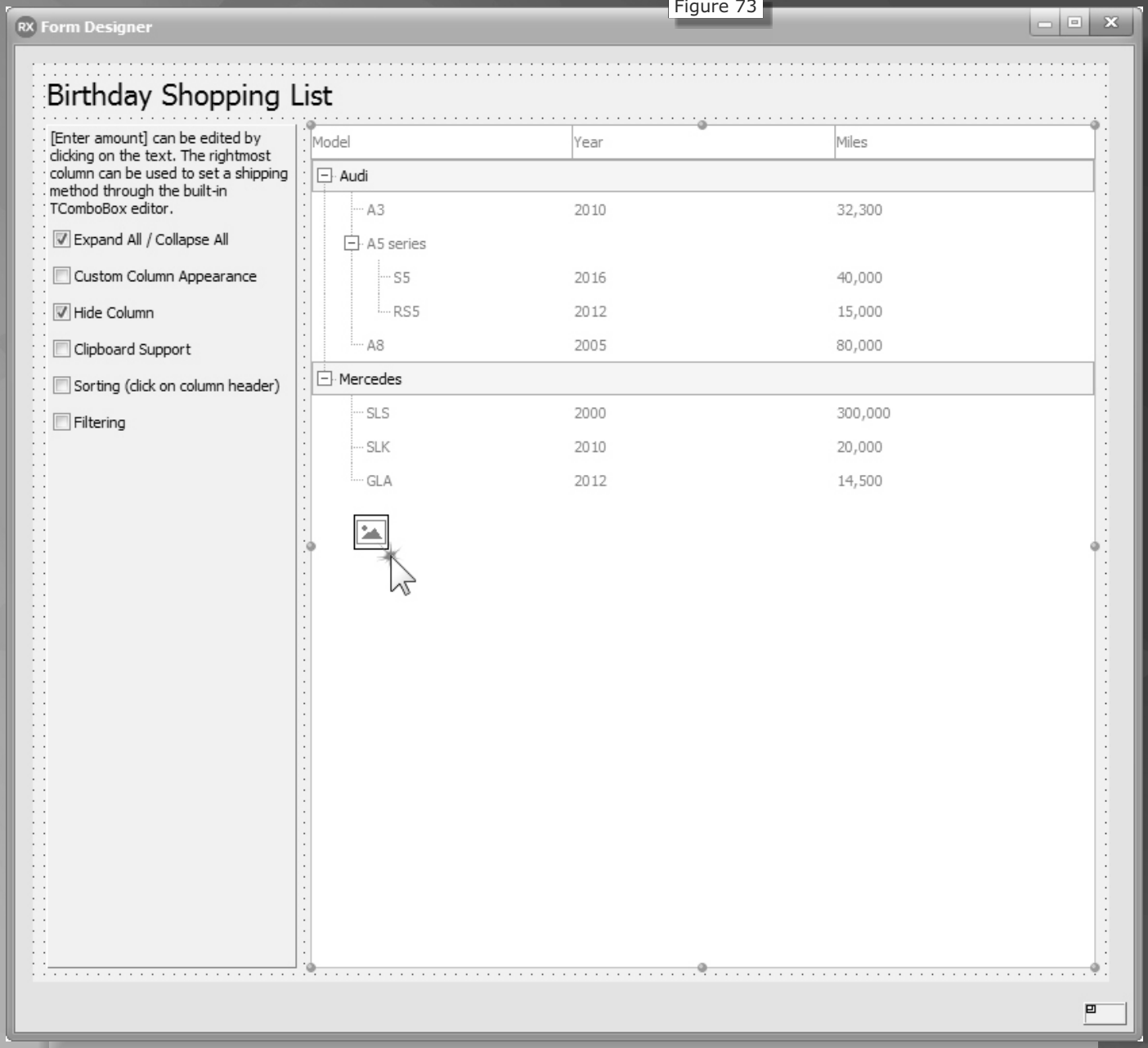

Figure 73
Another excellent example of the incredible possibilities to create an awesome user experience.
A treeview component offers many options to display data in a hierarchical fashion.
Design options include different styles and formats for any cell.
As with all data controls from TMS, there is support for filterting, grouping and sorting.
Data can be imported and exported to different file formats. TMS Web Applications can also easily interact with the clipboard, which is also demonstrated with this sample.

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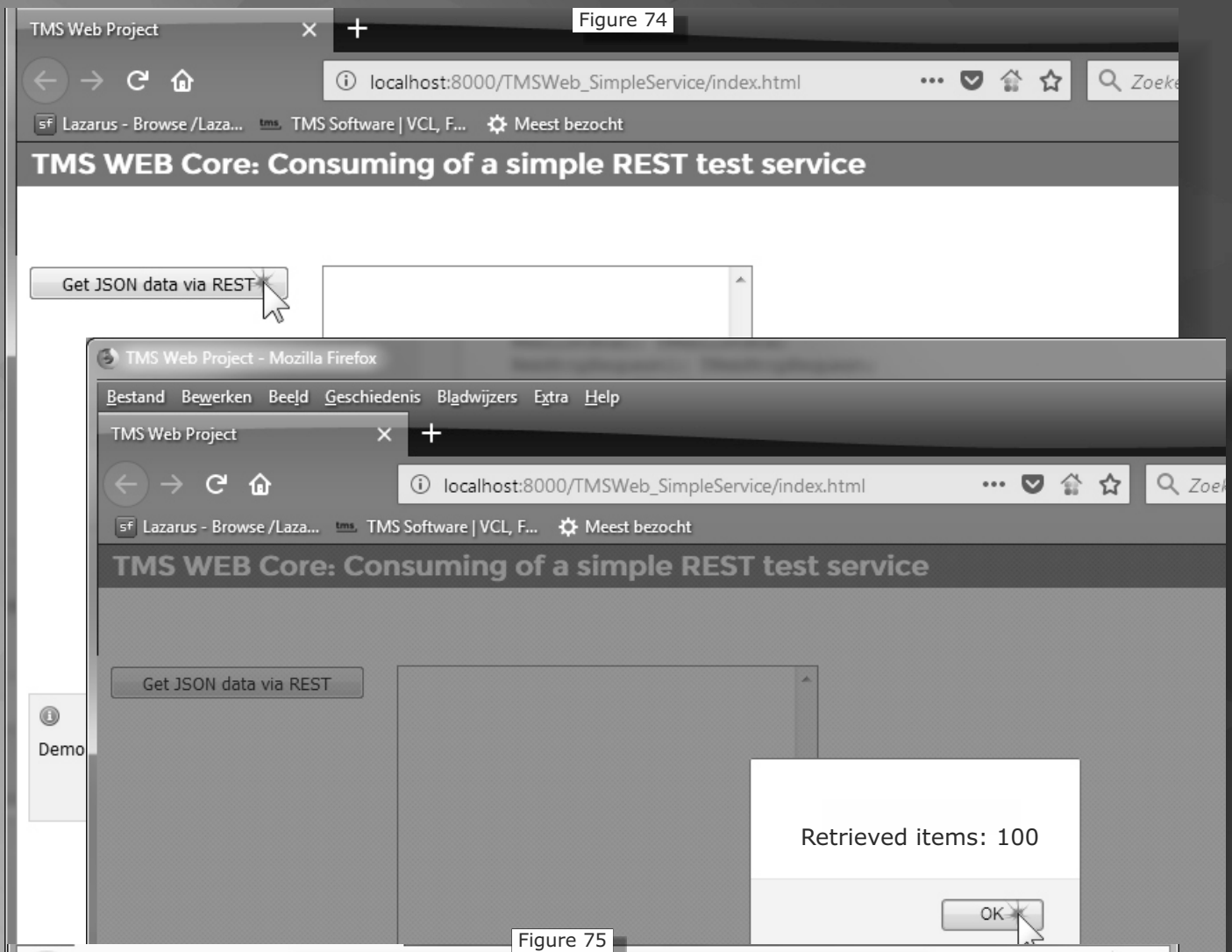
Figure 74



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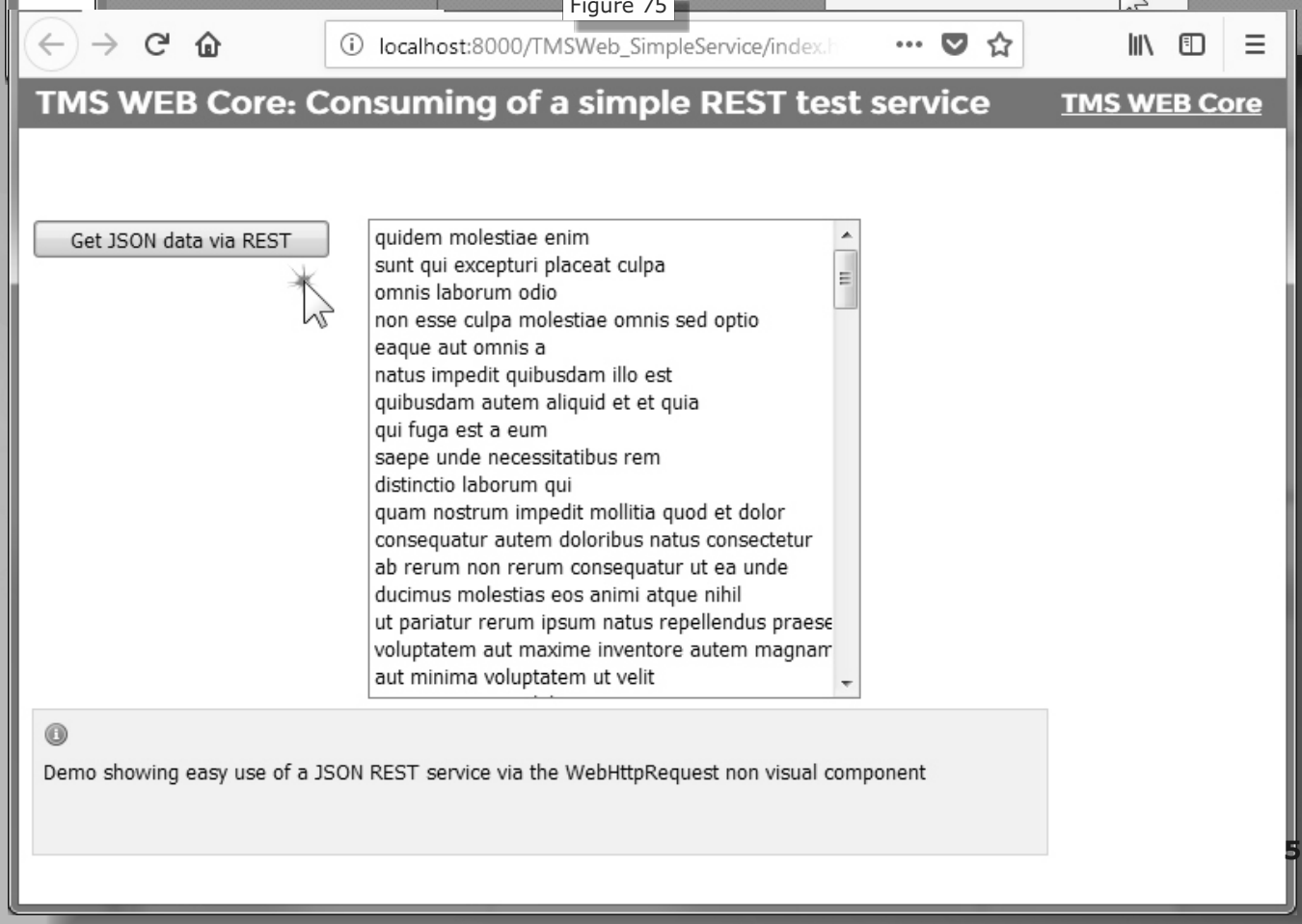

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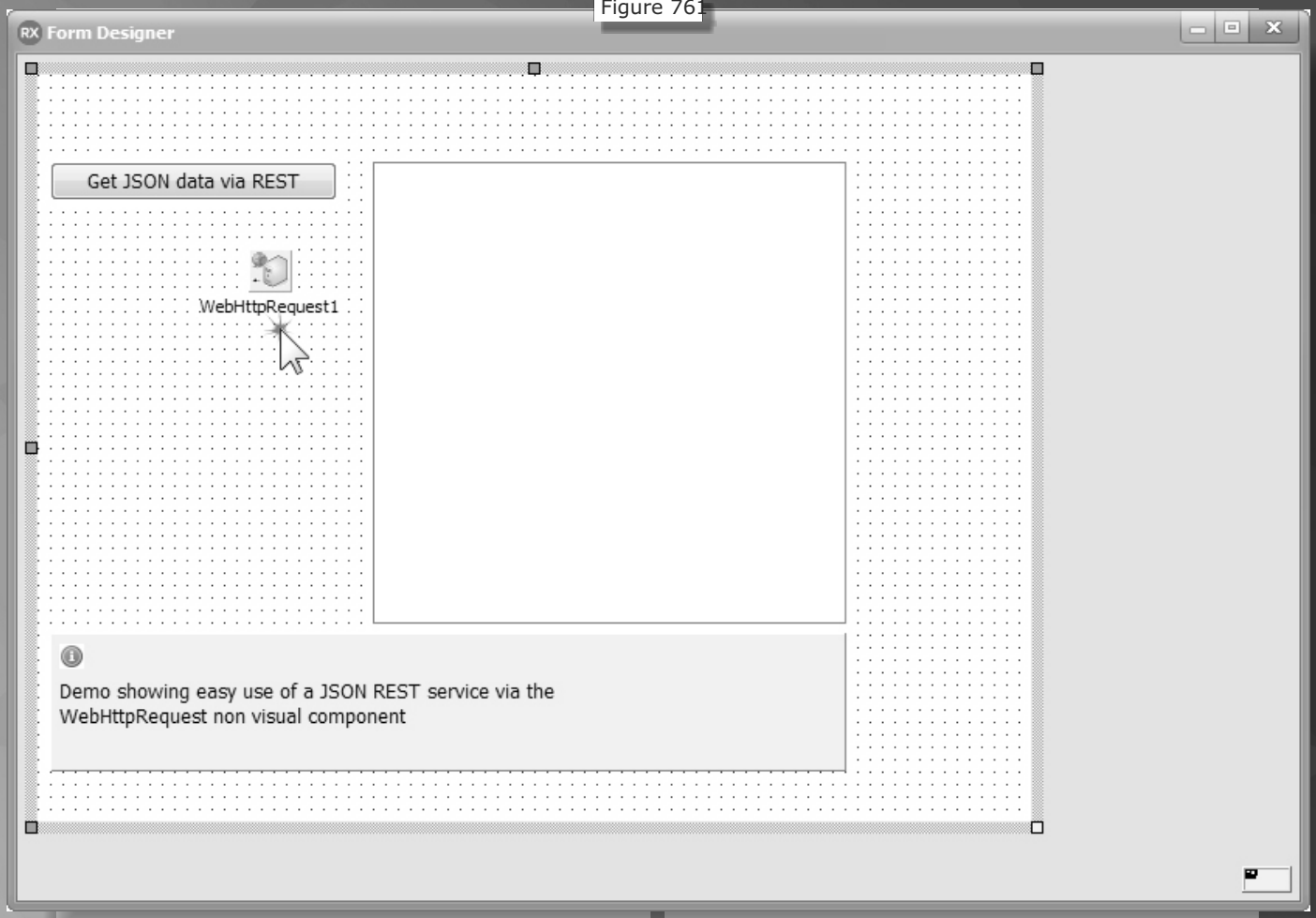



```
procedure TForm1.WebButton1Click(Sender: TObject);
begin
 WebHttpRequest1.URL :=
'https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/albums';
 WebHttpRequest1.Execute;
end;

procedure TForm1.WebHttpRequest1Response(Sender: TObject; AResponse: string);
var
 js: TJSON;
 ja: TJSONArray;
 jo: TJSONObject;
 i: integer;
begin
 js := TJSON.Create;

 try
  ja := TJSONArray(js.Parse(AResponse));

  ShowMessage('Retrieved items:' +inttostr(ja.Count));

  for i := 0 to ja.Count - 1 do
  begin
   jo := ja.Items[i];
   WebListBox1.Items.Add(jo.Get('title'));
  end;
 finally
  js.Free;
 end;
end;
```

Code Listing 14

Figure 76
Consuming web services is easy as a HTTP request component is available. Data can be processed using the Delphi RTL JSON classes.

