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Subject: Email attachments

Posted by [gpatti](#) on Mon, 16 Jul 2012 14:32:06 GMT

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Tony,

Your FAQ 137 looks like you have an application that sends attachments via email. Is this in one of the prototype apps? I'd like to have a look at the code to see how you have done that if it is available.

Thanks,

Graham

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Subject: Re: Email attachments

Posted by [AJM](#) on Tue, 17 Jul 2012 05:58:48 GMT

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I'm afraid that particular email transaction is not available in any of the prototype apps. It is part of a larger commercial package and is therefore not available as open source.

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Posted by [gpatti](#) on Tue, 17 Jul 2012 08:51:01 GMT

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Thanks Tony, I appreciate that.

I don't suppose you could outline the approach you took so that I could code in a similar way?

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Posted by [AJM](#) on Tue, 17 Jul 2012 12:10:34 GMT

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The button is made to appear in the screen with the following:

```
$this->fieldspec['add_attachment'] = array('type' => 'string',  
                                           'control' => 'button',  
                                           'task_id' => 'py_email_attachment(fileupload));
```

The fileupload task has thge following code in the `_cm_post_fileUpload()` method:

```
$array['filepath'] = $filename;  
$array['filename'] = $this->filename;  
$array['filesize'] = $filesize;
```

This causes those values to be passed back to the calling form where they appear in the `_cm_popupReturn()` method where I have the following code:

```
if ($return_from == 'py_email_attachment(fileupload)') {
    if (!empty($select_array['add_attachment'])) {
        $filename = $select_array['add_attachment']['filename'];
        $filepath = $select_array['add_attachment']['filepath'];
        $filesize = $select_array['add_attachment']['filesize'];
        $fieldarray['add_attachment'] = null;
        // save these details for the _cm_postInsertRecord() method
        $this->attachments[$filename] = $filepath . ' [size='. $filesize. ']';
        // rebuild the list of attachments
        $list = "";
        foreach ($this->attachments as $key => $value) {
            $list .= $key . ', ';
        } // foreach
        $fieldarray['attachments'] = rtrim($list, ', ');
    } // if
} // if
```

These values are processed in the `_cm_postInsertRecord()` method with the following code:

```
if (!empty($this->attachments) AND is_array($this->attachments)) {
    $attachments = $this->attachments;
} elseif (!empty($rowdata['attachments']) AND is_array($rowdata['attachments'])) {
    $attachments = $rowdata['attachments'];
} // if

if (!empty($attachments)) {
    // $attachments has 2 possible formats:
    // 1) associative - 'filename = filepath'
    // 2) indexed - [idx]['filename'] = '....'
    //           [idx]['filesize'] = '....'
    //           [idx]['filebody'] = '....' or [idx]['filepath'] = '....'
    $array1 = $attachments;
    $attachments = array();
    foreach ($array1 as $key => $value) {
        if (is_array($value)) {
            $attachments[] = $value;
        } else {
            // convert from associative to indexed
            $filename = $key;
            $filepath = $value;
            if (preg_match('/(?<=[size=].*(?=\])/)', $filepath, $regs)) {
                $filesize = $regs[0]; // extract file size
                // remove '[size=...]' from the value
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```

        $filepath = preg_replace('/^[size=.*\]/', '', $filepath);
    } else {
        $filesize = null;
    } // if
    $attachments[] = array('filename' => $filename,
        'filepath' => $filepath,
        'filesize' => $filesize);
    } // if
} // foreach
} // if

if (!empty($attachments)) {
    // add each attachment to a separate table
    $dbobject =& RDCsingleton::getInstance('email_attachment');
    $dbobject->audit_logging = $this->audit_logging;
    foreach ($attachments as $idx => $filedata) {
        $insert['email_id'] = $rowdata['email_id'];
        $insert['filename'] = $filedata['filename'];
        $insert['filesize'] = $filedata['filesize'];
        if (!empty($filedata['filebody'])) {
            $insert['filebody'] = $filedata['filebody'];
        } else {
            $insert['filepath'] = $filedata['filepath'];
        } // if
        $insert = $dbobject->insertRecord($insert);
        if ($dbobject->errors) {
            $this->errors = array_merge($this->errors, $dbobject->errors);
            return $rowdata;
        } // if
    } // foreach
    unset($dbobject);
} // if

```

I hope this helps.

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 Posted by [gpatti](#) on Tue, 17 Jul 2012 12:16:35 GMT  
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Many thanks. I will play around with this.