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Advisor Answers

Visual FoxPro 3.0, 5.0 and 6.0

Q: In the September '97 Ask Advisor, you discussed what to do with the SCREEN=OFF statement in CONFIG.FPW. I'm interested in adding splash screens to my application. I've followed your advice, and it works.

However, splash screens normally have no title bars. How can I create a form for splash screen use in Visual FoxPro 5.0?

—Werner Kunzelmann (via Advisor.Com)

A: In VFP 3 and VFP 5, you have to set a bunch of properties to create a form with no border or title bar. Here are the settings you need:

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BorderStyle = 0
Closable = .F.
ControlBox = .F.
MaxButton = .F.
MinButton = .F.
Movable = .F.
Caption = ""
```

If you miss any one of those, your form gets a title bar. Your best bet, of course, is to create a form subclass that has these properties set as you need them and use it for your splash screens.

In VFP 6, it's much easier. Just set the new TitleBar property to 0 and the title bar goes away, regardless of all those other settings. The resulting form should be just what you want for a splash screen.

Unfortunately, if you want your splash screen to be a top-level form (rather than appearing in the main VFP window), both techniques only work with forms created as .SCX's. Form classes with ShowWindow = 2 and no title bar (whichever way you get rid of it) show up with a title bar.

–Tamar