Figure 771

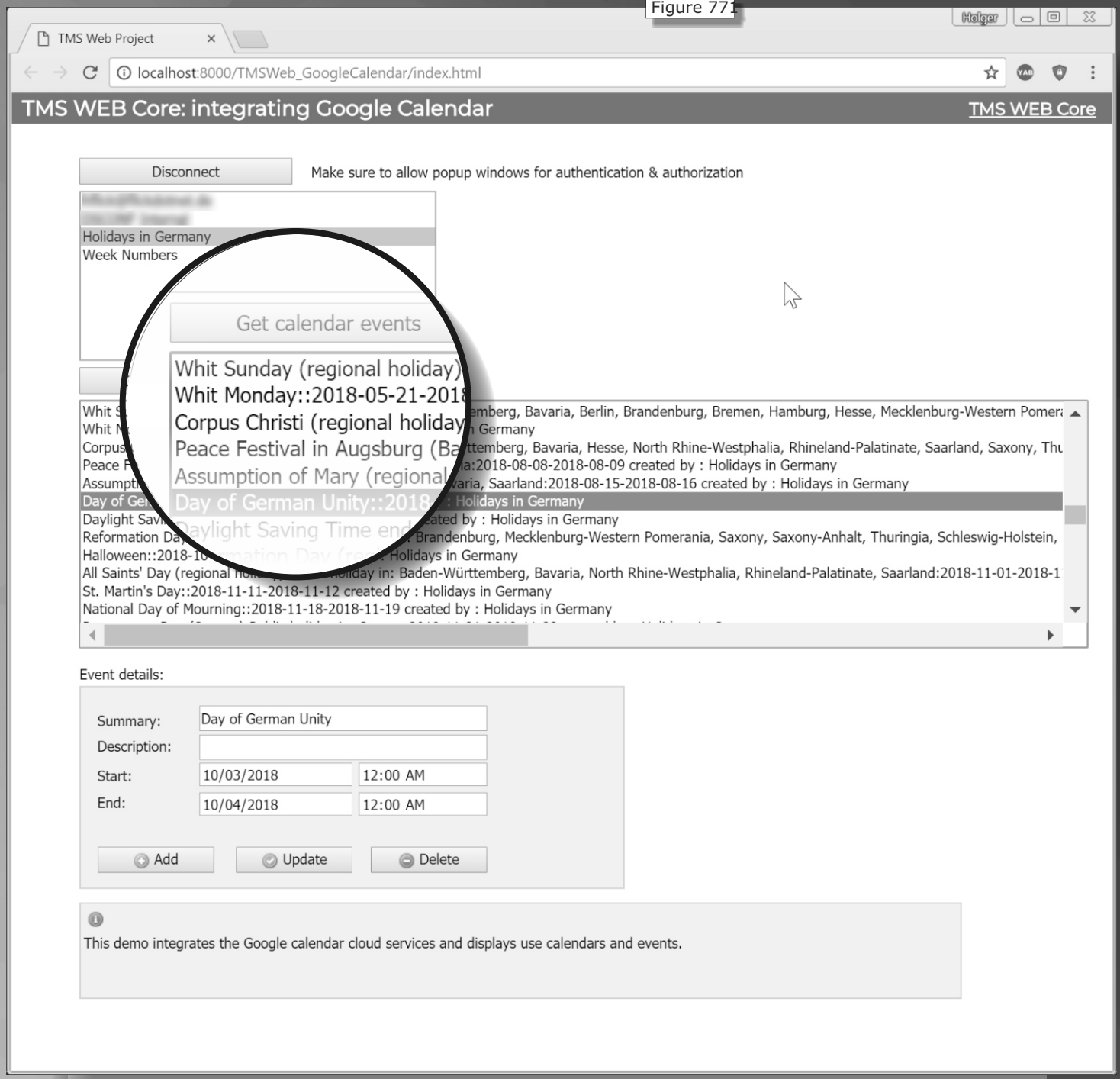


Figure 77:
TMS Web can interact with many Cloud Services and the number of supported Cloud Services is increasing frequently. This demo shows how to access a Google Calendar without the hassle of thinking about anything. You simply drop the calendar component and provide you user credentials and the component offers properties and methods to work with any calendar stored in your profile.

Figure 78

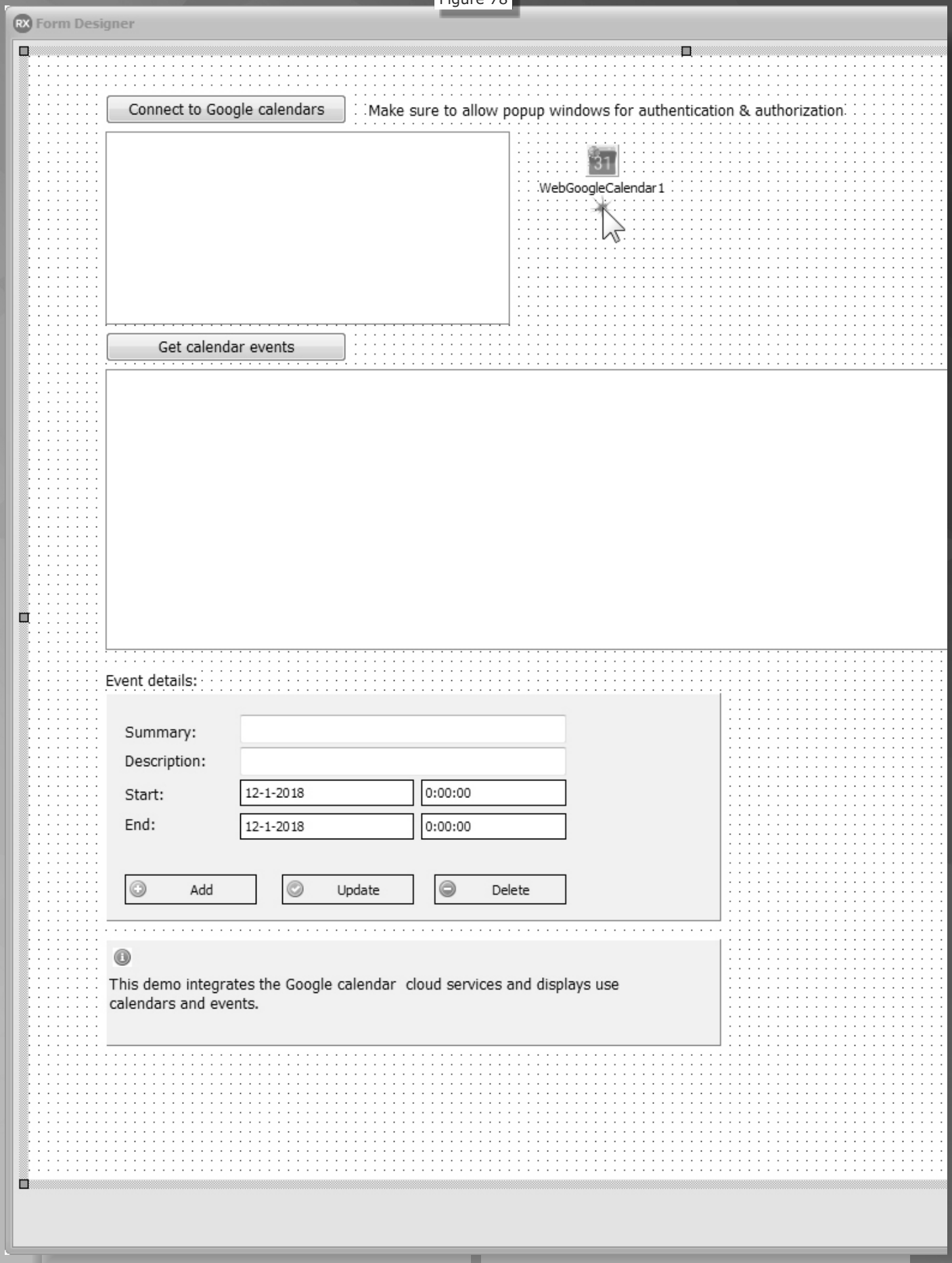

Form Designer
Connect to Google calendars
Make sure to allow popup windows for authentication & authorization
WebGoogleCalendar1
Get calendar events
Event details:
Summary:
Description:
Start:
12-1-2018
0:00:00
End:
12-1-2018
0:00:00
Add
Update
Delete
This demo integrates the Google calendar cloud services and displays use calendars and events.

Figure 79

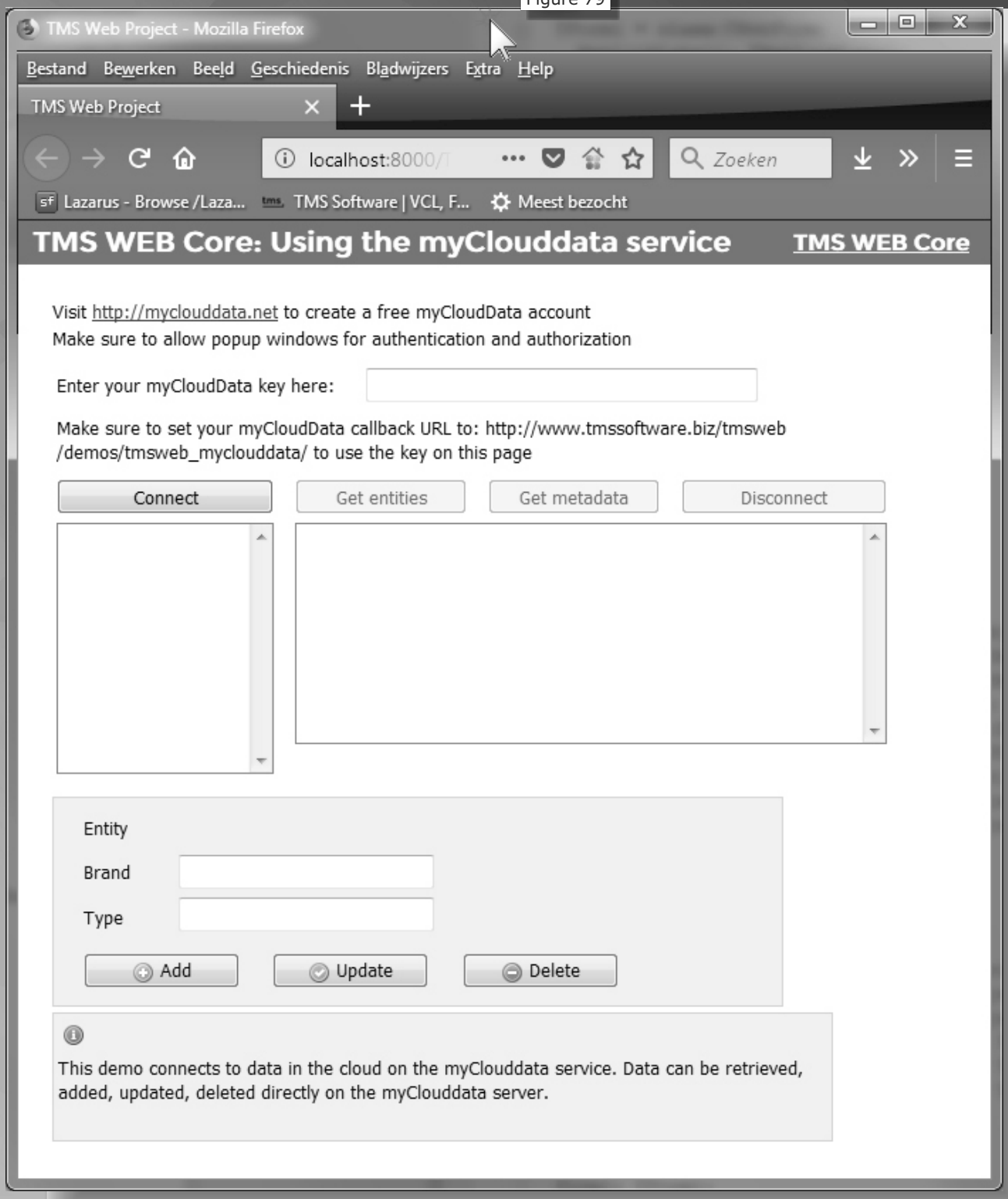
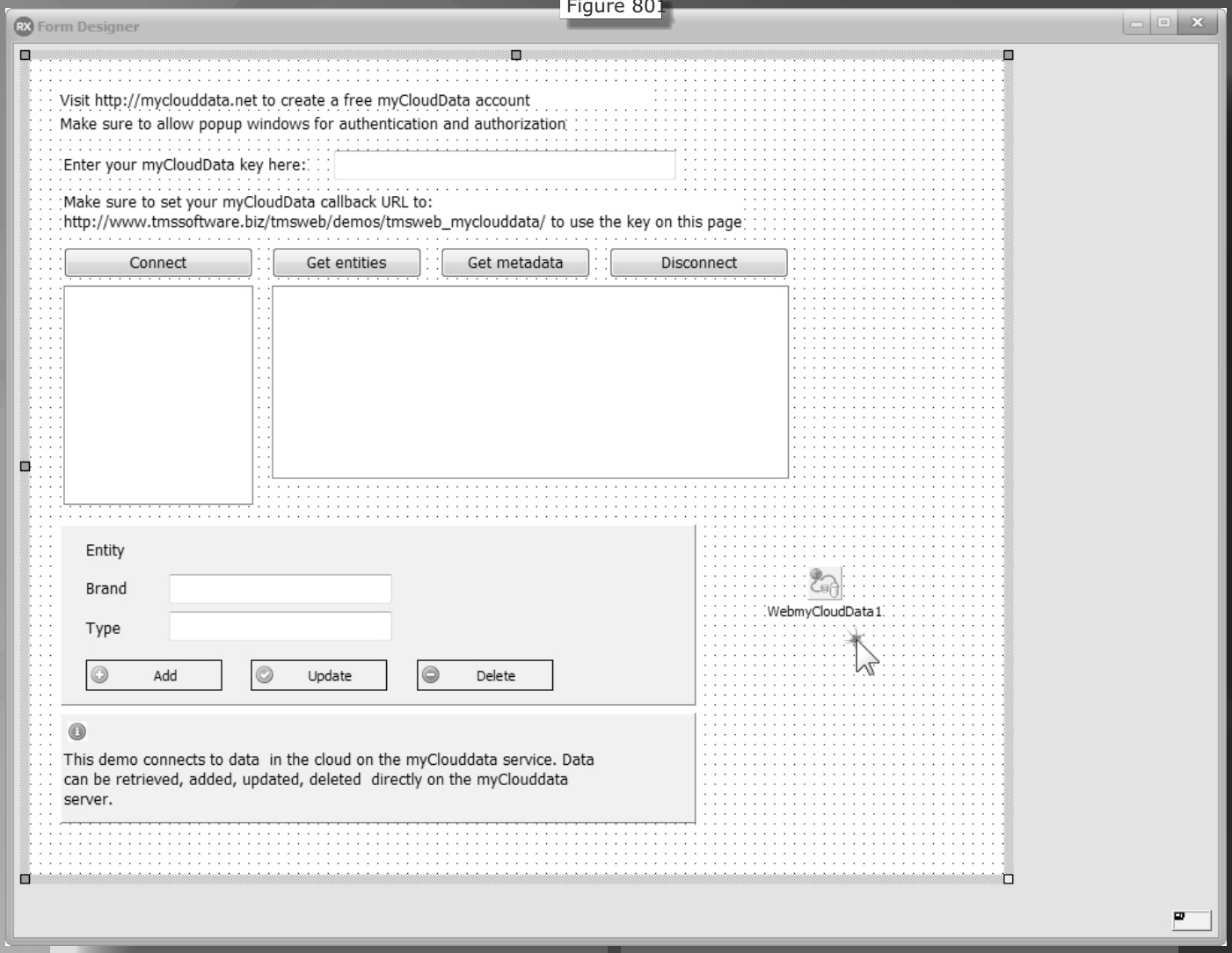


Figure 91: Support for myCloudData is also already included in the first version.

Figure 80


Form Designer
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Make sure to allow popup windows for authentication and authorization
Enter your myCloudData key here:
Make sure to set your myCloudData callback URL to:
http://www.tmssoftware.biz/tmsweb/demos/tmsweb_myclouddata/ to use the key on this page
Connect
Get entities
Get metadata
Disconnect
Entity
Brand
Type
Add
Update
Delete
WebmyCloudData1
This demo connects to data in the cloud on the myClouddata service. Data can be retrieved, added, updated, deleted directly on the myClouddata server.

