



Proper Case Conversion & Standardization Component

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ActiveCase COM Object is a data quality component that converts existing data formats into proper cased formats that are more attractive and easier to read. ActiveCase applies proper case to your data through the use of special capitalization algorithms and Style Tables. Style Tables are easily-customizable conversion lists that allow you to apply different capitalization rules to the same word or phrase depending on its context. For example, using the predefined "NameStyle", words like "co" can be converted to "Co." or "Company" where "CityStateZipStyle" will convert "co" to "CO" or "Colorado".

To use ActiveCase, set the Capitalization property to one of the six basic types: "Title", "Sentence", "EachWord", "Upper", "Lower" or "None", then set the Style_Table property to the name of the desired style table. Now, the same word can have different capitalization rules applied to it depending on the Capitalization and Style you've chosen.

A total of 16 different custom styles can be created and several predefined styles are included.

Benefits

- **Save Keying Time** – automatically convert symbols and translate abbreviations into their correctly-capitalized full-spelling.
- **Instantly Correct Typos** – using the built-in list of common misspellings.
- **Precise Control** – 16 user-defined Style Tables; several predefined tables included.
- **Field Length Control** – create or expand abbreviations using the built-in USPS-approved abbreviation tables containing more than 2,300 entries.
- **Personalization** – over 1,000 Proper-cased and punctuated Irish surnames are included.
- **Free upgrades** for a full year.

Features

- Apply different capitalization rules to the same word depending on its context.
- Eliminate conflict between street address and city/state: Ct = Court, CT = Connecticut
- Correctly case surnames names like: "McDonald" and "O'Brien"
- Standardize name prefixes like: "M/M" and "M&M" to "Mr. & Mrs."
- Correctly case medial caps such as: "IPAD" to "iPad" or "FEDEX" to "FedEx"
- Control field lengths by using the built-in table of USPS-approved abbreviations
- Royalty-free runtime
- Designed for Use with Visual Basic, C++, Visual FoxPro, ASP, Access, SQL and more

ActiveCase COM Object is controlled by user-defined Style Tables. Each customizable table can have its own unique definitions. ActiveCase starts by applying the algorithm for the selected Capitalization. Next, every word / phrase from the input string is compared to the Style Table that was selected for that string. When a match is found, a replacement is made using the corresponding word / phrase from the selected Style Table overriding any other capitalization settings. The result is a precise transformation to proper case no matter what type of input string.

Examples

The examples below use style tables that are predefined in the “ActiveCase.ref” file. These can be customized and new styles of your choice can be added.

Capitalization	“Title”
Style_Table	“NameStyle”
Text_In	M/M JOHN OBRIEN PHD
Text_Out	Mr. and Mrs. John O’Brien, Ph. D.

Capitalization	“Title”
Style_Table	“AddressStyle” – eliminate conflict between Street Suffix & CSZ
Text_In	1234 SE 41ST CT, APT 26E (CT is also the abbreviation for Connecticut)
Text_Out	1234 SE 41st Ct, Apt. 26E

Capitalization	“Title”
Style_Table	“CityStateZipStyle” – avoid confusion between “company” & “Colorado”
Text_In	aspen, co 81611
Text_Out	Aspen, CO 81611

Text_In

Syntax: Text_In = String
Text2_In = String (optional)
Text3_In = String (optional)
Text4_In = String (optional)

Description:

Set these properties to the text strings to be processed.

When the “Convert” Method is called, each Text_In string is capitalized according to the Capitalization property setting and the selected Text_Style then placed into the corresponding Text_Out property.

Capitalization (new in v4.4+)

Syntax: Capitalization = StringLiteral
Capitalization2 = StringLiteral (optional)
Capitalization3 = StringLiteral (optional)
Capitalization4 = StringLiteral (optional)

Description:

Set these properties to one of the following: “Title”, “Sentence”, “EachWord”, “Upper”, “Lower” or “None” to indicate your capitalization preference. **Default is “None”.**

Capitalization Rules

Title: Capitalize first letter of each word except articles, coordinate conjunctions and prepositions of less than five letters. Capitalize each side of an apostrophe or ampersand as in: “De'Angelo” except plural possessive as in: “John's” and contractions such as “you're” or “I'm”. Lower case ordinal numbers: “1st”, “2nd”, etc.

