ODABA Releases TODBMS and Tools 17.2.4

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Detailed changes (ODABA)

The behavior of some features has been improved. Several bugs have been removed. Removed bugs and minor improvements are reported in the change log.

ODABA Database kernel (base)

Several ODABA components have been improved or provide extended features:

Data Exchange

- Automatically detect field delimiters when not being defined

Client / Server

- Some minor problems when closing client applications have been solved

Property

- Positioning path nodes (hierarchies) and updating type for weak typed has been improved

Some errors within the resource (storage) management have been removed.

ODABA Application Program Interface (base/opa)

Some extensions and some changes have been made on API functionality.

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Interface changes:

Basic classes (namespace **`odaba`**)

- **`Property`**
  - isInternalProperty (new, C++, osi)
- **`Option`**
  - iniFilePath (new, C++, osi)

More details are described in ODABA online documentation: **Reference documentation/ODABA Application Program Interface.**

ODABA Script Interface OSI

OSI interfaces have been provided for all new (or changed) interface functions. Several bugs when executing OSI functions have been removed.

Open document support

No changes made.

Detailed changes (ODE and GUI framework)

New application for defining and testing HTTP server requests has been provided. The Associate feature has been improved. Also, some bugs in managing GUI resources have been removed.

GUI Framework (gui)

Bug fixes have been made. The Associate dialog now provides instances from the source collection, which are not yet in the target collection, when source and target are compatible.

ODE tools (ode)

Some minor errors have been removed.

ODABA GUI Application Program Interface (gui/ode)

By accident in the last version class members have not been generated properly for several resource classes. This had not been a problem when using resource classes in OSI functions or obtaining resources from the application, but when construction classes as Font, Size, Point, Color in an application, this could cause problems.

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Context classes

No changes made for context classes.

Resource classes

- **`Alignment`** `(new class)`
  - Constructor (new, osi)
  - horizontal (new, osi)
  - vertical (new, osi)
  - text (new, osi)
  - isEmpty (new, osi)
  - Destructor (new, C++ only)
- **`Font`**
  - color (new, osi)
  - textColor (new, osi
- **`KeyInput`**
  - released (new, osi)

No changes made for resource classes.

ODABA Documentation

The documentation tree has been extended by adding new function documentation.

Installing ODABA

ODABA, including applications and libraries, is available for free under Open Source licenses (GPL). ODABA runs on various hardware configurations, operating systems and works on many desktop environments. ODABA can be obtained as source code distribution and in various binary formats from http://sourceforge.net/downloads/odaba/.

Several features require third party components, which have to be installed before installing ODABA. When the corresponding libraries are not available, one may install ODABA, but the features referenced below will not work.

- libzip - required for LibreOffice document generation
- zlib - required for data compression and database backup and restore)
- curl - required for enhanced email support)
- hunspell - required for spell check in ODE tools, like terminus
- libmicrohttp - required for OHTTPServer(D)
- Qt4 or Qt5 - for running the ODABA GUI framework

Using optimizing compiler GCC 6, `this` pointer checks must not be optimized. Use `-fno-delete-null-pointer-checks` option when using GCC optimizing compiler.

Previous Releases

With the release of ODABA 17.2.4 we declare the end of live for all previous released ODABA versions less than version 17.2.0. Bug fixes on 17.x.x version are provided on demand.

System model has not been changed and no version upgrade is required.

About RUN-Software

RUN-Software develops database management system ODABA and tools since 1994. Besides general and particular software solutions, RUN-Software publishes theoretical works about database theory and terminology in connection with data modeling.

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