Practice exercises



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THE PROBLEM

A multinational company in charge of managing amusement parks hires you to develop a system for storing and managing the information with which the company works. Imagine that the system consists of two modules:

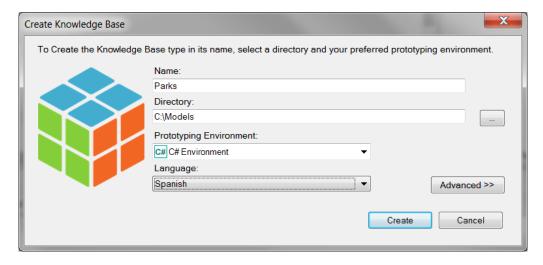
- Backend: part of the app to be run on a web server so that the company's employees may handle the information from any location connected to the Internet.
- Simple application for mobile devices: part of the app intended to be downloaded by the company's customers to allow them queries on the countries available and on the main amusement parks available in each city, including the games offered.

NEW PROJECT, NEW KNOWLEDGE BASE

Go to GeneXus and create a knowledge base called *Parks* to start developing the application.

We suggest:

- Select C# as the development environment. Ensure the installation of everything necessary (including SQL Server). If you use GeneXus Trial, the generation environment with C# and SQL Server is predefined already, prototyping in the Amazon cloud.
- That you should not create the knowledge base in the "My Documents" folder or any other folder under "Documents and Settings" because these folders have special permits from Windows.



Take a few minutes to **become familiarized** with the **IDE (GeneXus integrated development environment)**. Try to **move windows, visualize specific windows desired** (View and View/Other Tool Windows) and note the contents of the **KBExplorer** (Knowledge Base Explorer) window. You will see **domains,** some **objects**, and **images**, among other things, that appear initialized already.

Recommendation: keep the properties window open (**F4**), because you will be using it permanently. In the **'Preferences'** window, where the **'Environment'** is configured.



INITIAL TRANSACTIONS

During your meetings with the company, they tell you:

"We record the data on amusement parks to manage both their employees and their games and activities available to visitors."

To start building the application, we must begin by identifying the <u>actors from reality</u>, to represent them by means of **transactions**. What transactions should we create then in the knowledge base (KB)?

"EMPLOYEE" TRANSACTION

We ask: what data do the company 's employees record? The answer is:

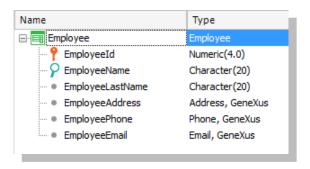
The name (not over 20 characters), surname (not over 20 characters either), address, telephone and the e-mail.

With this data, you may already create the Employee transaction.

Remember that:

- There are several alternatives to create objects:
 - Doing it from the menu: File/ New Object
 - o Ctrl+N
 - o Icon of the tool bar
- You will need an attribute to identify each employee (EmployeeId).
- If you type dot (".") when you are about to enter a new attribute, it will be initialized with the name of the transaction.

The structure of the transaction should look as shown below:



Remember that:

- Address, Phone and Email are <u>semantic domains</u> assigned automatically to the attributes defined and they respectively contain the texts Address, Phone or Email in their names.
- When you define the data type of the identifier attribute, instead of using Numeric(4.0) directly, define the **Id domain** with that data type.

Set up the **Autonumber** property of that domain as **True**, so that all the attributes based on it are automatically numbered, without the need for the user to be concerned with that.



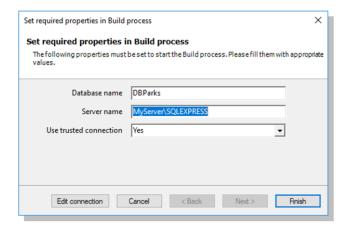
The next step is to test the application in runtime. Make sure that you have the GeneXus *Output* window enables and at sight. (*View/Other Tool Windows /Output*).

Now you may test the application in runtime by pressing F5.

What will happen?

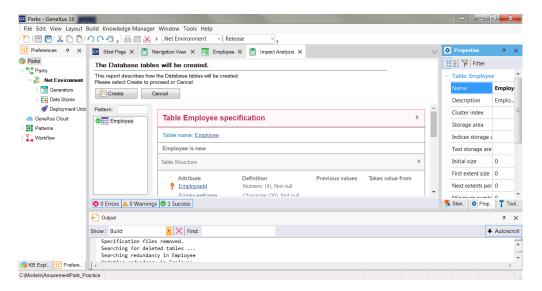
Solution

If you decide to create the database and programs **locally**, a window like the one shown below will open up for you to enter data on the <u>Database</u>, <u>Server</u> and <u>connection method</u>. Remember that if a database with the name indicated on that server does not exist, thin GeneXus will **create it**.