Sentence: Capitalize first letter of each sentence

EachWord: Capitalize the first letter of each word. Capitalize each side of an apostrophe or ampersand as in: “De'Angelo” except plural possessive as in: “John's” and contractions such as “you're” or “I'm”. Lower case ordinal numbers: “1st”, “2nd”, etc.

Upper: Uppercase every letter of every word

Lower: Lowercase every letter of every word

None: Make only word / phrase replacements from the selected Style Table

Style_Table

Syntax: Style_Table = "StringLiteral"
Style_Table2 = "StringLiteral" (optional)
Style_Table3 = "StringLiteral" (optional)
Style_Table4 = "StringLiteral" (optional)

Description:

Set these properties to the name of a previously defined "[StyleTable]" in the "ActiveCase.ref" file or "None" to indicate which style table to use for each corresponding Text_In string. If set, this value must match the name of a previously defined style. **Default is "None"**.

In every case, the selected Style_Table definitions from the ActiveCase.ref file will override the capitalization algorithms. See "Updating User Control Tables" for information on customizing this file.

Convert_Irish_Surnames (new in v4.0+)

Syntax: Convert_Irish_Surnames = Boolean (True/False)
Convert_Irish_Surnames2 = Boolean (optional)
Convert_Irish_Surnames3 = Boolean (optional)
Convert_Irish_Surnames4 = Boolean (optional)

Description:

Set these properties to Boolean (True/False) to indicate whether or not to convert Irish surnames for each corresponding Text_In string. ("OHARA" or "O HARA" converts to "O'Hara", etc.) **Default is "False"**. *This flag is ignored when Capitalization property is set to "None"*.

Typographic_Apostrophe (new in v4.0+)

Syntax: Typographic_Apostrophe = Boolean (True/False)
Typographic_Apostrophe2 = Boolean (optional)
Typographic_Apostrophe3 = Boolean (optional)
Typographic_Apostrophe4 = Boolean (optional)

Description:

Set these properties to Boolean (True/False) to indicate whether or not to use the typographic apostrophe (') in place of the standard apostrophe (') when converting Irish surnames. This property is only valid when "Convert_Irish_Surnames" property is set to "True". **Default is "False"**. *This flag is ignored when Capitalization property is set to "None"*.

Alphanumeric_Upper (new in v4.0+)

Syntax: Alphanumeric_Upper = Boolean (True/False)
 Alphanumeric_Upper2 = Boolean (optional)
 Alphanumeric_Upper3 = Boolean (optional)
 Alphanumeric_Upper4 = Boolean (optional)

Description:

Set these properties to Boolean (True/False) to indicate whether or not to convert alphanumeric words to all uppercase for each corresponding Text_In string. (“3d” converts to “3D”, etc.) **Default is “False”**. *This flag is ignored when Capitalization property is set to “None”.*

No_Vowels_Upper (new in v4.0+)

Syntax: No_Vowels_Upper = Boolean (True/False)
 No_Vowels_Upper2 = Boolean (optional)
 No_Vowels_Upper3 = Boolean (optional)
 No_Vowels_Upper4 = Boolean (optional)

Description:

Set these properties to Boolean (True/False) to indicate whether or not to convert alphabetic data containing no vowels to all uppercase for each corresponding Text_In string. (“mlk” converts to “MLK”, etc.) **Default is “False”**. *This flag is ignored when Capitalization property is set to “None”.*

Preserve_Mixed_Case (changed in v4.4+)

(replaces obsolete “Ignore_Mixed_Case” property)

Syntax: Preserve_Mixed_Case = Boolean (True/False)
 Preserve_Mixed_Case2 = Boolean (optional)
 Preserve_Mixed_Case3 = Boolean (optional)
 Preserve_Mixed_Case4 = Boolean (optional)

Description:

Set these properties to Boolean (True/False) to indicate whether or not to convert mixed-case text for each corresponding Text_In string. When Preserve_Mixed_Case is set to “True”, and mixed case text is detected in the input string, no text conversions take place and the original text is returned in the Text_Out property. **Default is “False”**.