Figure 81

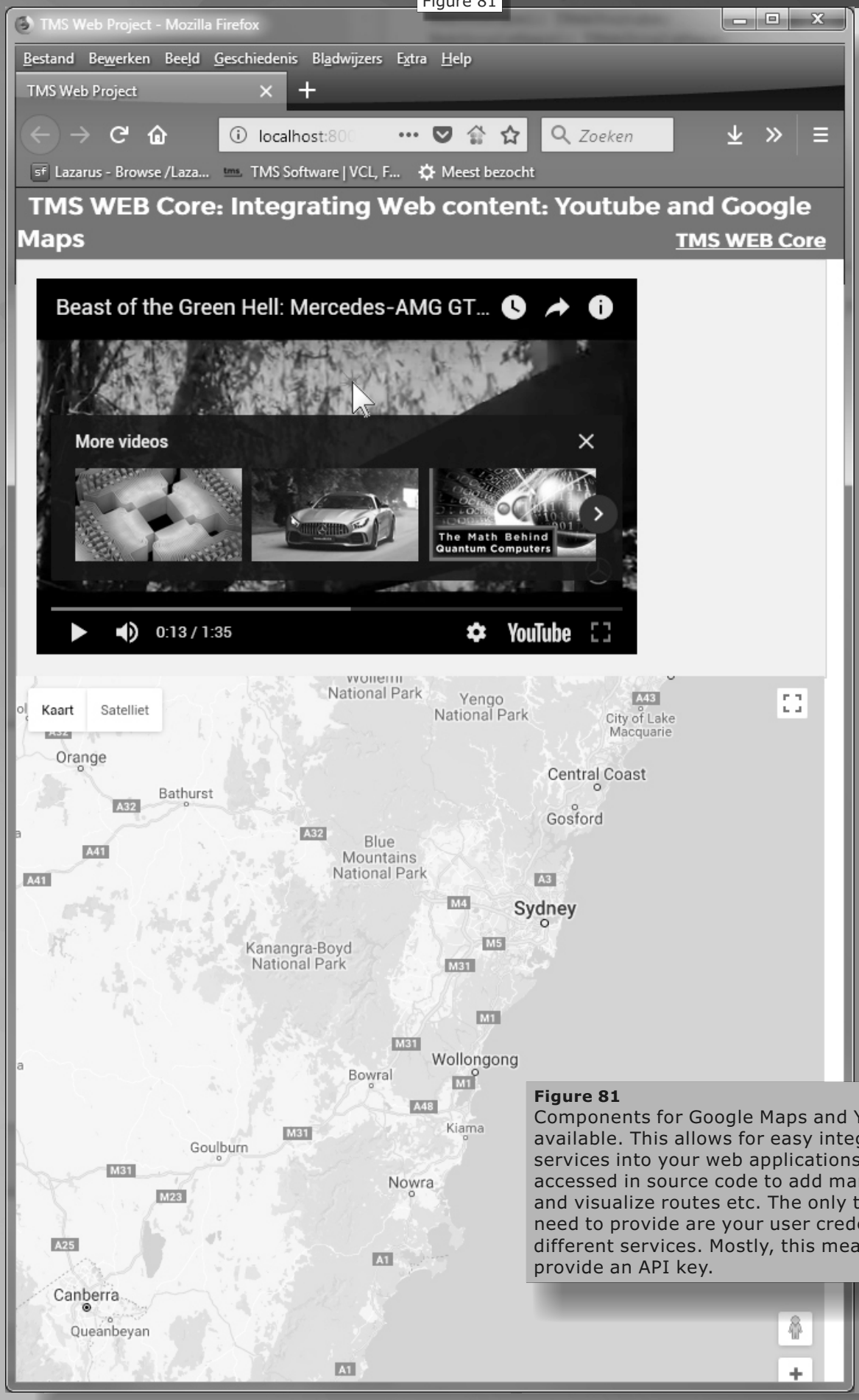
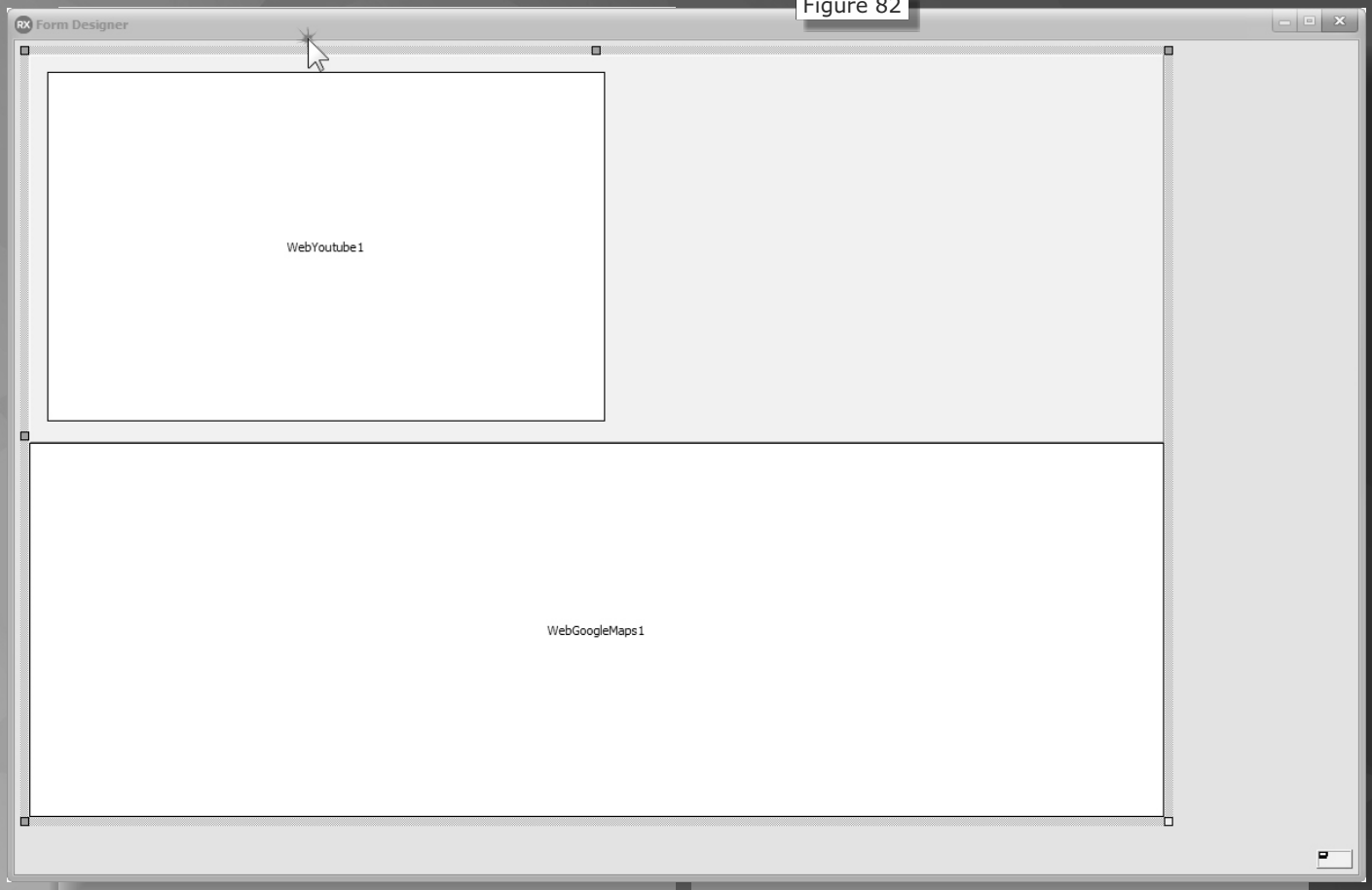


Figure 81
Components for Google Maps and YouTube are available. This allows for easy integration of these services into your web applications. Maps can be accessed in source code to add markers, calculate and visualize routes etc. The only thing you always need to provide are your user credentials for the different services. Mostly, this means you have to provide an API key.

Figure 82




```
procedure TForm4.WebFormCreate(Sender: TObject);
begin
 WebGoogleMaps1.APIKey := '                                        ';
 // provide your Google maps API key here;
 WebGoogleMaps1.Align := alClient;
end;
```

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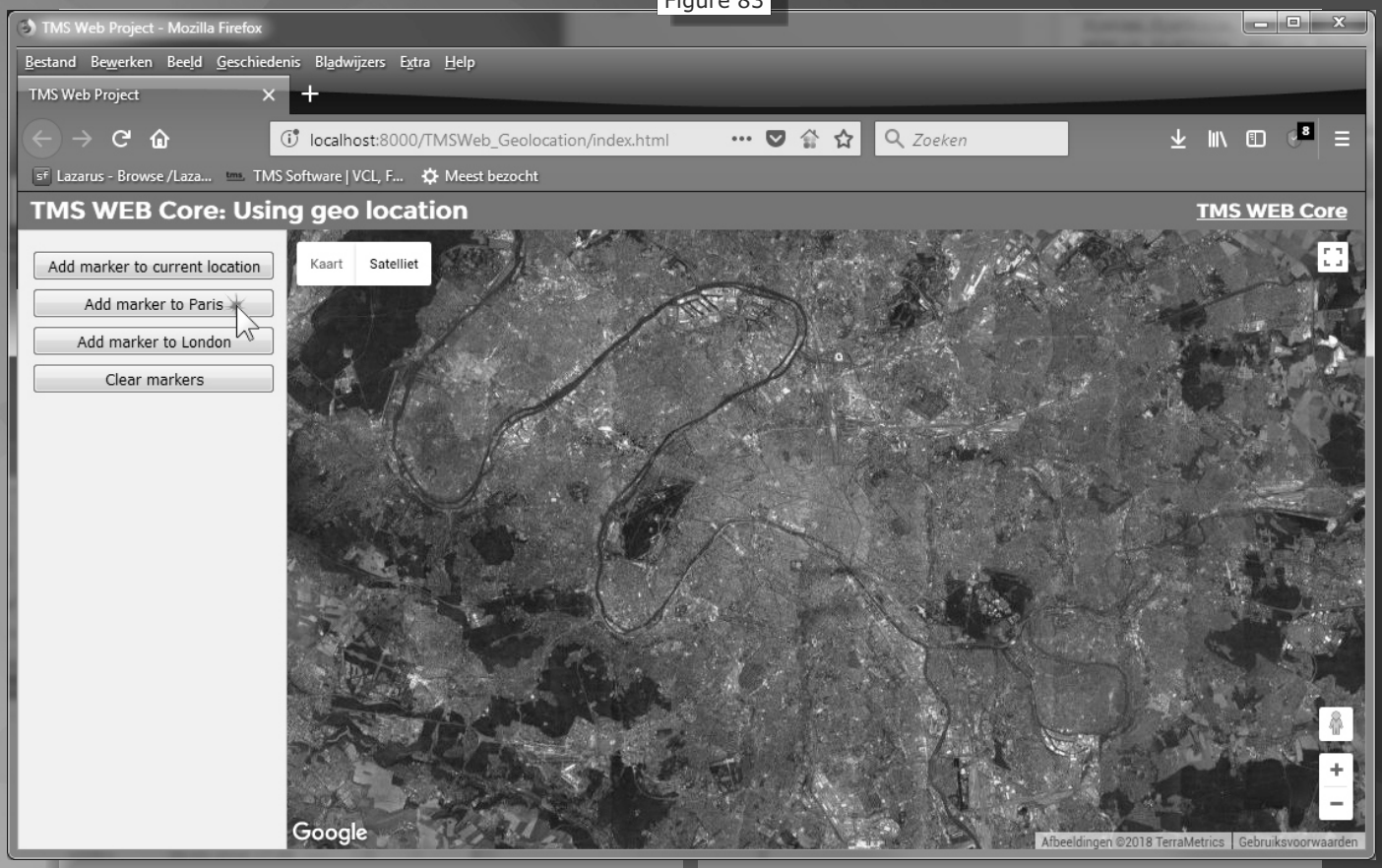
Figure 83




```
implementation

{$R *.dfm}

procedure TForm4.WebButton1Click(Sender: TObject);
begin
 if WebGeoLocation1.HasGeolocation then
  WebGeoLocation1.GetGeolocation;
end;

procedure TForm4.WebButton2Click(Sender: TObject);
var
 lat,lon: double;
begin
 lat := 48.8566;
 lon := 2.3522;
 WebGoogleMaps1.SetCenter(lat,lon);
 WebGoogleMaps1.AddMarker(lat,lon,'Paris');
end;

procedure TForm4.WebButton3Click(Sender: TObject);
var
 lat,lon: double;
begin
 lat := 51.5074;
 lon := 0.1278;
 WebGoogleMaps1.SetCenter(lat,lon);
 WebGoogleMaps1.AddMarker(lat,lon,'London');
end;
```

```
procedure TForm4.WebButton4Click(Sender: TObject);
begin
 WebGoogleMaps1.ClearMarkers;
end;

procedure TForm4.WebFormCreate(Sender: TObject);
begin
 WebGoogleMaps1.APIKey :=
'                                        ';
end;

procedure TForm4.WebGeoLocation1Geolocation(
Sender: TObject; Lat, Lon,
 Alt: Double);
begin
 WebGoogleMaps1.SetCenter(lat,lon);
 WebGoogleMaps1.SetZoom(11);
 WebGoogleMaps1.AddMarker(lat,lon,'Home');
end;

end.
```

