

Using the InnoVisioNate Page Submitted Processor

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What is the Page Submitted Processor?

Visio Logger can take different "paths" through your data fields

When you collect different data from visitors based on why they are there, or for any other reason, Visio Logger can present only those "pages" of data entry fields relevant for *that* visitor.

Recall that a page is the presentation of a certain set of fields grouped together. There can be multiple entry fields on a single page. However, when a signature pad is being used, and a particular field uses either the pad keyboard, or a menu choice, there can be only one data field per page.

The "series" of pages happens based on the order that you define them in. After defining them, you can shift pages to the left and re-order them in any way desired.

Essentially, Visio Logger starts with the first page for each new signer, and goes through them in order after the visitor enters data for each field.

If, when Visio Logger encounters a page whose data entry fields are *already* filled in, it silently *skips* that page.

Therefore, the way that the Page Submitted Processor works is to inspect the data after each page is submitted, and, based on the values of the fields on that page, actually *sets* the values of any *other* fields to a configurable value.

This not only allows subsequent pages of data to be skipped, you are also provided the opportunity to *automatically* populate fields based on the value of any given field.

Launching the Page Submitted Processor Properties

When Visio Logger is running under a user with administrative privileges on the computer, the main menu will contain a Tools \rightarrow Toolbox entry. Select this option and find the InnoVisioNate Page Submitted Processor in the "When a page is submitted …" group in the middle left of the Toolbox.

The Props column contains a button, which when pressed, presents a dialog similar to Figure 1.

Note that the figure shows Current process and database information at the top. This is indicating that these settings are for the particular process and database that is in use when you show these properties. It is important to remember that the settings defined are for *that* database. Therefore, if you have multiple databases, or even multiple processes within a database, the properties you set will not confuse those from another database.

Validation and Visio Logger Flow						
Current process: Counseling in database: C:\ProgramData\InnoVisionate\test.mdb						
Instructions Validations New						
This tool allows you to specify "automatic" values of fields based on the value of fields just submitted from the current "page" of entries.						
The tool is used by Visio Logger after each page of entries (there can be one or more entries on a single page) is submitted by the user. In these settings, you can direct that ANY of the fields defined be set to ANY value WHEN the value of one of the just submitted fields equals (or does not equal) a certain value.						
This is how VisioLogger handles the "flow" of the data entry process which can change based on any of the previously captured fields.						
For example, given a field such as "Service Requested" - you define a set of rules that set the value of OTHER fields when THIS field is a particular value.						
If that value were "Tire Rotation" - then ALL fields NOT related to "Tire Rotation" can be given some value (even blank) and those fields will then be skipped in the rest of the data entry for THIS visitor.						
To create a new rule, visit the New tab.						
You can also specify the type of value(s) that should be in the field(s).						
Visit the Validations tab to indicate whether the fields should be Integer, Decimal, or a valid date value.						
If you exit these settings by clicking Ok - the system will ask if you want to "publish" the settings.						
This means that other computers running Visio Logger with this database and process will immediately start using these new validation rules.						
Visio Logger on those computers does NOT have to be restarted.						
Ok Cancel						

Figure 1 Page Submitted Properties Dialog

There are two types of properties you can set in the above dialog, Validations, and rules for setting fields in your data based on values just submitted on the current page.

Validation Settings

Validation means to inspect the value of a given field, and enforce any rule that the value should be of a certain type.

For example, if your data fields contain an integer number, such as an ID value, then validation is used to ensure that it does not contain a decimal point, and that it contains no letters, only pure digits.

To create Validation rules, click the Validations tab in Figure 1.

Validation and Visio Logger Flow								
Current process: Counseling in database: C:\ProgramData\InnoVisionate\test.mdb								
Instructions	Instructions Validations New							
You can co	You can create validation rules that specify the type of value your fields may contain.							
	Click Add to add a new validation rule, hilite a row in the list, and click Edit or Del							
		e, mile a row in the li						
Add	Field	Туре	Error Message					
Edit								
Del								
Ok Cancel								

Figure 2 Validation Rules Dialog

The figure shows no validations for this database and process. To Create one, click Add, and you will see the dialog shown in Figure 3

New Validation Rule					
Field: Student ID must be: Integer Message to user:					
Student ID must be an integer					
(leave blank unless the user should be notified)					
Ok Cancel					

Figure 3 A New Validation Rule

The rule defined in the above figure was created by selecting the Field from the available fields in the data set, and by choosing either Integer, Decimal, or Date from the "must be:" list.

Note that the Message to user is specified for this rule. This particular configuration of Visio Logger is intended to be run in Kiosk Mode – which means that the signer can actually see the computer monitor, and therefore, can be apprised any failure of validation. When Visio Logger is *not* running in Kiosk Mode, the "Message to user:" field should be left blank, because there may be no-one at the computer to dispatch any message, and data collection would stop. When a keypad is in use – a failed validation will cause the same page to be resubmitted to the signer.

After you define each rule, they will appear in the list of rules shown in Figure 2. You can always edit or delete the rule by selecting it in that list and pressing Edit or Del to the left of the list.

Creating Value Setting rules

Value Setting rules set the value of any field based on the value of any other field.

The "name" of each value setting rule is based on the name of the field whose value you are going to *inspect*. Therefore, there is a "group" of rules based on one field and each "group" has its own tab in the dialog shown in Figure 1.

To create a new group of rules for a field, click the "New" tab in Figure 1. When you are within that tab, you have to first select the name of the field that will be *inspected* from the list of fields.

