

ExecuChoice Roundtable Discussion

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This discussion is meant to be more of a question and answer session to discuss how ExecuChoice tags can be used to assist developers needs of functionality that is not provided by Lasso out of the box. A brief overview of some of the features in the planned release of the ExecuChoice Lasso Summit 2006 Master Installer is listed below to provide some ideas of topics that may be discussed.

[PassThru]

PassThru is probably the most common and widely used third party LCAPI tag which allows a lasso user shell access on any one of the three Lasso operating platforms available. This tag has been used for so many features that it is hard to list them all. Recent usages have been for using Lasso to access CVS tools from the command line to manage files etc. Additionally are for importing large files via FTP or some other means and then using a utility like stuff/unstuff/zip to open/compress files for various purposes.

[ShortString]

ShortString is a simple little LCAPI tag which was built to simplify the display of long blocks of code in small areas. A demonstration is planned to demonstrate just how useful this tag will be for everyone to use. Currently this is available for all three Lasso platforms.

[PDF_XXX]

The PDF suite is the next most widely used set as it provides blazing fast shortcuts to manipulating PDF files. Demonstrations are planned to show the difference in speed of drawing a PDF manually using the built in Lasso tags versus using the [PDF_fromHTML] or the [PDF_SetFieldValue] tags. In addition will be to show how a Lasso server is capable of faxing and printing directly from the server itself.

[XLS_XXX]

Demonstrations of this tag set will show the ease of and many methods of importing and manipulating the data within the Lasso environment. The tags have been built so that the data can be returned in several common data types so that the data can be inserted into a table easily or simply displayed. Software is being developed at this time to actually write out the excel files as well.

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Discussion of this tag set will show how easy it is to extract data from this popular word processing format to be archived in a table or saved to files. Examples will be given as to how these tags can be used to output the data in the most popular formats as well.