Code Listing 16

Figure 84

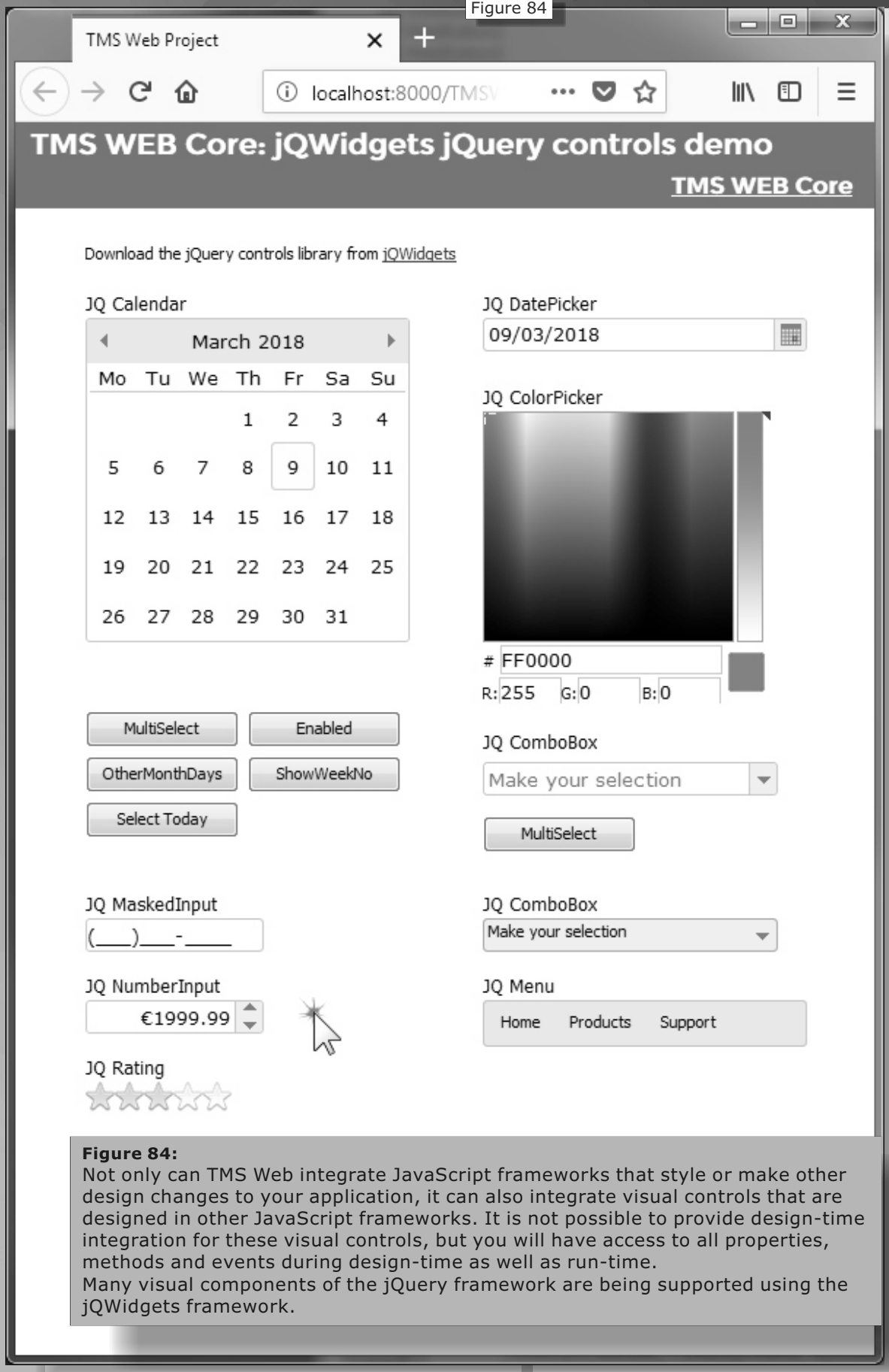
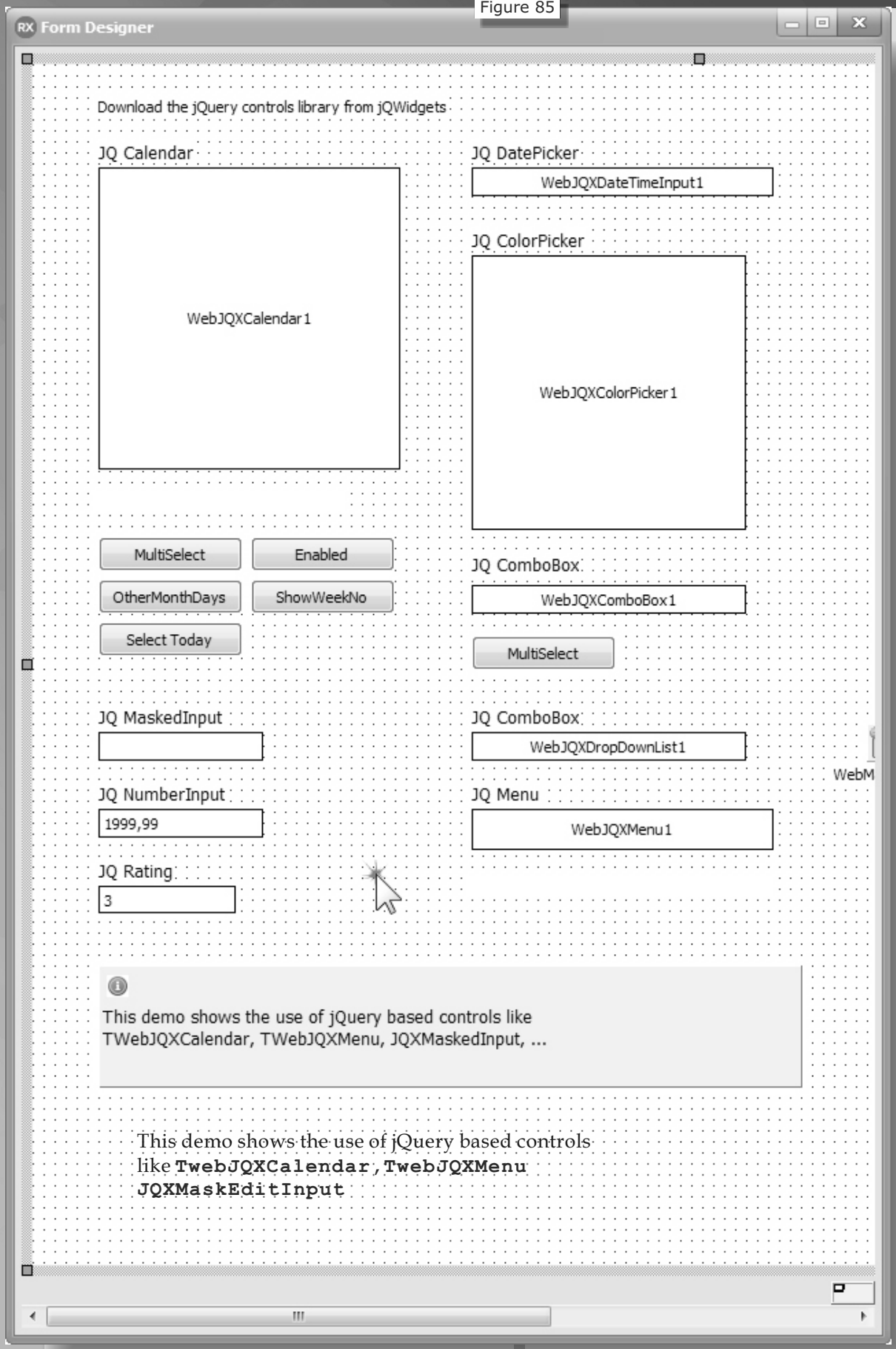


Figure 84:
Not only can TMS Web integrate JavaScript frameworks that style or make other design changes to your application, it can also integrate visual controls that are designed in other JavaScript frameworks. It is not possible to provide design-time integration for these visual controls, but you will have access to all properties, methods and events during design-time as well as run-time.
Many visual components of the jQuery framework are being supported using the jQWidgets framework.

Figure 85



This demo shows the use of jQuery based controls like **`TwebJQXCalendar`**, **`TwebJQXMenu`** **`JQXMaskEditInput`**

```
var
 Form2: TForm2;

implementation

{$R *.dfm}

procedure TForm2.WebButton1Click(Sender: TObject);
begin
 WebJQXCalendar1.MultiSelect := not WebJQXCalendar1.MultiSelect;
end;

procedure TForm2.WebButton2Click(Sender: TObject);
begin
 WebJQXCalendar1.OtherMonthDays := not WebJQXCalendar1.OtherMonthDays;
end;

procedure TForm2.WebButton3Click(Sender: TObject);
begin
 WebJQXCalendar1.WeekNumbers := not WebJQXCalendar1.WeekNumbers;
end;

procedure TForm2.WebButton4Click(Sender: TObject);
begin
 WebJQXCalendar1.Enabled := not WebJQXCalendar1.Enabled;
end;

procedure TForm2.WebButton5Click(Sender: TObject);
begin
 WebJQXComboBox1.MultiSelect := not WebJQXComboBox1.MultiSelect;

end;

procedure TForm2.WebButton6Click(Sender: TObject);
begin
 WebJQXCalendar1.Date := Now;
end;

procedure TForm2.WebFormCreate(Sender: TObject);
var
 I: Integer;
begin
 for I := 1 to 10 do
 begin
  WebJQXComboBox1.Items.Add('Item ' + IntToStr(I));
  WebJQXDropDownList1.Items.Add('Item ' + IntToStr(I));
 end;

end;

procedure TForm2.WebJQXCalendar1DateClick(Sender: TObject;
 Event: TJQXCalendarEventArgs);
begin
 WebLabel3.Caption := DateTimeToStr(Event.Date);
end;

procedure TForm2.WebJQXMenu1ItemClick(Sender: TObject;
 Event: TJQXMenuEventArgs);
begin
 WeblabelMenu.Caption := 'Item: "' + Event.Source.Caption + '" clicked';
end;

end.
```

Code Listing 17

ENUMERATED TYPES AND ASSOCIATED ATTRIBUTES PAGE 1/14

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ABSTRACT

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Enumerated Types are a powerful tool to delimit the possible values for a variable or parameter. They are simple to understand, and simple to use in your code. But it becomes a bit more difficult when you want to expose them to your users in the User Interface. Then we need some conversion of an enumerated value to a value a user can understand. This brings the need for attributes to Enumerated Types. This article describes a possible implementation using generic lists of record-like structures, with inheritance functionality to make this useable for many

THE REQUIREMENT

I will use as an example an Enumerated Type for the State of a Change Request. The type definition could look like:

```
TCRState = ( csRegistered, csAnalysis,
csApproved, csDesign, csDevelopment,
csTesting, csReleased, csCancelled,
csRejected );
```

For each State there are some properties like Name (the Name to show in the UI), Description (more detailed definition of the State) and OpenState (is work still needed or already going on?). This could lead to following value matrix:

Enumeration	Name	OpenState	Description
csRegistered	Registered	True	The CR was registered but needs Analysis
csAnalysis	Analysis	True	The CR is being analyzed
csApproved	Approved	True	The CR is approved, budget available, work can start
csDesign	Design	True	The Design for the CR is going on
csDevelopment	Development	True	The Code Development was started
csTesting	Testing	True	The Code is being Tested
csReleased	Released	False	The Code was Released into Production
csCancelled	Cancelled	False	Work on the CR was stopped
csRejected	Rejected	False	After Analysis, the CR was rejected

Many more properties could be possible, like business logic when is it allowed to reach e.g. **crCancelled** (not from **csReleased**, **crRejected**, **crCancelled**, *but probably on all other States*), but I will use the set above as a starter. Name looks a bit curious as it could be retrieved from the Enumeration, but think of a different language: in Dutch you still have **csReleased** but Name could be 'Vrijgegeven'.
My first implementations used a record structure like:

```
TCRStateRecord = RECORD
 CRState      : TCRState;
 Name   : String;
 OpenState  : Boolean;
 Description : String;
END;
```

These records were stored in an array of records with associated functionality to find items and to retrieve the special attribute values.
Over time, the number of similar implementations grew considerably. The array of records was replaced by a **TList** of records, but each time special **TLists** were needed, with specific functionality for **GetItems**, **Finding**, **Sorting** etc. On the other hand, there was a great deal of similarity between them, so I started to look for a more generic approach using inheritance.

TENUMITEM

Records are simple, but they lack inheritance functionality. So, when you want to have a common ancestor for records representing an Enumerated Item, then you need to switch to a **CLASS.** This leads to following class definition:

```
TEnumBasic = CLASS
PRIVATE
 FDescription : String;
 FEnumName   : String;
 FEnumOrd    : Integer;
 FName     : String;
PUBLIC
 PROPERTY  Description : String READ FDescription WRITE FDescription;
 PROPERTY  EnumName   : String READ FEnumName;
 PROPERTY  EnumOrd    : Integer READ FEnumOrd;
 PROPERTY  Name     : String READ FName     WRITE FName;
END;
```

You will miss here the Enumerated Type itself as property. The problem is that the actual `Enumerated Type` cannot be known at this moment. The **Generics** Construct

```
TEnumItem< ET > = CLASS
```

could be a solution for that, but the ET (**Enumerated Type**) is not a class type so generic parameter references like

```
NewItem : TEnumItem< ET >
```

are not possible. You need to specialize them like

```
NewItem : TEnumItem< TCrState >
```

As I could not solve this in a straight forward way, I use the trick of a derived type:

```
TEnumItem< ET > = CLASS( TEnumBasic )
PRIVATE
 FEnumerator : ET;
PROTECTED
 PROCEDURE  SetEnumOrd( CONST Value : Integer ); VIRTUAL;
 PROCEDURE  SetName( CONST Value : String ); VIRTUAL;
PUBLIC
 PROPERTY  Enumerator : String READ FEnumerator;
END;
```

The purpose of **SetEnumOrd** and **SetEnumName** will be discussed later. Via this inheritance the **ET** can be specialized whereas parameter references could be to its ancestor, like:

```
NewItem : TEnumBasic;
```

Later we will need some more functionality on the **TEnumItem,** but let us first see how the **TCrState Enumerated Type** could be implemented:

```
TCrStateItem = CLASS( TEnumItem< TCrState > )
PRIVATE
 FOpenState : Boolean;
PUBLIC
 PROPERTY  CrState  : TCrState READ FEnumerator WRITE FEnumerator;
 PROPERTY  OpenState : Boolean  READ FOpenState  WRITE FOpenState;
END;
```

It inherits of course the attributes from its ancestors and has one additional attribute: **OpenState** plus a pseudo attribute: **CrState** which is just an easy representation of the Enumerator. Not really needed but sometimes very useful.

TENUMLIST

Now it is time to look how we can store the **TEnumItems.** By starting **Generics** for **TEnumItem,** it is logical to use Generics for the list of **TEnumItems** as well. Also here it came out that an inheritance trick was needed, similar to **TEnumItem,** so the basic setup looks as follows:

```
TEnumBasicList< EB : TEnumBasic, CONSTRUCTOR >
CLASS( TObjectList< EB > )
PUBLIC
 CONSTRUCTOR  Create; OVERLOAD;
END;
```

Where in most cases developers would use T as the class identifier, I use **EB** as abbreviat for **TEnumBasic** for clarity. The ancestor cl is an **TObjectList** because compared to a **TList** it has the capability of automatically freeing object entries when they are removed from the list or when the list is freed. Please notice the **CONSTRUCTOR** constraint which implies that the actual **EB** type must be a class that defines a default constructor (*a public parameterless constructor*). As a result, methods within **TEnumBasicList** may construct instances of **EB** using its default constructor, without knowing anything about **EB** itself (*no minimum base type requirements*). To reference this basic class, we need a NickName as follows:

```
TEnumBasicListExt = CLASS( TEnumBasicList< TEnumBasic >
```

Basically, it determines the basic classes as the ultimate ancestors. It is used in the following derived class definition:

```
TEnumList< ET; EI: TEnumItem< ET >, CONSTRUCTOR> = CLASS( TEnumBasicListExt )
PRIVATE
 PROCEDURE  Initialize;
 FUNCTION  GetEnumItem( Value : ET ) : EI;
 FUNCTION  GetItem( Index : Integer) : EI;
PUBLIC
 CONSTRUCTOR Create; OVERLOAD;
 PROPERTY  EnumItems[ Index : ET ] : EI READ GetEnumItem; DEFAULT;
 PROPERTY  Items[ Index : Integer ] : EI READ GetItem;
END
```

Here I use **ET** as abbreviation for Enumerated Type (like **TCrState)** and **EI** for **TEnumItem.** The Class Definition needs both and because they are of a different type, they must be separated by a semicolon. For **EI** the type is **TEnumItem<ET>**, thus an **EnumItem** specialized for **ET.** But **ET** is no type thus we cannot make that part of the definition constraint, so at this moment it is still undetermined. It will only become defined when we define the List for e.g. the **TCrStates:**

```
TCrStateList = CLASS( TEnumList< TCrState, TCrStateItem > );
```

But let us go back to the definition of the **TEnumList.** It is derived from **TEnumBasicListExt** which returns Items typed as **EB.** We need **GetItems** to perform a simple type casting to **EI:**

```
FUNCTION TEnumList< ET, EI >.GetItem( Index : Integer ) : EI;
BEGIN
 Result := EI( INHERITED Items[ Index ] );
END;
```

We want to use the **TCrStateList** by reference to an **Enumerator** instead of an Index, like:

```
PROCEDURE ShowCrStateDescription( Value : TCrState );
VAR
 AList : TCrStateList;
BEGIN
 AList := TcrStateList.Create;
 ShowMessage( AList[ Value ].Description );
END;
```

This requires the default **EnumItems** property using **GetEnumItem.** Before discussing in detail how **GetEnumItem** is implemented, let us first look how to Initialize the list.

INITIALIZATION

TEnumList is a list of **TEnumItem.** So, it is logical to create a **TEnumItem** for every **Enumerator** in the **Enumerated Type.** We can create more, but why would you need two entries with the same **Enumerator?** Only for a different Name?

You could think of **csDevelopment** having Names like '**Internal Development**' and '**Outsourced Development**'. But in such case, there seems to be a functional difference between them, so it is better to split **csDevelopment** into **csDevelopmentInt** and **csDevelopmentExt.** **TEnumList** is therefore a list of unique ordinalities,which is created via:

```
PROCEDURE TEnumList< ET, EI >.Initialize;
VAR  iEnumOrd : Integer;
     rEnumItem : EI; rEnumType : ET;
BEGIN
 FOR iEnumOrd := FEnumInfo.TypeData.MinValue TO
FEnumInfo.TypeData.MaxValue DO
  BEGIN
   rEnumItem := EI.Create;
   rEnumItem.SetEnumOrd( iEnumOrd );
   rEnumItem.SetName( rEnumItem.FEnumName );
   INHERITED Add( rEnumItem );
 END;
END;
```

This procedure requires some more explanation. One could expect to use

```
FOR iEnumOrd := Low( ET ) TO High( ET ) DO
```

But the compiler has no notion what **ET** really means (**E2008: Incompatible types**) so we must resolve that during runtime. For this purpose, the **FEnumInfo** parameter is used which is

```
CONSTRUCTOR TEnumList< ET, EI >.Create;
BEGIN
 INHERITED Create;
 FEnumInfo := TypeInfo( ET );
 Initialize;
END;
```

Via the **TypeInfo.TypeData** record we can determine the minimum and maximum ordinality values. In the Initialize procedure we set the **EnumOrd** and the Name properties. But because **EnumOrd** uniquely defines each element, **EnumName** and Enumerator can be derived from it. This is the purpose of the **SetEnumOrd** procedure on **TEnumItem:**

```
PROCEDURE TEnumItem< ET >.SetEnumOrd( CONST Value : Integer );
BEGIN
 FEnumName  := GetEnumName( TypeInfo( ET ), Value );
 FEnumOrd   := Value;
 FEnumerator := TRttiEnumerationType.GetValue<ET>( FEnumName );
END;
```

The determinitation of **FEnumerator** is the tricky point here because a simple type casting like:

```
FEnumerator := ET( FEnumOrd ;
```

does not compile (**E2089: Invalid Typecast**), for the same reason as given above. But the Run Time Type Information (**RTTI**) contains the solution as needed here.
With **FEnumName** determined, it is a simple step to give the Name the value of **FEnumName** as default value. Later we can always update to what we really want.
While working on this **Class**, it becomes more and more clear that the **TEnumList** should have full control over **TEnumItem.** That is also the reason that **EnumName, EnumOrd** and Enumerator are read-only values on **TEnumItem.** These values can only be set via protected procedures, in this case only from **TEnumList.** Once the list is created via **Initialize, Additions** and **Deletes** should no longer be possible. Therefore, we override these **functionalities** via:

```
FUNCTION TEnumList< ET, EI >.Add( CONST Value : ET ) : Integer;
BEGIN
 RAISE Exception.Create( 'Addition is not allowed' );
END;

PROCEDURE TEnumList< ET, EI >.Delete( Index : Integer );
BEGIN
 RAISE Exception.Create( 'Delete is not allowed' );
END;
```

Because of this, we must call **INHERITED Add** and not just **Add** in the **Initialize** procedure. By making Initialize part of the constructor, the list is automatically populated at create of the list.