If the database and programs are created in the cloud, then the dialog shown above will not appear because GeneXus knows the server data in the cloud and automatically sets up the name of the database and all the information relative to connections to it.

Then comes the deployment of an **Impact Analysis** detailing that the database will be created, with the EMPLOYEE table inside it:





If you press the *Create* button, GeneXus will execute the program that will be doing the creation. Upon the process´ end, the menu with links to execute the objects defined will be opened in the navigator set up as the predetermined one. In this case, there is only one: the Employee transaction.

Enter some employees in the system. Then **modify** some data on any of the previously entered employees and **delete** any employee.

You may also use the arrows provided for moving from one employee record to the next, as well as the *SELECT* option that offers a "selection list" to view the list of recorded employees in order to select one.

Now let's identify and create the following transaction. Remember what their statement was, to which some additions were made:

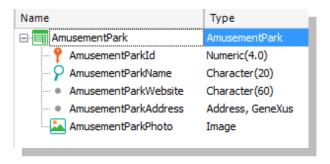
"We record the data of <u>amusement parks</u> in different <u>cities</u> in different <u>countries</u>, to manage both their <u>employees</u> and their <u>games</u> and <u>activities</u> available to visitors."

"AMUSEMENTPARK" AND "COUNTRY" TRANSACTIONS, RELATED

We asked the company's employees the following question: what are the data of amusement parks that you record for your work? The answer was:

The **name** (with up to 40 characters), **website** (with up to 60 characters), **address** and an **emblematic photo**.

With this data, it is now possible to create the AmusementPARK transaction.



Remember that:

- Address, Phone and Email are <u>semantic domains</u> automatically assigned to the attributes defined, containing in their name the Address, Phone or Email texts, respectively.
- When you define the data type of the identifier attribute, instead of using Numeric(4.0) directly, define the **Id domain** with that data type.
- Set up the **Autonumber property** in that domain as **True**, so that all attributes based on it will be numbered automatically, without the user being concerned about that.



We will create a transaction to record the <u>countries</u> to which the amusement parks belong.

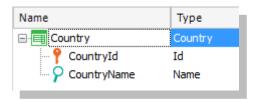
Remember that:

- By pressing dot (".") when you are about to name an attribute in the structure of the transaction, it will appear initialized with the name of the transaction.
- You will need an identifier attribute, CountryId.

In defining the data type of the identifier attribute, instead of using *Numeric*(4.0) directly, define the **Id domain** with that data type.

Set up the Autonumber property of that domain as *True*, so that all attributes based on it will be numbered automatically without the user being concerned about that.

Define the *CountryName* attribute creating and using a new domain: *Name=Character*(50).

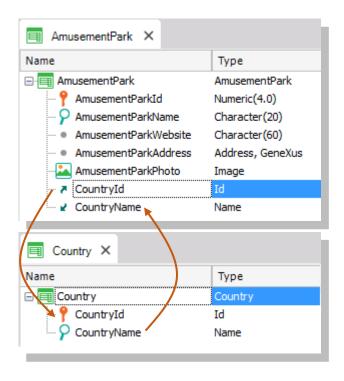


<u>Note</u> all the domains that are already predefined in GeneXus. Specifically, **Address**, **Email** and **Phone** that appeared automatically when the *EmployeeAddress*, *EmployeeEmail* and *EmployeePhone* attributes were created in the Employee transaction.

Now we will go back to the *AmusementPARK* transaction to add the *CountryId* and *CountryName* attributes.

Let's take this chance to change the data type of *AmusementId*, assigning to it the Id domain created previously, if you have not configured it yet.

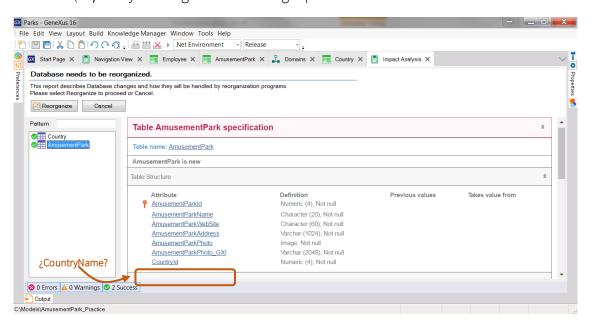




Why did you include the CountryName in AmusementPark attribute in addition to CountryId?

