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Subject: Dropdown list

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I have a dropdown list in which I want to list entries from a database table. Now I don't know how to change or create the selection criteria.

Can I change the \$where criteria in the `_cm_getValRep` method of the class? If yes, how can I do this?

The first fields of the primary key are the same for both tables. So how can I get these values for using in the selection criteria?

Here is the code:

```
function _cm_getValRep ($item=null, $where=null)
// get Value/Representation list as an associative array.
{
    $array = array();

    if ($item == 'ma_mitglieder') {
        // get data from the database
        $where = $where_mannschaft;
        $this->sql_select = 'kontakt_ma_user_id, kontakt_ma_user_seq_no, kontakt_ma_name,
kontakt_ma_vorname';
        $this->sql_orderby = 'kontakt_ma_name';
        $this->sql_orderby_seq = 'asc';
        $data = $this->getData($where);

        // convert each row into 'id=desc' in the output array
        foreach ($data as $row => $rowdata) {
            $rowvalues = array_values($rowdata);
            $array[$rowvalues[0]] = $rowvalues[0];
        } // foreach

        return $array;
    } // if

    return $array;
} // _cm_getValRep
```

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Subject: Re: Dropdown list

Posted by [AJM](#) on Mon, 18 Aug 2014 15:55:54 GMT

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If you look very carefully at the `getValRep()` and `_cm_getValRep()` methods inside

std.table.class.inc you will see that they both have optional arguments for \$where and \$orderby. Inside the \_cm\_getValRep() method you will see the following line of code:

```
$data = $this->getData($where);
```

This means that all you have to do is supply a value for \$where when you call the getValRep() method.

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Thank you, I see it.

I tried this before I posted but I didn't succeed. Now that I know that this is the right way I get the desired data if I initialize the \$where string manually.

So how do I get the pk information from the calling table (object/form)?

Is it a good idea to use the \$Global variable? Or is there a better way?

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You only need to provide a \$where string if you want a subset of the records from the ValRep table. By default it will select all records. If you want a subset then it is up to you to provide the \$where string manually. The framework cannot do that for you as it does not know what subset you want.

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