RETRIEVING AND UPDATING ITEMS

It is now time to discuss the **GetEnumItem** function. It looks like:

```
FUNCTION TEnumList< ET, EI >.GetEnumItem( Value : ET ) : EI;
VAR
 iOrd : Integer;
 iEnum : Integer;
BEGIN
 iOrd := ConvertEnumToOrd( Value );
 FOR iEnum := 0 TO Count - 1 DO
  IF ( Items[ iEnum ].EnumOrd = iOrd )THEN
   BEGIN
    Result  := Items[ iEnum ];
    Break;
   END;
END;
```

Basically, this is very straight forward, apart from the **ConvertEnumToOrd** function. Due to the same problems as noticed before, following does not compile:

```
iOrd >= Ord( Value );
```

As workaround I developed **ConvertEnumToOrd** which is defined as:

```
FUNCTION TEnumList< ET, EI >.ConvertEnumToOrd( Value: ET ): Integer;
BEGIN
 CASE System.TypInfo.GetTypeData( TypeInfo( ET ) )^.OrdType OF
  otUByte, otSByte : Result := PByte( @Value )^;
  otUWord, otSWord : Result := PWord( @Value )^;
  otULong, otSLong : Result := PInteger( @Value )^;
 END;
END;
```

This is not something you easily invent, but it is a customization of the **TRttiEnumerationType.GetName<T{: enum}>(AValue: T) function** in the **Rtti** unit.
With the **GetEnumItem** functionality it is possible to set e.g. the Description like:

```
VAR
 AList : TCrStateList;
BEGIN
 AList := TcrStateList.Create;
 AList[ csAnalysis ].Description := 'The CR is being analyzed';
```

The Name cannot be set in this way because it is read-only, mainly because you want Name to be unique. And the List needs to determine if a new Name value is acceptable. This can be done via:

```
PROCEDURE TEnumList< ET, EI >.ModifyNameDescr( Value : ET; Name : String;
  Description : String );
VAR
 rItem   : EI;
 rExisting : EI;
BEGIN
 rExisting := FindName( Name );

 IF ( rExisting = NIL ) THEN
  BEGIN
   rItem       := GetEnumItem( Value );
   rItem.SetName( Name );
   rItem.Description  := Description;
  END
 ELSE
  RAISE Exception.Create( 'Name ''' + Name + ''' is already in use with item ' + rExisting.EnumName );
END;
```

In this procedure also the **Description** is set, because that is what you would like to do in most of the simple implementations of **TEnumList.** To check if the Name already exists, we need the **FindName** procedure:

```
FUNCTION TEnumList< ET, EI >.FindName( Name : String ) : EI;
VAR
 iEnum   : Integer;
 iCompare : Integer;
BEGIN
 Result  := NIL;

 FOR iEnum := 0 TO Count - 1 DO
  BEGIN
   iCompare  := AnsiCompareText( Items[ iEnum ].Name, Name );

   IF ( iCompare = 0 ) THEN
    BEGIN
     Result := Items[ iEnum ];
     Break;
    END;
  END;
END;
```

This procedure does a case insensitive check, which is logical in view of the nature of the Name field: registered and **REGISTERED** should mean the same **csRegistered.** With this functionality available, it is now possible to create our **TCrStateList** as follows:

```
CONSTRUCTOR TCrStateList.Create;

BEGIN
 INHERITED Create;

 ModifyNameDescr( csRegistered, 'Registered', 'The CR was registered but needs Analysis' );
 ModifyNameDescr( csAnalysis, 'Analysis', 'The CR is being analyzed' );
 ModifyNameDescr( csApproved, 'Approved', 'The CR is approved, budget available,
                                          work can start' );
 ModifyNameDescr( csDesign, 'Design', 'The Design for the CR is going on' );
 ModifyNameDescr( csDevelopment, 'Development', 'The Code Development was started' );
 ModifyNameDescr( csTesting, 'Testing', 'The Code is being Tested' );
 ModifyNameDescr( csReleased, 'Released', 'The Code was Released into Production' );
 ModifyNameDescr( csCancelled, 'Cancelled', 'Work on the CR was stopped' );
 ModifyNameDescr( csRejected, 'Rejected', 'After Analysis, the CR was rejected' );

 EnumItems[ csRegistered ].OpenState  := True;
 EnumItems[ csAnalysis ].OpenState   := True;
 EnumItems[ csApproved ].OpenState   := True;
 EnumItems[ csDesign ].OpenState    := True;
 EnumItems[ csDevelopment ].OpenState := True;
 EnumItems[ csTesting ].OpenState   := True;
END;
```

Of course, it is not necessary to make these configurations part of the **Creator.** You could also choose to load the information from an Ini File or from a **DataSet** but that would require some extra functionality.

NAME CASING

In most cases you want to control the casing of the Name, and maybe even switch the casing. This could look like:

```
TNameCasing = ( ncNone, ncUpper, ncLower, ncFirst );
```

ncNone means no requirements, **ncUpper** means we want **UpperCase, ncLower** means we want **LowerCase** while **ncFirst** means the first character is **UpperCase,** the rest is **LowerCase** (*in fact a nice example to use TEnumList for these definitions!*). To convert a Name to the required **NameCasing,** following function was developed:

```
FUNCTION ConvertNameCasing( Name : String; Casing : TNameCasing ) : String;
BEGIN
 CASE Casing OF
  ncUpper : Result := UpperCase( Name );
  ncLower : Result := LowerCase( Name );
  ncFirst : Result := UpperCase( Copy( Name, 1, 1 ) ) + LowerCase( Copy( Name, 2, Length( Name ) ) );
 ELSE
      Result := Name;
 END;
END
```

Which **NameCasing** should be applied, should be defined on the **TEnumList** and be propagated to each of its items. This leads to following additions to the definition of **TEnumBasicList:**

```
PRIVATE
 FNameCasing  : TNameCasing;
 PROCEDURE SetNameCasing( Value : TNameCasing );
PUBLIC
 PROPERTY NameCasing : TNameCasing READ FNameCasing WRITE
SetNameCasing;

where SetNameCasing gets following implementation:
PROCEDURE TEnumBasicList< EB >.SetNameCasing( CONST Value :
TNameCasing );
VAR
 iEnum    : Integer;
BEGIN
 FNameCasing := Value;
 FOR iEnum := 0 TO Count - 1 DO
  Items[ iEnum ].SetName( Items[ iEnum ].Name );
END;
```

In this way all **EnumItems** are adapted in the same way when the **NameCasing** is changed, to keep the casing uniform across the list. The actual setting is arranged in the **SetName** procedure on **TEnumItem:**

```
PROCEDURE TEnumItem< ET >.SetName( CONST Value : String );
BEGIN
 FName := ConvertNameCasing( Value, TEnumBasicListExt(FOwner).NameCasing );
END;
```

The **NameCasing** field is not available on **TEnumItem,** so we must get it from **TEnumBasicList.** Until now we did nothing to tell that an **TEnumItem** belongs to a specific **TEnumList.** Therefore I introduced on **TEnumBasic** the field **FOwner** as a **Pointer.** It must be set when we create the Item, which can be done in the Initialize procedure via:

```
rEnumItem.FOwner := Self;
```

Because **FOwner** is just a Pointer, it must be type casted to **TEnumBasicListExt.** Defining **FOwner** directly as **TEnumBasicListExt** is not possible due to several mutual dependent type definitions.

SORTING

It is a general requirement that lists can be sorted. The **TCrState** could be sorted on **EnumOrd** (*natural ordering*) or on Name while several more possibilities could exist. To use the standard Sort procedure of **TObjectList,** you need to provide the **Comparer** functionality via its Interface to the **Sort** command. So how should this **Comparer** look like? Again, I want to be generic, therefore one compare function should be able to compare on arbitrary **Numeric** or **String Fields**, case sensitive or not, ascending or descending. The definition of the **Comparer** therefore becomes:

```
TCompareValues< EB : TEnumBasic > = CLASS( TComparer< EB > )
PRIVATE
 FCaseSensitive : Boolean;
 FSortAscending : Boolean;
PUBLIC
 CONSTRUCTOR Create; OVERLOAD;
 FUNCTION Compare( CONST Left, Right : EB ) : Integer; OVERRIDE;
 PROPERTY CaseSensitive : Boolean READ FCaseSensitive WRITE FCaseSensitive;
 PROPERTY SortAscending : Boolean READ FSortAscending WRITE FSortAscending;
END;
```

the **RTTI** sees the context as **TEnumItem<ET>** and not as an item possibly derived from **TEnumItem<ET>** like **TCrStateItem.** Consequently, all additional properties in derived items will lead to compiler errors like 'Property XXXX does not exist', when running this code. The solution is to determine the **ClassType** during runtime, because on that moment knowledge on the actual type of the items is available.

For sure you want some further explanation what is happening here. First, we determine the actual type of **TEnumType** via the **ClassType.** Second, we determine the property on which we want to compare, which is specified on the List. Third, we can determine the value of the Property. But the **GetValue** procedure causes a lot of problems: the result is of **TValue** which often leads to errors when used as **TValue.AsString.** Following procedure could resolve that as well:

```
FUNCTION ConvertValueToString( AProperty : TRttiProperty; Value : TValue;
  ForSorting : Boolean ) : String;
VAR
 iAdd    : Integer;
 rPropInfo  : PTypeInfo;
BEGIN
 CASE AProperty.PropertyType.TypeKind OF
  tkEnumeration :
   BEGIN
    rPropInfo := AProperty.PropertyType.Handle;
    IF ( rPropInfo = System.TypeInfo( Boolean )) THEN
     IF ( Value.AsOrdinal = 0 ) THEN Result:='False' ELSE Result:='True'
    ELSE
     Result := GetEnumName( rPropInfo, Value.AsOrdinal );     END;
  tkInteger :
   BEGIN
  iAdd   := 0;
  IF ForSorting THEN iAdd := 1000000;
  Result  := IntToStr( Value.AsInteger + iAdd     END;
 ELSE
  Result  := Value.AsString;
 END;
END;
```

The curious point here is that **Booleans** have **TypeKind = tkEnumerated** (*one would expect tkBoolean but that does not exist*) so **GetEnumName** is not useful. **iAdder** is used to avoid compare problems like **2 > 11**, because the **Comparer** does a straight forward string compare. **ForSorting** is a Parameter that was added for some other purposes. With all these additions we can do the actual Sort via:

It has following implementation for the **Compare function:**

```
FUNCTION TCompareValues< EB >.Compare( CONST Left, Right : EB ) : Integer;
BEGIN
 IF FCaseSensitive THEN
  Result := AnsiCompareStr( Left.GetCompareValue, Right.GetCompareValue )
 ELSE
  Result := AnsiCompareText( Left.GetCompareValue, Right.GetCompareValue );

 IF NOT FSortAscending THEN
  Result := - Result;
END;
```

I could not define this comparer for **EI** items because of the unknown dependency to **ET**. Instead, this function uses **EB** Items to compare (*in fact, this was one of the reasons to split between* **TEnumBasicList** *and* **TEnumList**). But on that basic level, only the basic fields are present, not additional fields like 'OpenState'. The compiler simply rejects those additional fields. The trick is to introduce a 'calculated field' via a special **GetCompareValue** function on **TEnumItem**, using an **FCompareField**, defined on **TEnumBasicList:**

```
FUNCTION TEnumItem< ET >.GetCompareValue : String;
VAR
 rContext : TRttiContext;
 rType   : TRttiType;
 rProperty : TRttiProperty;
 oValue  : TValue;
BEGIN
 rType   := rContext.GetType( ClassType );
 rProperty := rType.GetProperty(
TEnumBasicListExt(FOwner).FCompareField );
 oValue  := rProperty.GetValue(Self );
 Result  := ConvertValueToString( rProperty, oValue, True );
```

Because the **Compare** Function will call this procedure on **TEnumBasic**, we need to make **GetCompareValue** available also on **TEnumBasic**. A **VIRTUAL, ABSTRACT** function on **TEnumBasic** is sufficient to actually use the **GetCompareValue** on **TEnumItem** (*provided it is specified with* **OVERRIDE**). The code snippet above again poses some implementation challenges because with the first guess:

```
sField := TEnumBasicListExt( FOwner ).FCompareField;
 Result := GetPropValue( Self, sField );
```

```
PROCEDURE TEnumBasicList< EB >.Sort;
BEGIN
 FComparer.FCaseSensitive := FCaseSensitive;
 FComparer.FSortAscending := FSortAscending;
 INHERITED Sort( FComparer AS IComparer< EB > );
END;
```

The **FComparer** is defined as

```
FComparer : TCompareValues< EB >;
```

and is created in the creator of

TEnumBasicList as:

```
FComparer := TCompareValues< EB >.Create;
```

In normal cases you would define **FComparer** as:

```
FComparer : IComparer< EB >;
```

because only the interface would be needed, but in this case, we added **FCaseSensitive** and **FSortAscending** as Fields, which we want to change on the fly. Therefore, we first need to create **TCompareValues< EB >** and then set the appropriate attributes. We also need to free it in Destroy. Obviously, such type is not qualified for automatic freeing by **TObjectList**, as it is not a list item.

