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Subject: Problem with importing macros from previous versions

Posted by [estangeland](#) on Thu, 18 Aug 2016 17:12:26 GMT

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First of all, Datawarrior is an incredible piece of software that I use on a daily basis, so thank you very much for sharing the program.

Today I updated my DW from 4.2.2 to 4.4.1. Prior to the update, I copied all of my macros to a separate folder to avoid them getting lost. After I updated the program, I copied each macro back to the macro folder in DW. However, several of my macros no longer work. As far as I can tell, my macros that were created prior to 4.2.2 are the problem. All of the macros worked in 4.2.2.

I plan to look at all the files in texteditor to see if I can figure out what the problems were, but since I assume others will also experience this problem, I thought I'd post my question.

Thanks

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Subject: Re: Problem with importing macros from previous versions

Posted by [thomas](#) on Thu, 18 Aug 2016 19:35:40 GMT

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In 4.2.2 macros were a rather new technology and supported only a part of DataWarrior's functionality.

Till 4.4.1 some macro concepts were changed and macro support significantly extended. Nevertheless, the intention was to keep old macros functional.

If some of your macros, which don't work anymore, are not confidential, then I suggest that you send them to me to check what can be done to solve the issue and especially to recognize and remove potential bugs.

From the programming point of view macros are complex to implement and there are lots of things that can go wrong.

And since most people don't use macros frequently, it takes long to discover bugs. Therefore, I am grateful for everybody helping to get this powerful technology to a reliable robust technology.

Thanks in advance,

Thomas

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Subject: Re: Problem with importing macros from previous versions

Posted by [thomas](#) on Sat, 20 Aug 2016 22:54:05 GMT

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Thank you for sending me some test macros. Sadly, I found that the 'Add Row Numbers' task contained a bug that caused a null-pointer-exception if no category column was used. I considered this serious enough to immediately release a bugfix, which I just have done (v4.4.2).

Thank you for helping fixing this issue by telling me and sending the macros.

Kind regards,

Thomas

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