Validation and Visio Logger Flow							
Current process: Counseling in database: C:\ProgramData\InnoVisionate\test.mdb							
Instructions Validations Have Paperwork New							
When the current field is Have Paperwork							
Set the value of oth	er fields:						
Add	Value	Set	То				
Edit							
Del							
Delete							
Ok Cancel							

Figure 4 A new group of rules inspecting "Have Paperwork"

Note in the above, that after clicking the New tab – we then immediately chose a field from the available fields dropdown, at which point, the "New" tab was *renamed* to the chosen field – *and* an additional tab was added and *that* tab becomes the "New" tab. You can create as many tabs as there are fields in your database.

To add a new value setting rule, click Add, you will see the dialog as in Figure 5.

rule		
When Have Paperwork	│	
	0	specify <any> to allways set the following field</any>
Set 🗸 🗸	to	
	(Select p	aceholder values here)
Ok Cancel		

Figure 5 A new Value Setting Rule

Note that the "When" field is disabled – this reinforces the fact that a group of rules (the items in the list in Figure 4) are based on *one* field only, the field being *inspected*, which, in this case is "Have Paperwork".

We fill in the dialog as follows:

• When the value of Have Paperwork IS equal to some given value, then set the value of *another* field to a specified value.

or,

• When the value of Have Paperwork IS NOT equal to some given value, then set the value of *another* field to a specified value.

The "Have Paperwork" field in the database in use happens to be a Menu data entry field. Because of this, we know that it can have one of a set number of values; there can be no misspelling of the value.

Assuming this value could be Yes or No. Then, if our database has the field, "Needs to ReSchedule", we could create our rule as shown in Figure 6.

rule			
When	Have Paperwork	 IS equal is NOT equal 	No
			specify <any> to allways set the following field</any>
	Set Needs to ReSched 💌	to Yes	
		(Select p	laceholder values here)
0	Ok Cancel		

Figure 6 Setting data for another field

Did you know that your data fields can contain *any* number of *non*-input fields? Simple supporting fields that can hold any value at all. These are specified by turning off the selection "Is On the Entry Panel?" in the column definition.

This is what we have done with the "Needs to ReSchedule" field. Therefore, given our rule, if a student forgot to bring their paperwork – the row of data for this student will immediately note this fact, even before the student is finished with the rest of their sign in session! Reception sitting at the front desk would immediately see this if they were running Visio Logger in Viewer Mode, and could even start the rescheduling process for that student even before she knows she will have to come back.

Va	Validation and Visio Logger Flow							
	Current process: Counseling in database: C:\ProgramData\InnoVisionate\test.mdb							
	Instructions Validations Have Paperwork New							
	When the current field is Have Paperwork							
	Set the va	alue of other	fields:					
	Add		Value	Set	То			
	Edit] =	No	Needs to ReSchedule	Yes			
	Del	í l						
	4							
	Delete							
	Ok Cancel							

Note our new list of rules for the "Have Paperwork" field in Figure 7.

Figure 7 The list of rules

We can always edit or delete any rule by highlighting it and pressing the appropriate button to the left of the list.

We will create one more rule that uses a "placeholder" value, which is a logical name for a value to be substituted at run time.

Here we say that if the student *does* have their paperwork – we will grant them entry at the current time (we chose the "Current Time" entry in the drop down list in the bottom right).

In fact, the time the student checked in is always maintained by the system in the "Signed In" column, which is always there. However, for illustrative purposes, or as a convenience to staff perusing the Visio Logger data, we can repeat it in this field.

rule			
When Have Paperwork		IS equal	Yes
	💿 is NOT equal	specify <any> to allways set the following field</any>	
Set Time Checked In 💌	to	<now></now>	
		(Select pl	laceholder values here) Current Time 🔻
Ok Cancel			



Both of the "target" fields in these two rules are "non-Entry" fields as mentioned before, therefore, since the Visio Logger flow through the data fields will never encounter these fields anyway, these 2 rules will not affect the flow.

However, it is important to remember that *if* these *were* entry fields (data collected from the signer in some way) – *then* setting a value for the target field (even if it is just an empty string) WILL cause *that* field to be skipped and the signer will never be asked to provide a value.

That is the crux of how selective "flow" through the data fields works. If you have more than one "type" of signer, or data collection situation, you will still have *all* the fields necessary in your data, however, many of them may be auto-filled with values from these rules. If desired, it might make sense to auto-fill the values with N/A to indicate the field is not applicable. Or, simply provide a blank value as you see fit.

Note also that setting target field values *is* iterative and that this can have unintended side effects. Specifically, if there is a rule that sets field 1 to the value A, when field 2 has the value B, *and* there is a rule that sets the value of field 3 to the value C when field 1 is A - then, whenever field 2 is given the value B – field 1 becomes A, and field 3 becomes C. This should be noted if unexpected results are occurring.

When Signature (bitmap) fields are the target

You cannot "inspect" the value of a signature field, since it contains a bitmap. However, you *can* set the value of a signature field to blank. This way, you can collect a signature from certain types of visitors, and skip the signature for other types.

Saving the Configuration

The configuration file you have created with these settings is stored in the local machine's ProgramData directory. Upon exit from the properties dialog, the system will present the following question:

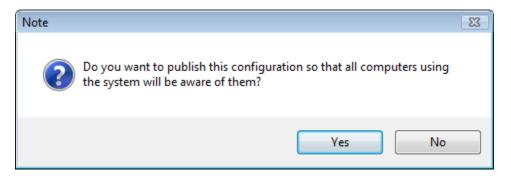


Figure 9 Prompt to save the configuration

What this option does is to store the configuration file directly in the current database in use. This way, when *another* computer on the network is using that database, and the option to use the Page Submitted Processor is selected on that computer – the processor will, at the appropriate time, check for an update to these settings and put them into effect on that other computer.

Summary

This completes the configuration of the InnoVisioNate Page Submitted Processor.

To see it in action, be sure to check the option to the left of the name of the processor in the Tools \rightarrow Toolbox dialog.