EXPORT

One of the use cases could be to see the list of Names in a **StringList**. We can arrange this as follows:

```
PROCEDURE TEnumList< ET, EI >.PopulateStringList( List : TStrings;
   Field : String );
VAR
 rContext : TRttiContext;
 rType    : TRttiType;
 rProperty : TRttiProperty;
 oValue   : TValue;
 iEnum    : Integer;
BEGIN
 List.Clear;
 rType    := rContext.GetType( TypeInfo( EI ) );
 rProperty := rType.GetProperty( Field );
 FOR iEnum := 0 TO Count - 1 DO
  BEGIN
   oValue := rProperty.GetValue( TObject( Items[ iEnum ] )
   List.Add( ConvertValueToString( rProperty, oValue, False ) );
  END;
END;
```

Here we can specify the name of the Field to export. For the rest, this procedure uses functionality already discussed earlier.
For our example we will also create a list of **`Open States`** via:

```
PROCEDURE TCrStateList.PopulateOpenStates( List : TStrings );
VAR
 iEnum : Integer;
BEGIN
 List.Clear;
 FOR iEnum := 0 TO Count - 1 DO
  IF Items[ iEnum ].OpenState THEN
   List.Add( Items[ iEnum ].Name );
END;
```

DEMONSTRATION

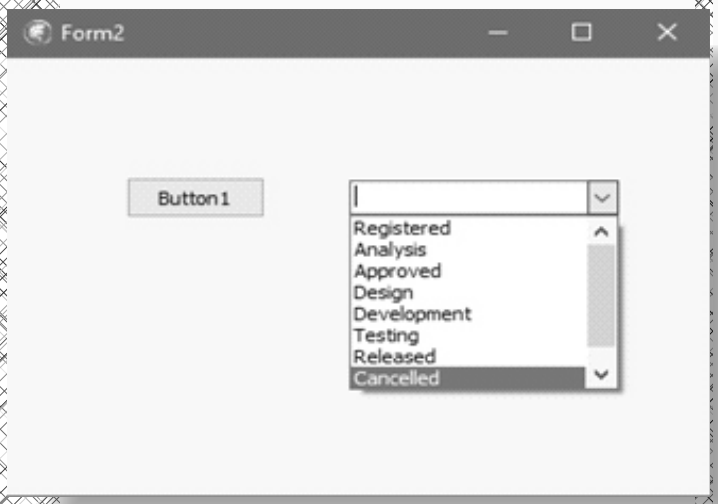
It is now time for a demonstration. You can create a Demo Application with a Button and 2 **`ComboBoxes.`** The button must have an **`OnClick`** event like:

```
PROCEDURE TForm1.Button1Click( Sender : TObject );
VAR
 lStates : TCrStateList;
BEGIN
 lStates := TCrStateList.Create;
 TRY
  lStates.PopulateStringList( ComboBox1.Items, 'Name' );
  lStates.NameCasing  := ncUpper;
  lStates.CompareField := 'Name';
  lStates.SortAscending := False;
  lStates.Sort;
  lStates.PopulateOpenStates( ComboBox2.Items );
  ShowMessage( 'Done' );
 FINALLY
  lStates.Free;
 END;
END;
```

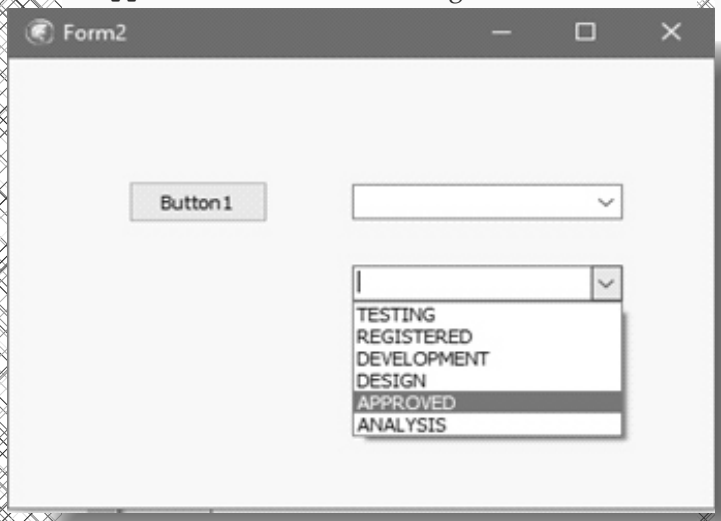
`ComboBox1` gets an **`OnDblClick`** event like:

```
PROCEDURE TForm1.ComboBox1DblClick(Sender: TObject);
VAR
 lStates : TCrStateList;
 sName : String;
BEGIN
 lStates := TCrStateList.Create;
 TRY
  sName := ComboBox1.Text;
  IF ( sName <> '' ) THEN
   ShowMessage( FStates.FindName( sName ).Description );
 FINALLY
  lStates.Free;
 END;
END;
```

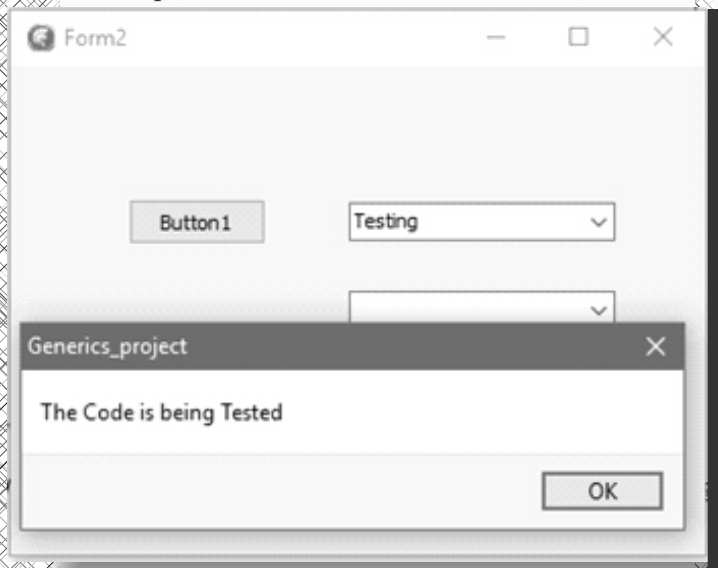
Pressing the button will populate **ComboBox1** with the Names in natural order:



ComboBox2 is populated with only the **Open States**, in **UpperCase** and in descending order:



When you double click on the selected item in **ComboBox1**, you get a message representing the Description of the selected item, like:



We see that **TCrStateList** can be used with only a few lines of additional coding; almost all the work is done via the generic **TEnumItem** and **TEnumList**.

CONCLUSION

With Generics, Inheritance and some RTTI functionality it is possible to develop generic functionality to maintain Attributes for Enumerated Types. The meaning of each Enumerator can simply be defined with the standard Description field. During development I gathered quite some knowledge on the functioning of Generics and RTTI and I needed to use some not obvious tricks. Also, the code used for Generics is more difficult to read/understand than 'normal' code. The reward however is, that the resulting generic functionality can be tailored easily for case specific needs via derived types. It will for example be possible to specify completely the associated business logics. This can be of great importance because all relevant settings can be maintained on one place, in one derived TEnumItem / TEnumList combination.

FUN XY (A WYSIWYG MATH EDITOR) PAGE 1/5

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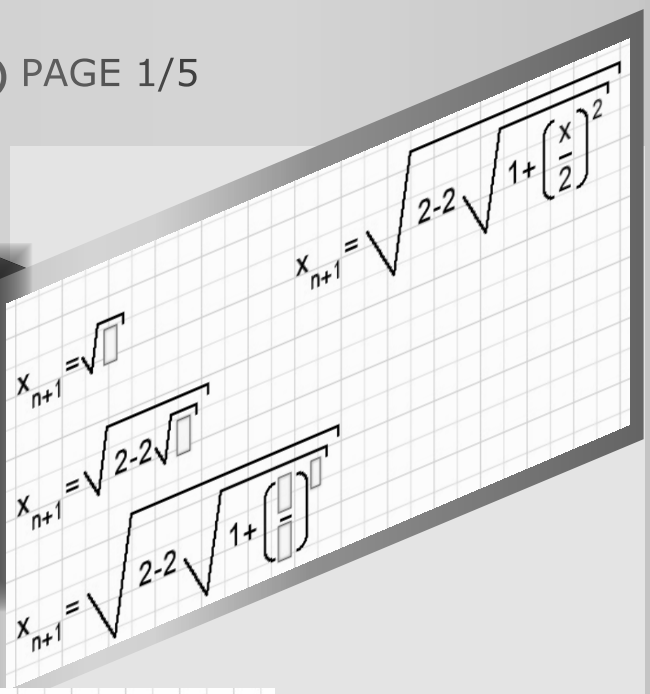
For some years now, I have been working on a wysiwyg math editor. The main purpose is to supply a vehicle for easy communication of mathematical texts.
Such documents include:drawings:
(lines, circles, planes...)
geometrical constructions :
(bisectors, regular polygons,
inscribed- and circumscribed circles....)
equation graphs :
(also parametric- and implicit functions)
text : (including fractions, roots, powers, indices...)



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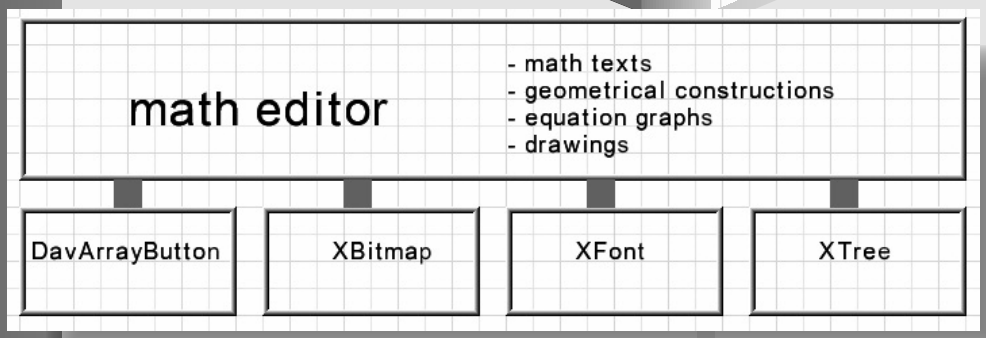


DavArrayButton
Own component with rows and columns of buttons. Used in menus to select properties, elements and operation modes.

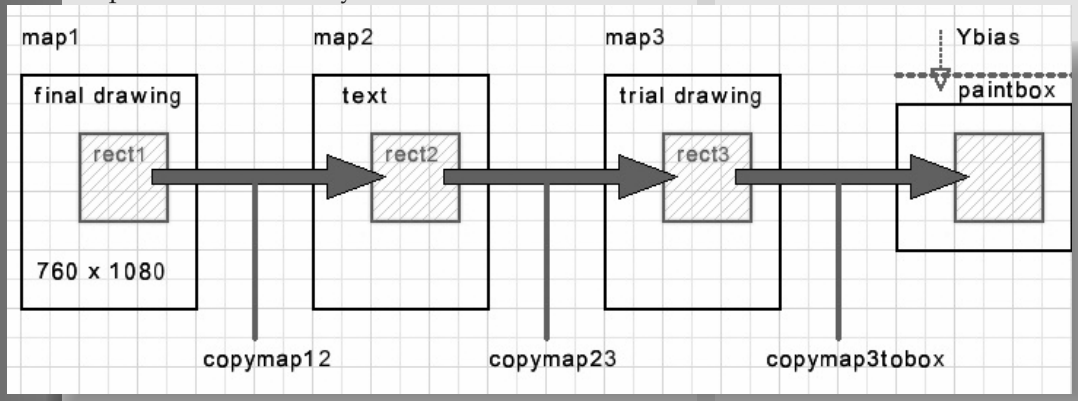
XBitmap
Own class. Extension of Tbitmap with clipping rectangle, improved stretchdraw and floodfill, dash-dot lines of larger penwidths, lines with arrows.

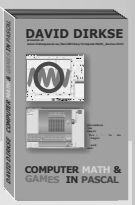
Xfont
Own class of scalable fonts with Greek characters and geometrical symbols.

Xtree
Own class with tree structure for text editing. Implements UNDO system as well.

These classes are described in my book: "computer math and games in Pascal".

GENERAL DATA FLOW.
All data is stored in vectorized form as array of records.
Drawing is done in three Xbitmaps with size 760 * 1080 (hor * vert) pixels.





Map1: drawings
Supplies background for

Map2: text

Map3: Trial drawings: during the drawing of lines etc. or geometrical constructions.

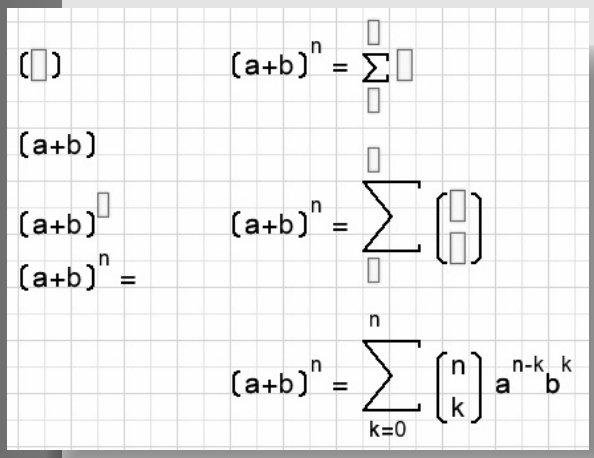
Part of a Xbitmap may be erased by copying that part from the left Xbitmap.
Finally, images are displayed by copying them to a paintbox.
This paintbox displays part of Xbitmap3, this part is selectable by a scrollbar.

During editing only modified rectangles of the Xbitmaps are transferred.
Cursors are painted in the paintbox and are erased by copying part of map3 to the paintbox.

The general idea is that elements are placed on a Xbitmap canvas.
Elements occupy rectangular spaces.
There are graphical elements and text elements.
The graphical elements include lines, circles, arcs etc. This article focusses on text.

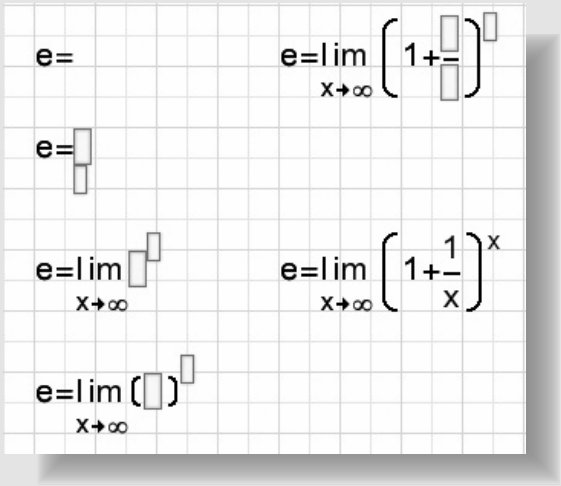
Text consists of lines holding characters and macro's. A macro holds one or more lines.
Some macro's add graphical symbols such as a root or fraction line.

To give an impression I show the steps in typing the Newton Binomium:
(look left top – down, than right-top down)
The editor paints empty lines with a yellow background.



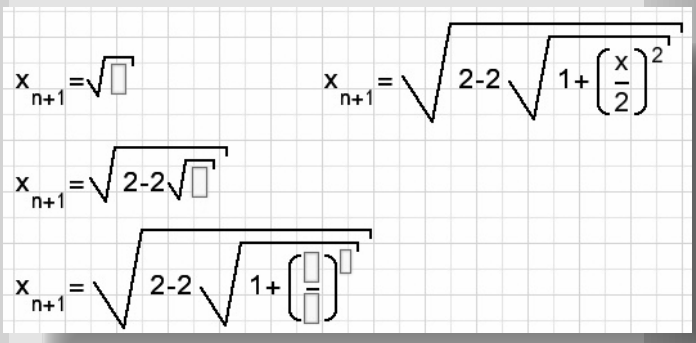
Starting left-top, a (...) macro is added, on it's line a+b is typed.
After that a power macro is placed, n is typed in the line.
After the = character a sigma macro is added and it's lines are filled with k=0, n, and a (n over k) macro. Etcetera.
The picture shows that the sigma macro automatically adjusts it's size when the (n over k) macro was added.

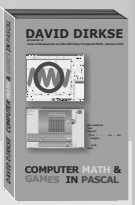
Second example is the constant e, base of the natural logarithm:



Please note the the (..) macro adjusts it's size when the fraction macro is added.
Also the power x position is automatically adjusted.
Macro's are selected by a mouseclick on a (davarray) button.

Last example: the chord bisector formula:





Below is the macro elements menu from with the macro elements were selected:

HOW IS THIS ALL DONE?

Elements that hold other elements within are called a parent. The elements within the parent are called children.
Each element type has three procedures which are element type specific:

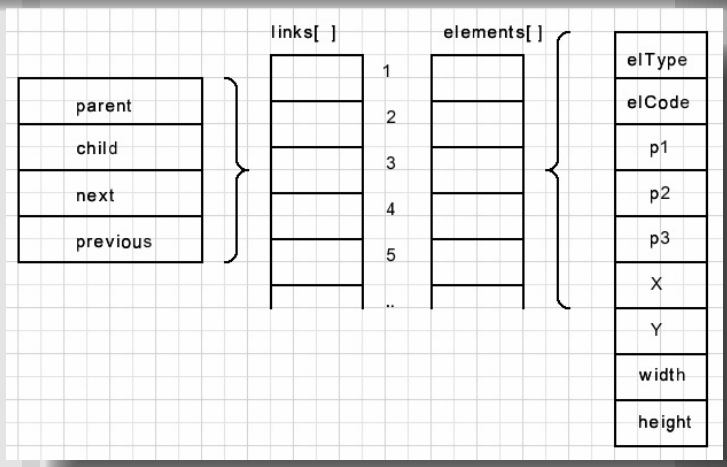
1. creation : add it's properties to a list
2. calculation of it's contents :
   postion of children, it's own width and height
3. painting it's contents :
   child lines with characters
   + graphics such as root symbols

The position of characters in a line are relative to the parent line.
The position of lines in a macro are relative to the parent macro.
So, when moving an element it's children do not change.
Note that an element never calculates it's own position,t he parent has to take care of that.

All other procedures such as adding, deleting, replacing elements are element type independent.
Inserting a character in a line or a line in a textbox is the same operation however the result is quite different as the parent recalculates the childrens positions differently.

When a child changes in size due to add or delete operations, it informs it's parent which will recalculate itself.
If it's size changes again, the parent calls it's parent...etc.
The finally changed element is erased and repainted on the Xbitmap canvas.
That's all.

