

## Changing Physical Name in the Topic Property Box

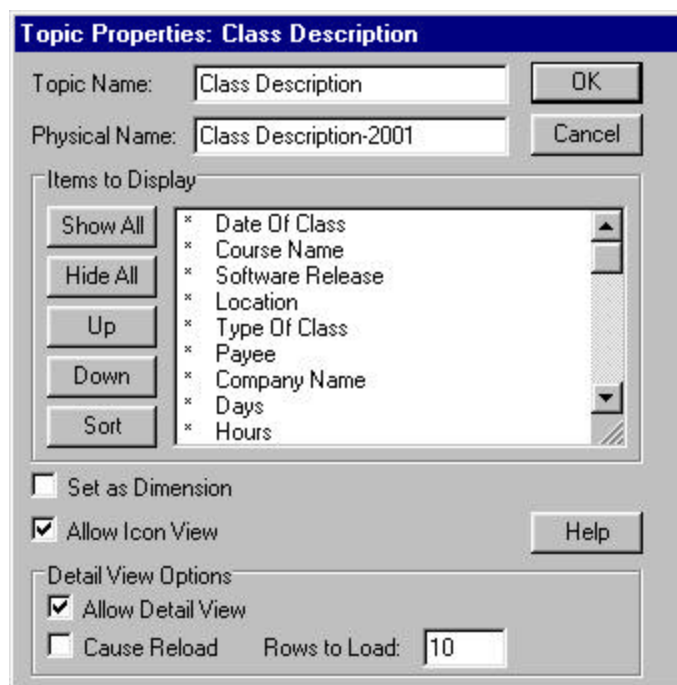
Have you ever wanted to copy tables associated with one calendar year into the next year without recreating queries and reports? If so, I've found a new trick that may be useful.

I maintain a database for my business containing a record of every class I teach. Included in the database is a table called Class Descriptions-2000. To track data for the new calendar year 2001, I copy the table and rename it Class Descriptions-2001, then remove all the old records. In Brio, the table loaded into the data model is Class Descriptions-2000. If I remove the table, then drag the new table into the data model I lose everything in the Request line and have to redo ALL my reports. To avoid recreating my query and all the reports, I change the physical name of the first table so it matches the physical name of the new table. For this to work the tables layout and names must be identical.

To access the Topic Properties, **select the table** in the data model > **right click for speed menu** > **select Properties**. Change the Physical name so it matches the name of the new table.

An added benefit of changing the physical name is that now you may easily select tables for a year and use the same Brio documents. for subsequent years.

Fig. 1 - Topic Properties.



*NOTE: This Newscast was tested on Brio R6.2.0.75*

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