Create_Abbreviations (new in v4.4+)

Syntax: Create_Abbreviations = Boolean (True/False)
Create_Abbreviations2 = Boolean (optional)
Create_Abbreviations 3 = Boolean (optional)
Create_Abbreviations 4 = Boolean (optional)

Description:

Set these properties to Boolean (True/False) to indicate whether or not to create business word abbreviations for each corresponding Text_In string. Words are abbreviated from right to left until the target Abbreviation_Length is reached or there are no more words to abbreviate. Set Create_Abbreviations to “True” to compress business words to their USPS-approved abbreviations. **Default is “False”**. See “Abbreviation_Length” and “Expand_Abbreviations” properties. *This flag is ignored when Capitalization property is set to “None”.*

Abbreviation_Length (new in v4.4+)

Syntax: Abbreviation_Length = Integer (0–1,024)
Abbreviation_Length2 = Integer (optional)
Abbreviation_Length3 = Integer (optional)
Abbreviation_Length4 = Integer (optional)

Description:

Set these properties to an integer in the range of 0–1,024 to indicate the extent of abbreviation you want. Set Abbreviation_Length to zero to abbreviate every word in the Text_In string. **Default is zero**. See “Create_Abbreviations” property. *This property is ignored when Create_Abbreviations property is set to “False”.*

Expand_Abbreviations (new in v4.4+)

Syntax: Expand_Abbreviations = Boolean (True/False)
Expand_Abbreviations2 = Boolean (optional)
Expand_Abbreviations 3 = Boolean (optional)
Expand_Abbreviations 4 = Boolean (optional)

Description:

Set these properties to Boolean (True/False) to indicate whether or not to expand business word abbreviations for each corresponding Text_In string. Set Expand_Abbreviations to “True” to expand USPS-approved business word abbreviations to their full-spelling. **Default is “False”**. See “Create_Abbreviations” property. *This flag is ignored when Capitalization property is set to “None”.*

Remove_Punctuation (new in v4.4+)

Syntax: Remove_Punctuation = "StringLiteral"
Remove_Punctuation 2 = "StringLiteral" (optional)
Remove_Punctuation 3 = "StringLiteral" (optional)
Remove_Punctuation 4 = "StringLiteral" (optional)

Description:

Set these properties to any string of characters you want removed from each corresponding Text_In string. Each character in the Remove_Punctuation string is compared to the Text_In string and individually removed. Remove_Punctuation is typically used to convert embedded, non-alphanumeric punctuation characters to spaces.

Correct_Common_Misspell (new in v4.0+)

Syntax: Correct_Common_Misspell = Boolean (True/False)
Correct_Common_Misspell2 = Boolean (optional)
Correct_Common_Misspell3 = Boolean (optional)
Correct_Common_Misspell4 = Boolean (optional)

Description:

Set these properties to Boolean (True/False) to indicate whether or not to correct common misspellings for each corresponding Text_In string. ("acn" is corrected to "can", etc.) **Default is "False"**. *This flag is ignored when Capitalization property is set to "None"*.

Reference_File_Path (updated in v3.0+)

Syntax: Reference_File_Path = String

Description:

Set this property to the full path and file name of the user-defined file containing the Style tables. Default tables are supplied and installed in the ActiveCase installation folder under the name: "ActiveCase.ref". You can rename and relocate this file to any other folder as long as you set the Reference_File_Path property to the full path and file name. **Default Reference_File_Path is the folder ActiveCase.dll is running from.**

See "Updating User Control Tables" for information on customizing this file.

Static_Key_Name (new in v3.0+)

Syntax: Static_Key_Name = String

Description:

Set this property to the name portion of the static key assignment or blank.