The properties of a text element are stored in an array called element[…]
The parent-child relation is stored in a separate array callind links[ ]
The indices to both arrays are the same.
Below is the record structure with links[3] and element[3] records expanded:

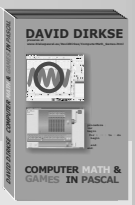


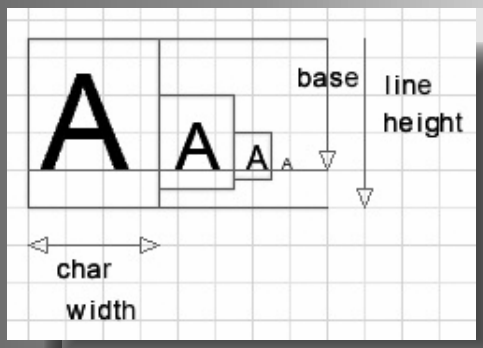
Element[1] is the document itself. All other elements are the children of element 1.

A parent may have many children.
The parent points to the first child, each child itself points to the next.
Links[ ] is a bidirectional linked list.
The elements records have the following meaning:

eltype: frame , macro, line, character
elCode: element specific property. Character code for characters. Frame code for frames.
P1: element dependent: font number for characters, alignment code for lines.
P2: element dependent: top symbol (` , ') for characters, subcode for macros.
P3: element dependent: base for characters,lines and macro's.
For frames: pointer to the first graphic element in the frame.
X : horizontal position relative to parent.
Y : vertical position relative to parent
width , height: element width and height.

The baseline takes care of vertical text alignment.
Characters of different font, height and color may occupy a line side by side.
Below characters are shown with height 80,40,20,10 placed on the base of the line.





To show a little of the code: below is listed the procedure which is the core of the automatic resizing and recalculation scheme:nes rectangles.

```
procedure processELchange(el : dword);
//element reports change to it's parent el
//el can be macro,line,column (not char or block)
//purpose is
//1. to call for recalculation of parents
//2. set area to be erased
//3. set element that needs repainting
var oldw,oldh : smallInt;
   Done : boolean;
   r1 : Trect;
begin
 eraseflag := false;
 spaceflag := false;
 repeat
  repaintELnr := el;
  oldw := element[el].width;
  oldh := element[el].height;
  r1 := getElementRect(pageNr,el);
  updateRect(eraseflag,eraseRect,r1);
  recalculateElement(el);
  if (oldw <> element[el].width) or (oldh <>
element[el].height) then
   begin
    getParent(el,el);
    Done := element[el].elType = elBlock;
   end
    else Done := true;
 until Done;
end;
```

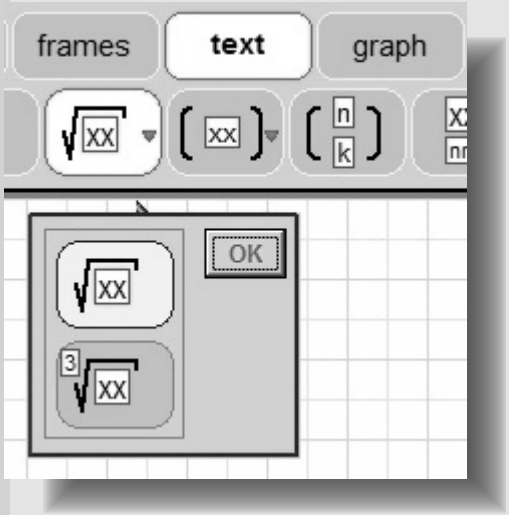
repaintELnr is the element that is finally repainted.
recalculateElement(el) goes to a big case statement which in turn calls the proper recalculation procedure for this element type. If due to recalculation the elements' width or height changes, it's parent is called. An elBlock type element is just a part of the document to hold lines or graphic symbols.
getParent(el1,el2) supplies the parent element of el2 in el1. El1,el2 are of type cardinal. The updateRect procedure combines rectangles.

CURSOR MOVEMENT

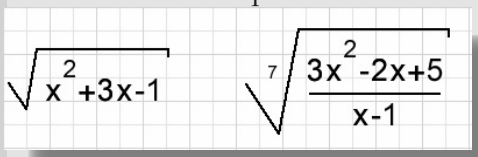
This was an unexpected big coding effort requiring it's own unit (textcontrol_unit). Eventually a next article might illustrate that.

ELEMENT (RE)CALCULATION

As an example next I show how a root macro is (re)calculated.
At creation the start is the selected font height. The root macro has two choices as shown in the elements submenu:



There is a normal square root and a root macro with extra line for 3rd and higher rank roots. Here are two examples:



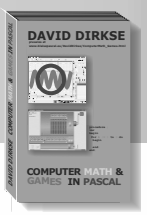
The parent of a macro such as root always is a line. Lines are the children of either other macro's or frames such as the document itself.

There are two procedures for the calcualtion:
1. recalculateRoot: for the width, height and (x,y) position of the line children.
2. calculateRoot: for the calculation of the root graphic symbol

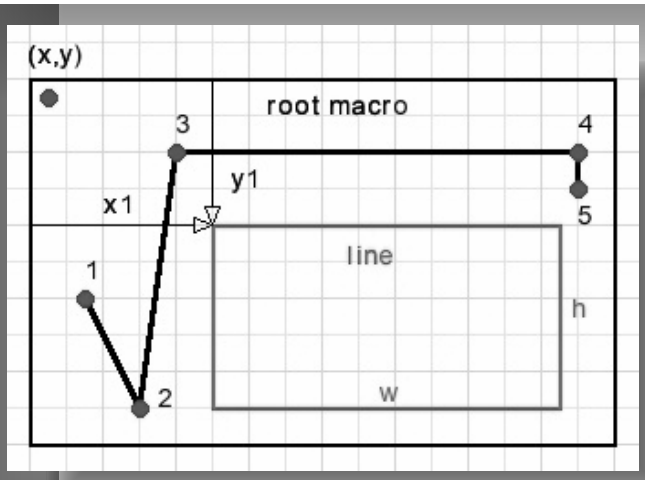
Calculateroot is only needed when painting the root, however the data supplied may be helpfull for recalculateRoot. All macro's in general use this method, some recalculateXXX use the calculateXXX, others don't.

The type of root is found in the elements' p2 parameter which is equal to 0 for a simple square root and 1 for an extra line for higher rank roots.

When calculating the root macro it is important to remember that the line children's width and height are known. The goal is to calculate the lines (x,y) postions and the root macro's own width and height.




```
type  Txy = record
        x : smallInt;
        y : smallInt;
       end;
   TXY07 = array[0..7] of TXY;
.....
procedure calculateRoot(var rc:TXY07; pw:byte; el:dword);
//calculate the root symbol coordinates in rc
//pw: penwidth; el:element; lel: child line element
var lel : dword;
     h,w,x1,y1,d2,d3,d5 : smallInt;
     pw2,pw3 : byte;
begin
   pw2 := pw shl 1;  //*2
   pw3 := pw2 + pw;
   getChild(lel,el);
   with element[lel] do
   begin
      x1 := x;
      y1 := y;
      h := height;
      w := width;
   end;
   d2 := round(h/2);
   d3 := round(h/3);
   d5 := round(h/5);
   rc[3].x := x1 - pw3;
   rc[2].x := rc[3].x - d5;
   rc[1].x := rc[2].x - d3;
   rc[2].y := y1 + h;
   rc[1].y := rc[2].y - d2;
   rc[3].y := y1 - pw3;
   rc[4].x := x1 + w + pw2;
   rc[4].y := rc[3].y;
   rc[5].x := rc[4].x;
   rc[5].y := rc[4].y + pw3;
end;
```



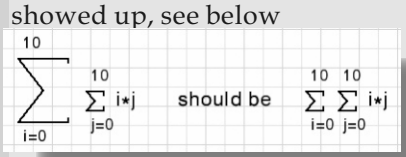
So above procedures assumes that the position of the child line has been calculated allready. This procedure is also called when the macro is painted.

Below is the recalculateroot procedure:

```
procedure recalcRoot(el : dword);
//calculate position of children,width,height
var  i,pw,pw2,pw3: byte;
     lel,rel : dword;
     d10,dx,w2,h2,yr,x2,y2 : smallInt; rc : TXY07;
begin
   getChild(lel,el);
   pw := getMacroPenWidth(element[lel].height);

   //---> textpaint unit
   pw2 := pw shl 1;
   w3 := pw2 + pw;
   element[lel].y := 5*pw;
   element[lel].x := 0;
   calculateroot(rc,pw,el);
   d10 := round(0.1*element[lel].height);
   dx := -rc[1].x + d10;
   for i := 1 to 5 do  with rc[i] do x := x + dx;
     with element[lel] do x := rc[3].x + pw3;
        with element[el] do
        begin
           p3 := element[lel].y + element[lel].p3;
           width := rc[4].x + pw3;
           height := rc[2].y + pw;
        end;
   if element[el].p2 = 1 then
      begin//if higher rank root
        getNext(rel,lel);
        with element[rel] do
        begin
           w2 := width;
           h2 := height;
        end;
        yr := element[lel].y + (element[lel].height shr 1);
        x2 := rc[2].x - w2;
        if x2 < 0 then
          begin
             element[lel].x := element[lel].x - x2;
             element[el].width := element[el].width - x2;
             element[rel].x := 0;//d10;
          end
        else element[rel].x := rc[2].x - w2;
        y2 := yr - h2 - pw2;
        if y2 < 0 then
          begin
             element[lel].y := element[lel].y - y2;
             element[el].height := element[el].height - y2;
             element[el].p3 := element[el].p3 - y2;
             element[rel].y := pw2;
          end
        else element[rel].y := yr - h2;
      end;
end;
```

Above structure is very consistent however for the sigma macro an unexpected inconvenience showed up, see below



The second sigma blows up it's parents line height and the first sigma recalculates it's height.
Extra code was needed to recognize this situation.
This is a good moment to conclude this description of my math editor. Insert , delete, backspace, cursor movement and UNDO work fine.
Much work has to be done. At present single independent lines are added to the document pages. There is no vertical alignment of lines. More frame elements will be implemented as parents for vertical alignment as well as horizontal centration.
Also copy-paste has to be implemented and insertion / deletion of full pages.

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LINQ... what is LINQ? Well its a term used in C# which means Language Integrated Query.

The next version of kbmMW will support our own variant of LINQ. In reality we can't make true C# LINQ functionality, because it requires the compiler to be aware about the fundamentals of LINQ, and Delphi is blissfully unaware about such language integrated features.

However, my interpretation of the purpose of LINQ is that its designed to make certain programming tasks easier for the programmer. To get rid of boiler plate code, which is something that I have focused quite allot on in kbmMW v5 and continues to focus on.

So what does LINQ do for us?

It allows us to query, filter, order, calculate, compare, group etc. various types of data in an easy way using the same syntax regardless of what type the (supported) source data is.

Is kbmMW's LINQ fast? Yes and no. Since i hides much functionality from us, more CPU cycles are usually spend than would otherwise have been needed if you coded an optimized algorithm yourself. However since it uses optimized kbmMW features underneath, then some scenarios will probably perform just as well as manually written code.

So the advantage of using kbmMW's LINQ is not as such performance, but rather provides the ability to do quite complex and advanced things with very simple code.

To use kbmMW's LINQ, simply add kbmMWLinq to the uses clause. It will give you a global threadsafe object instance, named Linq, thru which all LINQ functionality originates.

In the following I will show various scenarios that are possible with kbmMW.

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OPERATING A TSTRINGLIST USING LINQ

This is an example of using LINQ with a regular TStringList.

First we build a string list.

```
var
  sl,sl2:TStrings;
begin
  sl:=TStringList.Create;
  sl.Add('1');
  sl.Add('2');
  sl.Add('3');
  sl.Add('4');
  sl.Add('5');
  sl.Add('6');
  sl.Add('7');
  sl.Add('8');
  sl.Add('9');
  sl.Add('20');
```

Then we use Linq to give us the first 5 of them sorted descending and returning the result as a new TStringlist:

```
sl2:=Linq.Using(sl).First(5).Sort('value:D').AsStrings;
...
sl2.Free;
```

Next we show to how make multiple operations on the same data, without the overhead of re-parsing the source data. First we define the initial Linq stage (the one preparing the source data) as shared, then we return the last 8 items as a TStringList, looks for the Max value, and then calculates a SUM. Since the string list is strings, kbmMW's LINQ assumes that Max/Min functions should operate on a string level, not numeric. However the SUM function can only work on numeric data, and thus will always operate as such:

```
type
  lq:IkbmMWLinqStage;
  s:string;
  d:double;
...
  lq:=Linq.Using(sl).Shared;
  sl2:=lq.Last(8).AsStrings;
...
  sl2.Free;

  s:=lq.Max; // Returns the string 9
  d:=lq.Sum; // Returns 65
```

Operating class instances using LINQ

The next example shows how to use Linq on lists of class instances. For a class to be "Linqable" it must be tagged with the kbmMW_Linq attribute as seen below. In addition the class should be registered as a kbmMW known type and RTTI must be enabled for it.

```
[kbmMW_Linq]
 TMyData = class
 private
   FName:string;
   FAddress:string;
   FAge:integer;
 public
   constructor Create(const AName:string;
            const AAddress:string;
            const AAge:integer);
   property Name:string read FName write FName;
   property Address:string read FAddress write FAddress;
   property Age:integer read FAge write FAge;
 end;
```

One place to register the class to kbmMW is in the units initialization section. Notice that both TMyData and TObjectList are being registered, since we will use both types.

```
initialization
  TkbmMWRTTI.EnableRTTI([TMyData,TObjectList<TMyData>]);
  kbmMWRegisterKnownClasses([TMyData,TObjectList<TMyData>]);
```

Lets prepare some data to play with:

```
var
  lst:TObjectList<TMyData>;
...
   lst:=TObjectList<TMyData>.Create;
   try
     lst.Add(TMyData.Create('Kim','Address 1',49));
     lst.Add(TMyData.Create('Hans','Address 2',22));
     lst.Add(TMyData.Create('Jens','Address 3',33));
     lst.Add(TMyData.Create('Joe','Address 3',77));
     lst.Add(TMyData.Create('John','Address 4',33));
```

If we want to locate the maximum age, we write

```
i:=Linq.Using(lst).Max('Age');
```

or the alphabetically smallest name

```
s:=Linq.Using(lst).Min('Name');
```

or we can return a key/value string list of sorted names with the age

And then we clean up. Also remember to free the returned **TStringList** (sl) when you don't need it any longer.

```
finally
  lst.Free;
end;
```

Operating JSON documents using LINQ

First lets prepare some data. This time we use the UsingJSON method. It can take a JSON string, a stream or you can use UsingJSONFile to load the JSON document from a file.

```
sl:TStrings;
lq:IkbmMWLinqStage;
begin
  lq:=Linq.UsingJSON('{"result":['+
          '{"ID":1,"name":"kim","date":"2018-01-05T19:05:00.000+08:00"},'+
          '{"ID":2,"name":"kim","date":"2018-01-05T20:05:30.000+01:00"},'+
          '{"ID":3,"name":"kim","date":"2018-01-05T20:05:45.000+01:00"},'+
          '{"ID":4,"name":"kim","date":"2018-01-05T20:06:15.000+01:00"},'+
          '{"ID":5,"name":"kim","date":"2018-01-05T20:06:30.000+01:00"},'+
          '{"ID":6,"name":"kim","date":"2018-01-05T20:06:45.000+01:00"},'+
          '{"ID":7,"name":"kim","date":"2018-01-05T20:07:15.000+01:00"},'+
          '{"ID":8,"name":"kim","date":"2018-01-05T21:07:30.000+01:00"},'+
          '{"ID":9,"name":"kim","date":"2018-01-05T21:07:45.000+01:00"},'+
          '{"ID":10,"name":"kim","date":"2018-01-05T21:08:00.000+01:00"}]}',
        '/result/.*',
        'ID,date');
```

UsingJSON takes 2 and optionally 3 arguments, the JSON data string, a subset pattern match('/result/.*'), and optionally a list of field names or expressions ('ID,date').

The subset is actually a regular expression which is applied to the JSON data, to only select the relevant data on which the Linq methods should operate. In this case we have one property (result) with a sub array, so we use the expression to accept everything starting (path wise) with /result/. We have also told kbmMW that we only want to access the ID and date fields of the JSON document. If we didn't specify that, kbmMW would automatically have figured out all relevant fields that should be accessible. The field names can include expressions, so its thus possible to add fields together or do calculations.

```
i:=lq.Max('ID');
  i:=lq.Min('ID');
  sl:=lq.Sort('date:D').AsStrings('date');
```

In similar way you can query YAML, BSON and MessagePack documents.

