

Add Style to your Windows, Forms and MsgBoxes

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Personalise Popup Forms

- Popup forms are top level windows (independent of Access UI)
- Allows additional customisation not possible with standard forms:
 - ❖ Using **Windows Settings | Personalisation | Colours** (Win 10 /11)
 - Title bar background & border colours
 - ❖ Using **DwmSetWindowAttribute** API (Win 11 only)
 - Title bar background & text colours
 - Title bar backdrop style (including translucent)
 - Title bar dark mode
 - Border colour (or none)
 - Corner style (rounded / square)



Popup Form Positioning

- Popup forms open on the monitor where they were last saved.
- Can cause problems for end users with form being 'off-screen'
 - ❖ e.g. last save on secondary monitor but app opened on single monitor setup
- Solution - specify startup position:
 - ❖ Always open on primary (or sole monitor)
OR
 - ❖ Always open on monitor containing Access application window



Create Theme - Aware Forms

- Automatically update forms in line with current Office UI theme
- Detect Office theme using VBA
 - ❖ Stored in registry but 'read-only'
- Apply theme colours to forms when opened (or theme changed):
 - ❖ Office Accent Colour
 - ❖ Back Colour (primary / secondary)
 - ❖ Text Colour (primary / secondary)
 - ❖ Border Colour
 - ❖ Datasheet Alternate Row Colour
- Allow for exceptions



Style Your Message Boxes

- Use Access Expression Service to create 3 styles of message box:
 - ❖ New style Fluent UI MsgBox (Access 365 CC or faster)
 - ❖ Old style MsgBox with bold first line
 - ❖ Standard MsgBox
- Functions support:
 - ❖ Unicode text in title and message prompt
 - ❖ Links to online / local help files
 - ❖ Ease of Access features (larger text size / high contrast themes)
 - ❖ Adapts to Office theme colours (new style Fluent UI only)
- Apply optional timeout (MsgBoxT)
MsgBoxT (Prompt, [Buttons], [Title], [HelpFile], [Context], [Timeout])
- Add optional countdown (MsgBoxTC)
MsgBoxTC (Prompt, [Buttons], [Title], [HelpFile], [Context], [Timeout], [Countdown])
- Replace standard VBA MsgBox without breaking existing code



Links

- Personalise Popup Forms:
 - ❖ <https://isladogs.co.uk/personalised-popup-forms/>
 - ❖ <https://isladogs.co.uk/open-popup-set-location/>
- Create Theme Aware Forms:
 - ❖ <https://isladogs.co.uk/create-theme-aware-forms/>
- Create Fluent UI Message Boxes with timeout & countdown:
 - ❖ <https://isladogs.co.uk/new-style-msgbox-timeout/>
 - ❖ <https://isladogs.co.uk/msgbox-timeout-countdown/>
 - ❖ <https://isladogs.co.uk/customize-access-msgbox>
 - ❖ <https://isladogs.co.uk/access-msgbox-no-code/>