



Enhancing CA Gen Web Applications with JavaScript

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Overview



- What is JavaScript?
- Why use it?
- Embedding JavaScript within CA Gen Web Applications
- Example of a CA Gen Web Application containing JavaScript
- JavaScript Limitations
- Learning JavaScript (references)



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```
<html>
<head>
<script type="text/javascript">
function disp_prompt()
{
var name=prompt("Please enter your
name", "Harry Potter")
if (name!=null && name!="")
{
document.write("Hello " + name + "!
How are you today?")
}
}
</script>
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## Why use it?

- JavaScript is used in Web pages to:
  - put dynamic text into html pages
  - improve the design
  - validate forms
  - detect browsers
  - create cookies
  - react to events
  - make web pages more interactive and much more



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## Embedding JavaScript within CA Gen Web Applications

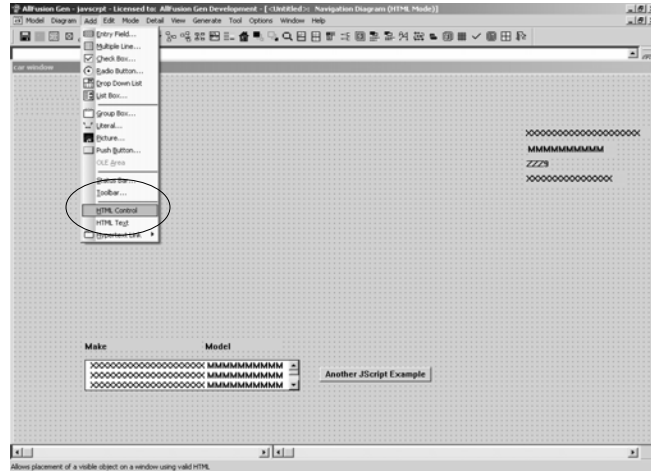
- Embed JavaScript within HTML Code
- Open a model in the Toolset
- Go to Design->Navigation Diagram
- Open a window in HTML mode
- Click Edit->Add HTML Control or HTML Text
- Type in the HTML Code containing JavaScript

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## Embedding JavaScript....

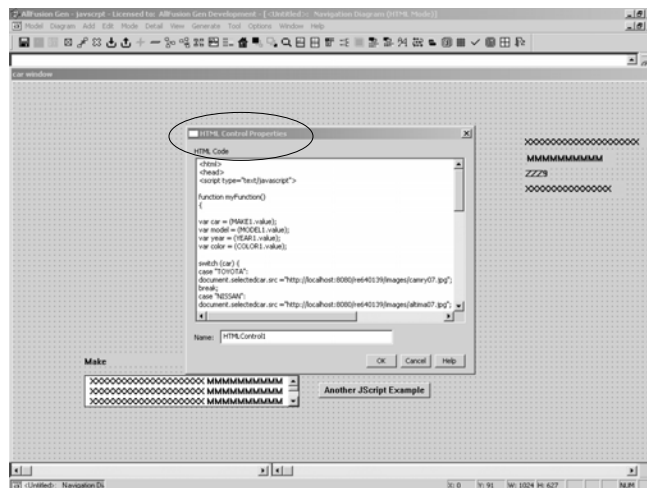
- Add HTML Control
- Go to Add->HTML Control