Operating XML documents using LINQ

XML documents are structurally more complex than JSON and YAML documents, in the sense

that each node in the document can have attributes in addition to child nodes and data. We must still specify a subset we want to operate on like above, but if we want access to the attributes, we must use the XMLAttr function, that takes two arguments: the node holding the attribute, and the attribute name itself. Since attributes by definition are strings, we have the ability to automatically have the values casted to some other types, like TEXT(size), INTEGER etc.

kbmMW supports the following casts: **INT/INTEGER, VARCHAR2(n), VARCHAR(n), CHAR(n), BOOL, BOOLEAN, AUTOINC, FLOAT, DOUBLE, NUMERIC, REAL, DATETIME, TIMESTAMP, DATE, TIME, LARGEINT, INT64, BLOB, GRAPHIC, CLOB, TEXT(n), CURRENCY, WORD, MEMO, WIDEMEMO** and **GUID.** If n is not given the default value is 20.

```
var
  sl:TStrings;
  lq:IkbmMWLinqStage;
begin
  lq:=Linq.UsingXML('<?xml version="1.0" ?>'+
         '<Dictionary>'+
         ' <Parameters>'+
         '   <Parameter SymbolName="CoDeviceType"'+
         '              ObjectType="VAR"'+
         '              Index="0x1000"'+
         '              SubIndex="0"'+
         '              DataType="UNSIGNED32"'+
         '              AccessType="const" />'+

         '   <Parameter SymbolName="CoErrorRegister"'+
         '              ObjectType="VAR"'+
         '              Index="0x1001"'+
         '              SubIndex="0"'+
         '              DataType="UNSIGNED8"'+
         '              AccessType="ro" />'+

         '   <Parameter SymbolName="CoClearErrorLog"'+
         '              ObjectType="VAR"'+
         '              Index="0x1003"'+
         '              SubIndex="0"'+
         '              DataType="UNSIGNED8"'+
         '              AccessType="rw"'+
         '              Remarks="Write 0 to clear"/>'+
         ' </Parameters>'+
         '</Dictionary>'
        ,'/Dictionary/Parameters/.*/'
        ,'XMLAttr(Parameter,"SymbolName") as "SymbolName->TEXT(40)"'+
        ,'XMLAttr(Parameter,"SubIndex") as "SubIndex→INTEGER"');

  sl:=lq.Sort('SymbolName').AsStrings('SymbolName','SubIndex');
```

sl will now contain a sorted key/value list:

```
CoClearErrorLog=0
CoDeviceType=0
CoErrorRegister=0
```

MORE LINQ FEATURES

KBMMW'S LINQ ALSO SUPPORTS:

- **`Count`** – Returns the number of items in the given Linq stage.
- **`Distinct(fieldnames)`** – Returns only items that have unique values in the fields specified by fieldnames.
- **`GroupBy(groupfieldnames,aggregatefieldnames)`** – Returns records grouped by the groupfieldnames (required), and optionally aggregated values on the fields specified in aggregatefieldnames. You specify aggregation method as a modifier to the field name. Eg. **`field1:COUNT`**, **`field2:MAX`**

The output of aggregated fields will be named
'originalfieldname_**`COUNT/AVG/SUM/MIN/MAX/STDDEV`**' (eg. **`field1_COUNT`**)

- **`Select(fieldexpressions)`** – Returns the items exposed by the given expressions. Eg. **`Select('SIN(fld1) as fld1, fld2|fkd3 as newfield')`**. When expressions are used, the resulting field will be named Fn where n is the index in the resulting item starting with 1. To ensure that you have full control over the names, you can specifically name them using the "as name" method as shown.
- **`AsString(fieldname)`** – Returns the first item's field value as a string.
- **`AsInteger(fieldName)`** – Returns the first item's field value as an integer.
- **`AsFloat(fieldName)`** – Returns the first item's field value as a double.
- **`AsVariant(fieldname)`** – Returns the first item's field value as a variant.
- **`AsDataset`** – Returns the data as a dataset.

The ownership of the dataset belongs to the **Linq** stage.
Thus when the **Linq** stage goes out of scope, the dataset is also destroyed.
Functions like **`Min, Max, Avg, Sum`** and **`StdDev`** can take zero or one field name.
If zero field names are given, the first known internal field column is used.
In functions like **`Distinct, Sort`** and **`GroupBy`** which takes multiple fields, the fields must be separated by comma (,).
Functions like As…..(fieldname) can take 0 or 1 string argument, or alternatively an integer value.
If no argument is given, the first field is assumed.
If a string argument is given, the field with the given name is returned.
If an integer value is given, the values for the field with the given index (first field is 0) is returned.
Feel free to come with ideas and input for the new **Linq** look alike features in **kbmMW.**
Also remember that **Linq** works with all compilers supported by **kbmMW,** so you can go "Linq nuts" on **Android, IOS, Linux, OSX, Windows** and **Linux.**

```
procedure TdmMain.MyLog(const ATime:TkbmMWDateTime; const AMessage:string);
var
  l:TMyLog;
begin
   try
     l:=TMyLog.Create;
     try
       l.Time:=ATime;
       l.Info:=AMessage;
       ORMLog.Persist(l);
     finally
       l.Free;
     end;
   except
     on E: Exception do
     begin
        SystemLog.Error('LogSystem',E);
     end;
   end;
end;
```

And at some point before the first time the database log will be used, the database tables needs to be prepared:

```
function TdmMain.PrepareLogDatabase:boolean;
begin
   Result:=false;

   // Open log database. dbLog is the (in this sample, SQLite) connection pool for the database.
   FORMLog.OpenDatabase(dbLog);

   // Create tables if they are not available.
   // Upgrade them if they exists and needs upgrade.
   if not FORMLog.CreateOrUpgradeTable([TMyLog]) then
   begin
     Log.Fatal('Unable to create or upgrade log database: '+dbLog.Database+'.
         Server not started!');
     exit;
   end;

   Result:=true;
end;
```

And finally I define the TkbmMWVirtualLogManager which in turn calls the MyLog method whenever there is something for this logmanager to handle.

Because I want to put timestamp in a separate field in the database, I redefine the logformatter of this logmanager to only include a few select type of information.

REST EASY WITH KBMMW #10 – LOGGING TO A DATABASE

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In the upcoming release, the logging feature will have been improved in various ways. One of the new inclusions is the TkbmMWVirtualLogManager and its interface IkbmMWVirtualLogManager.
The virtual log manager can for example be used for logging select logs to a database, which this short blog will focus on.
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I will in this sample, use **kbmMW's ORM** to handle the database access, however any traditional database access method could have been used instead.

```
TdmMain = class(TDataModule)
private
 FDBLogManager:IkbmMWVirtualLogManager;
 FORMLog:TkbmMWORM;
public
 property ORMLog:TkbmMWORM read FORMLog;
```

Since I want to use the ORM for log storage handling, I need to define a class describing the storage.

```
[kbmMW_Table('name:myLog')]
 TMyLog= class
 private
   FID:kbmMWNullable<string>;

   FTime:TkbmMWDateTime;
   FInfo:kbmMWNullable<string>;
   FComments:kbmMWNullable<string>;

 public
   [kbmMW_Field('name:id, primary:true,
      generator:shortGUID',ftString,40)]
   property ID:kbmMWNullable<string> read FID write FID;

   [kbmMW_Field('name:time',ftDateTime)]
   [kbmMW_NotNull]
   property Time:TkbmMWDateTime read FTime write FTime;

   [kbmMW_Field('name:info',ftWideMemo)]
   property Info:kbmMWNullable<string> read FInfo write FInfo;

   [kbmMW_Field('name:comments',ftWideMemo)]
   property Comments:kbmMWNullable<string>
          read FComments write FComments
end;
```

The TSystemLog class needs to be registered:

```
initialization
  TkbmMWRTTI.EnableRTTI([TMyLog]);
  kbmMWRegisterKnownClasses([TMyLog]);
```

We add a method that we can call to persist the log entry. Notice that if the method is unable to persist the log due to some database issue, an error will be logged on the SystemLog, which is a standard, always existing, alternative logger in kbmMW. It will default output to debug view on Windows, or LogCat on Android.

```
// Prepare database oriented log manager.
  FDBLogManager:=TkbmMWVirtualLogManager.Create(
   procedure(const AType:TkbmMWLogType; const ALevel:TkbmMWLogLevel;
       const AOrigin:string; const ATime:TkbmMWDateTime; const AString:string)
   begin
     // Specifically do not accept messages comming from kbmMW's internals itself,
     // since those could be generated from the database layers, resulting in deadlock.
     if pos('kbmMW',AOrigin)=0 then
       MyLog(ATime,AString);
   end
  );

  // Setup the log formatter to only include a few things in the log string.
  FDBLogManager.LogFormatter:=TkbmMWSimpleLogFormatter.Create;
  FDBLogManager.LogFormatter.Columns := [mwlfcLogType,mwlfcLogString,mwlfcLogData];
  Log.LogManager:=FDBLogManager;
```

Now every time you use **`Log.Info/Log.Error/Log.Warning/Log.Fatal`** or any of the other log methods, the log will be appended to the myLog table in the database.

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Data augmentation and XML

his blog post will focus on one way of augmenting data returned from a database using the ORM, serving this as a wellformed XML result to REST client's using as little code as possible.
kbmMW's ORM is pretty good at fetching data from a database based on a class.
Sometimes we want to augment the class with additional data, before returning the data to a client.
This we can use the virtual table attribute for.

WHAT DOES DATA AUGMENTATION MEAN?
Wiki *Data augmentation adds value to base data by adding information derived from internal and external sources within an enterprise.*
Data is one of the core assets for an enterprise, making data management essential. Data augmentation can be applied to any form of data, but may be especially useful for customer data, sales patterns, product sales, where additional information can help provide more in-depth insight.
Data augmentation can help reduce the manual interventation required to developed meaningful information and insight of business data, as well as significantly enhance data quality.

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AN EXAMPLE:
We have a class TPerson, which is used by the ORM to persist and retrieve persons from the person database table. The person might refer to a company, via a companyId which is a GUID. This is all straight forward.

```
[kbmMW_Table('name:person')]
 TPerson = class
 private
   FID:kbmMWNullable&lt;string&gt;;
   FName:kbmMWNullable&lt;string&gt;;
   FCompanyID:kbmMWNullable&lt;string&gt;;
 public
   [kbmMW_Field('name:id, primary:true, generator:shortGUID',ftString,40)]
   property ID:kbmMWNullable&lt;string&gt; read FID write FID;

   [kbmMW_Field('name:name',ftString,50)]
   [kbmMW_NotNull]
   property Name:kbmMWNullable&lt;string&gt; read FName write FName;

   [kbmMW_Field('name:companyId',ftString,40)]
   property CompanyID:kbmMWNullable&lt;string&gt; read FCompanyID write FCompanyID;
 end;
```

However lets say we want to provide an augmented REST interface to the persons information, where we want to add additional fields, like company name.

```
[kbmMW_VirtualTable]
 [kbmMW_Root('person',[mwrfIncludePublic])]
 TAugmentedPerson = class
 private
   FID:kbmMWNullable<string>;
   FName:kbmMWNullable<string>;
   FCompanyID:kbmMWNullable<string>;
  <strong> FCompanyName:kbmMWNullable<string>;</strong>
 public
   [kbmMW_Field('name:id',ftString,40)]
   property ID:kbmMWNullable<string> read FID write FID;

   [kbmMW_Field('name:name',ftString,50)]
   property Name:kbmMWNullable<string> read FName write FName;

   [kbmMW_Field('name:companyId',ftString,40)]
   property CompanyID:kbmMWNullable<string> read FCompanyID
         write FCompanyID;

   <strong>[kbmMW_Field('name:companyName',ftString,50)]
   property CompanyName:kbmMWNullable<string> read FCompanyName
         write FCompanyName;</strong>
 end;
```

What you can see is that an additional class is defined, which purpose primarely is to marshal augmented TPerson data to REST clients.

We have told that the TAugmentedPerson (*which by outset has no relation to TPerson class wise*), is a virtual table, which means it does in fact not live in any databases, but it can still be used as the output for queries.

So lets put together an augmented query:

```
kbmMW_Service('name:REST, flags:[listed]')]
[kbmMW_Rest('path:/rest')]
TsvcRest = class(TkbmMWCustomHTTPSmartService)
public
  [kbmMW_Rest('method:get, path:persons')]
  function GetPersons:TObjectList&lt;TAugmentedPerson&gt;;
end;
```

```
// Return augmented persons.
function TsvcRest.GetPersons:TObjectList&lt;TAugmentedPerson&gt;;
begin
 Result:=dmMain.ORM.QueryList&lt;TAugmentedPerson&gt;(
      'SELECT p.ID as ID,p.Name as Name, '+
      ' CompanyID, c.Name as CompanyName '+
      'FROM uData.TPerson p, uData.TCompany c '+
      'WHERE c.ID=p.Company');
end;
```

This will make a query, augmenting the person data with a company name and returning it as a JSON object to the REST client.

This is all well and fine.

But lets say that the REST interface wants to return this list of TAugmentedPerson's as XML?

This is now easily done in kbmMW by adding a responseMimeType to the kbmMW_Rest attribute of the GetPersons method.

```
[kbmMW_Service('name:REST, flags:[listed]')]
[kbmMW_Rest('path:/rest')]
TsvcRest = class(TkbmMWCustomHTTPSmartService)
public
  [kbmMW_Rest('method:get, path:persons, <strong>responseMimeType:application/xml</strong>')]
  function GetPersons:TObjectList&lt;TAugmentedPerson&gt;;
end;
```

his will result in simple XML document representing the resulting list of TAugmentedPerson's. You can ask kbmMW to add XML declarations, namespaces and types if you want to by adding the properties declared:true, typed:true to the kbmMW_Rest method attribute.

But looking at the XML, it is still not perfect. It's outer node is called TObjectList<person>, which is not a terribly nice tag name for an XML node. We are missing a way to redefine how kbmMW is to name the TObjectList<TAugmentedPerson> class.

Usually one would use the kbmMW_Root attribute in combination with our own class definition, to specify any name changes to root elements when marshalling data into or out from object instances, similarly to how TAugmentedPerson was defined.

However since we do not define TObjectList<TAugmentedPerson> anywhere (it is implicitely being defined as the result from our ORM.QueryList call, we have no place to specify our settings/attributes for that particular class.

Next version of kbmMW provides a new kbmMW_Alias attribute which handles this issue.

Basically what it does is to declare any class as an attribute wise alias to any other class/classes, like this

```
[kbmMW_Root('persons',[mwrfIncludePublic])]
[kbmMW_Alias]
TAugmentedPersonList = class(TObjectList&lt;TAugmentedPerson&gt;);
```

The kbmMW_Alias can have zero or one argument. If an argument is given, it can be a class reference, or an array of class references. If no argument is given, kbmMW automaticallyh defines TAugmentedPersonList to be an alias to TObjectList<TAugmentedPerson> due to the class inheritance.

As we never define TObjectList<TAugmentedPerson> anywhere, we can not refer to it as a class reference, why we use kbmMW's way to implicitely determine the class by not providing any arguments for the kbmMW_Alias attribute.

In reality we will usually never instantiate any TAugmentedPersonList instances. It is only being used as a "placeholder" for defining attributes (on the class level) on types we don't directly declare ourselves, like the TObjectList<TAughmentedPerson>.

Now the xml will look pretty, with the outer node named <persons> containing a number of inner nodes named <person> which each of them includes the companyName in addition to other TPerson related data.

As a side note, the [kbmMW_VirtualTable] attribute can now also take an argument, namely the actual database class for which this class is a virtual class for.

It would be possible to define [kbmMW_VirtualTable(TPerson)]

It informs kbmMW about that any queries made for TAugmentedPerson (which is not really a table found in the database), where the ORM can not deduce from any kbmMW SQL query statement, where to pickup data from, then it should use TPerson as the goto data table.

So this is now legal:

```
var
 ap:TAugmentedPerson;
begin
 ap:=ORM.Query&lt;TAugmentedPerson&gt;(['Name'],['Kim']);
end;
```

It will return first found record in the person table, which matches the person named Kim and return that as a TAugmentedPerson instance.

Only fields matching will be filled. Hence in this case the CompanyName value is null since we did not provide any value for it via the query.

But we are getting an object instance which allows us to add our own value for CompanyName, thus in practice augmenting the TPerson look alike object with additional information.

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