Static_Key (new in v3.0+)

Syntax: Static_Key = String

Description:

Set this property to the key portion of the static key assignment or blank.

Text_Out (read only)

Syntax: String = Text_Out
 String = Text2_Out (optional)
 String = Text3_Out (optional)
 String = Text4_Out (optional)

Description:

After calling the “Convert” method, these properties are set to the converted text string of Text_In. Values will be uppercase, lowercase or mixed-case text depending on the Capitalization property and the selected Style_Table.

Return_Code (read only) (new in v3.0+)

Syntax: String = Return_Code

Description:

After calling the “Convert” method, this property is set to blank upon successful completion. Most exceptions occur on the first call. The most common ones are listed below. *This property should be examined on each return from ActiveCase.*

Common Return Codes:

C00	Unrecognized Capitalization Setting (<i>see “Capitalization” property</i>)
R35	Reference File Not Found (<i>see “Reference_File_Path” property</i>)
S00	Undefined Style – the selected style has not been defined in the “ActiveCase.ref” tables (<i>see “Style_Table” property</i>)
S01	More Than 16 Defined Styles (<i>see “Updating User Control Tables”</i>)
T00	Style Table Limit Reached (2,048)
L00	Evaluation Period Expired
L01	Static Key Validation Failed (<i>see “Static_Key” property</i>)
L50 – L69	Evaluation License Error

Clear

Syntax: ActiveCase.Clear

Description:

When this method is called, all properties are cleared with the exception of Static_Key, Static_Key_Name and Reference_File_Path.

Convert

Syntax: ActiveCase.Convert

Description:

When this method is called, each Text_In property is inspected and the capitalization is converted according to the Capitalization property and the selected Style_Table. The transformed data is then placed into the corresponding Text_Out property. The Return_Code property is also set and should be checked after each call to the “Convert” method. *See “Return_Code” property.*

Updating User Control Tables

ActiveCase.ref is a file containing the proper case control tables. It is located in the ActiveCase installation folder under the name: “ActiveCase.ref”. Use Notepad or a similar text editor to edit the contents. Detailed information on the format of the entries is contained within the file. This file can also be relocated. *See Reference_File_Path property.*

The use of the wildcard character (*) allows you to capitalize groups of words depending on their prefix. If you need to exclude certain words from the wildcarding, place them in the table before the wildcarded word. The wildcard character may appear following an entry in the first column or both columns.

Extensive tables are included. Below are a few examples:

NetCase Style Table entries . . .

<u>Common</u>	<u>Replacement</u>
DIGENOVA	diGenova
DIGITAL	digital
DIG*	DiG*

After NetCase . . .

<u>DIGENOVA</u> adjusted to	diGenova
<u>DIGITAL</u>	digital
<u>DIGIORNO</u>	DiGiorno

All words prefixed by “DIG” are replaced with the prefix “DiG” with the exception of the words “DIGENOVA” and “DIGITAL” since they appear in the Style Table *before* “DIG*”.

If Installation Doesn't Start Automatically:

- Select **Start > Run** from the Task Bar.
- Type CD/DVD drive letter followed by “:\ActiveCase44.msi” and press enter.

In the folder “Program Files\The Software Company\ActiveCase 4.4\VB6Sample” you will find a sample program named: “Sample.vbp”. There is also a compiled version called “Sample.exe” that you can run to demonstrate ActiveCase.

Deploying Your Applications

Be sure to include the following in your deployment package:

ActiveCase.dll – usually placed in the application folder*

ActiveCase.ref – usually placed in the application folder**

* You can use Regsvr32.exe to register this DLL with Windows

** ActiveCase.ref can be relocated anywhere on the target machine as long as the full path and file name are specified in the Reference_File_Path property.

In addition to the above, there is a small runtime package that can be placed in the application folder or the “Windows\System32” folder. *These do not need to be registered with Windows.*

Carclc44.dll

Carclw60.dll

Carfsw20.dll

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