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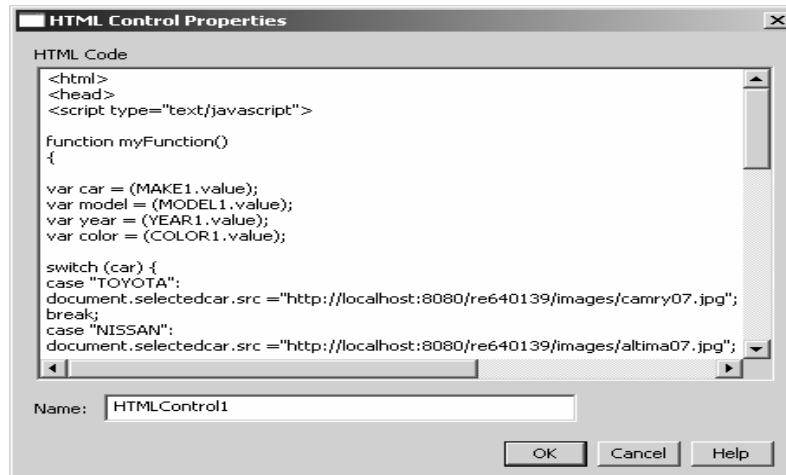
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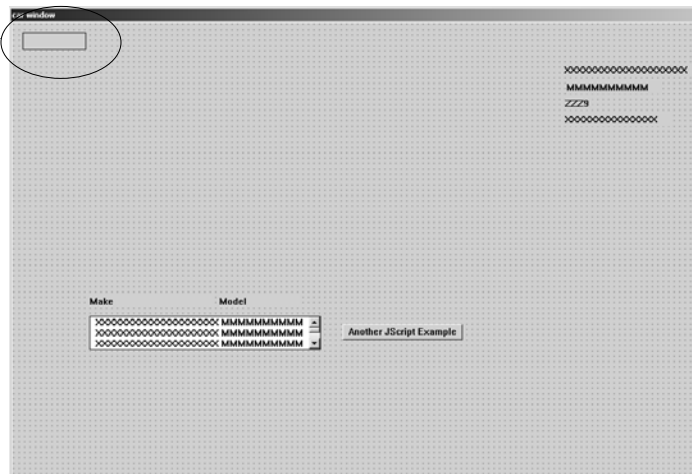


Once done click OK

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## Embedding JavaScript....

- HTML Control—
- Double click the rectangular box to bring up the properties dialog again and edit Code

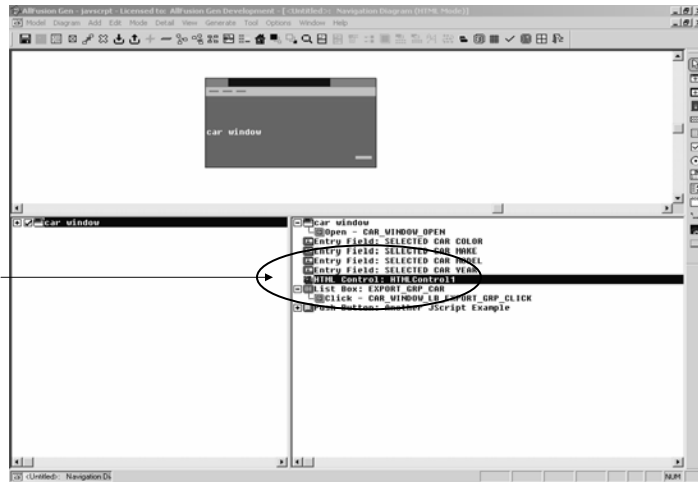


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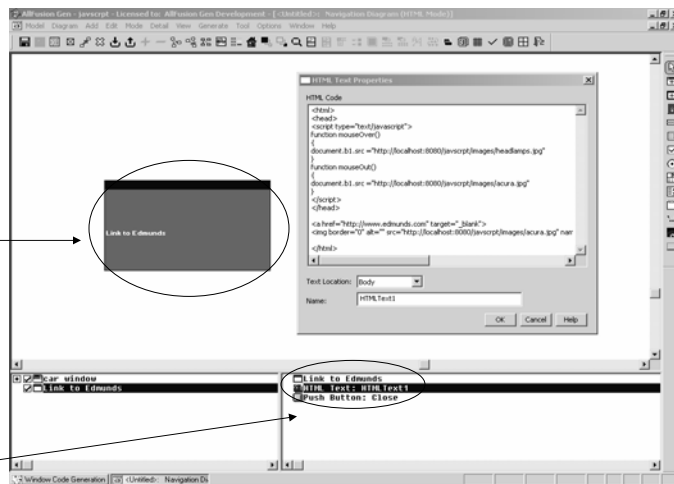
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can also be  
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## Embedding JavaScript....

- In case of HTML Text, it is not visible on the window in the form of a box
- Make sure the Window is closed and only the window box is visible
- HTML Text Properties dialog can *only* be brought up by double clicking here



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## Example of a CA Gen Web Application containing JavaScript



Picture being shown  
through JavaScript code

CA Gen List box

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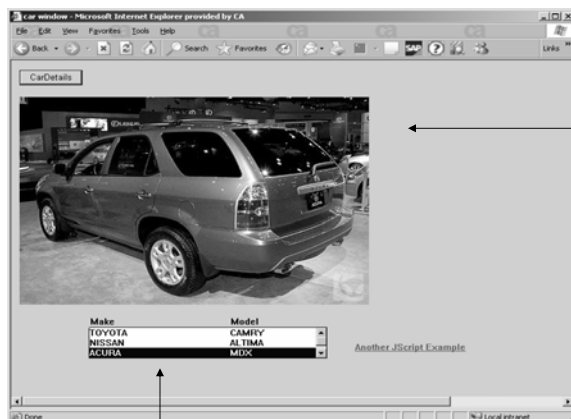


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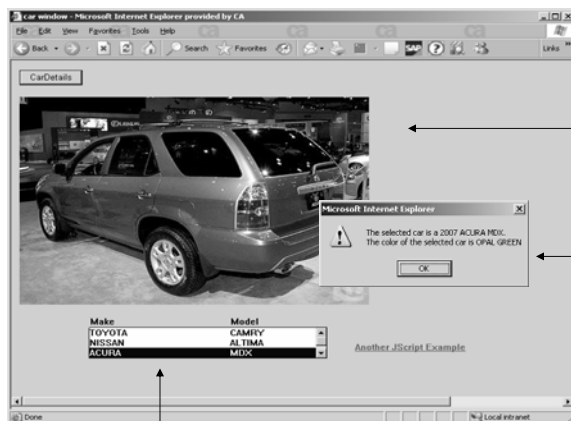


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Pop up dialog generated  
through JavaScript  
code

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## JavaScript Limitations

Below are some JavaScript Limitations

- JavaScript code cannot:
  - use printers or other devices on the user's system or the client-side LAN
  - directly access files on the user's system or the client-side LAN
  - directly access files on the Web server
  - implement multiprocessing or multithreading



## Learning JavaScript (references)

- <http://www.w3schools.com/js/default.asp>
- JavaScript Bible, Sixth Edition  
by Danny Goodman and Michael Morrison
- Google
- Yahoo
- Wikipedia.org



## Appendix

Sample JavaScript code

```
<html>
<head>
<script type="text/javascript">
function disp_alert()
{
alert("I am an alert box!!")
}
</script>
</head>
<body>

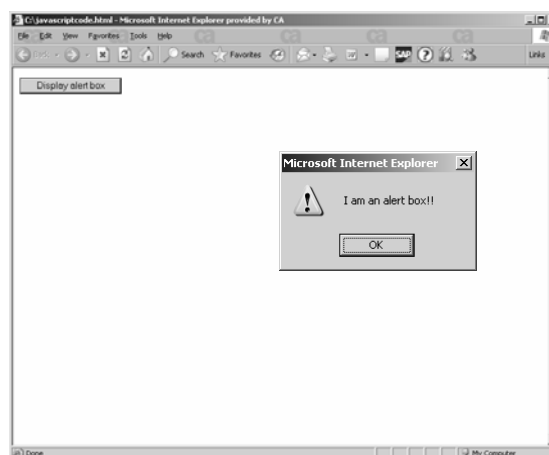
<input type="button" onclick="disp_alert()"
value="Display alert box" />

</body>
</html>
```

- Copy and paste this code in a text editor such as Notepad and save the file as a .html file
- Execute the html file by double clicking on it
- The Browser should come up with a button "Display alert box"
- Click the button and an alert box will pop up

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## Appendix (cont)



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