Answer: It is important that the CountryName attribute appear in the screen of the transaction to show us the name of the country, which is the data we best recall about the country, instead of just viewing its identifier. It is also necessary to add the attribute in the structure of the transaction if we want to use it later, for example, as part of a rule.

Execute to test (F5) and you will get the following report:

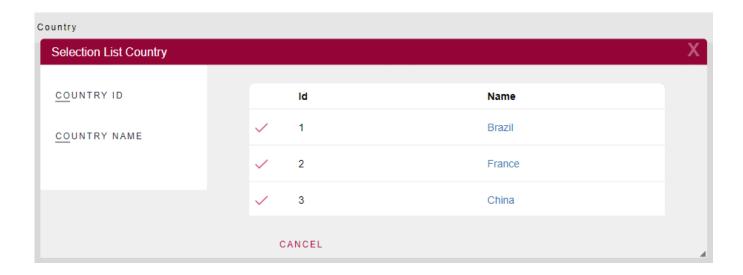




Why doesn't the *CountryName* attribute appear in the *AmusementPark* table, which GeneXus indicates that must be modified in the database? In other words, why will the physical table not contain it, when it is in the structure of the transaction?

After studying the report, if we agree, we press *Reorganize* in order for what is informed to be actually carried out. The navigator will open up with the menu with links to the 3 programs corresponding to each transaction (*AmusementPark*, *Country*, and *Employee*).

Enter the following as **countries**: Brazil, France, and China. Note that, by leaving value 0 as the value in the identifier, upon saving, the number following the last one assigned is automatically assigned (in fact, it is being autonumbered).



Enter the amusement park "Beto Carrero World", located in Brazil. If you don't remember the identifier for Brazil in the system, how can you enter the country? There is an icon with an arrow next to *Countryld* for opening a "Selection List" of countries that is created automatically by GeneXus. This is because *Countryld* has the foreign key role in this transaction (that is, it is "pointing at" another table).

RELATED DATA: HOW TO MAINTAIN INTEGRITY

AmusementPark and Country are related. When we place Countryld in the structure of AmusementPark, because the name is the same as the name of the attribute that is the primary key in the Country transaction, GeneXus will understand that, in AmusementPark, the Countryld attribute is foreign key and will automatically maintain the physical integrity of the information. So, for example:



- Try to enter an amusement park with a country Id that does not exist. Are you allowed to save that park?
- Select a park that has been entered previously (for example, 'Beto Carrero World'), and change the country for a non-existent country. Were you able to save that change?
- Try to delete a country (using the Country transaction) with an associated park (such as Brazil). Are you allowed to do that?

Conclusion: the programs corresponding to the transactions ensure data integrity.

'GAME' TRANSACTION

As requested from the start, the system must offer the possibility of entering the games available in each park, so we must create a transaction containing its name and the amusement park where it belongs.



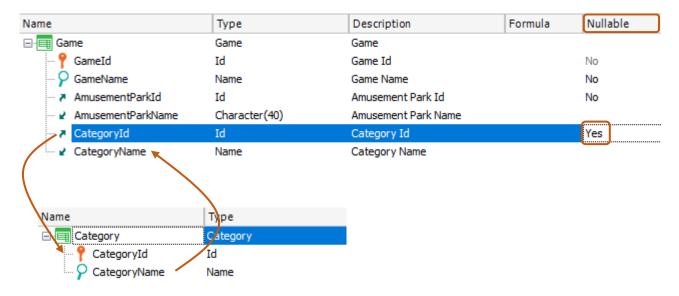
'CATEGORY' TRANSACTION

We still have to complete the information on the Game transaction. The employees explained that they also record the **category** (children, radical, recreational, etc.) to which a game belongs. So, we will have to <u>create a transaction</u> to record that information, and <u>add the category</u> to the Game transaction.

But we were also informed that it is not mandatory to necessarily record the category to which a specific game that is handled belongs. That may be left empty. Knowing that GeneXus controls integrity automatically, how can we do this?



Solution:



To end the definition of the Game transaction, we should add the data missing, that is, the photo.

To do this, create the *GamePhoto* attribute of the *Image* data type.

Get GeneXus to build the app so you can test it in runtime (F5).

Note what the Impact Analysis report informs. The *Category* and *Game* tables must be created (don't mind figuring out why two values are to be stored per image).

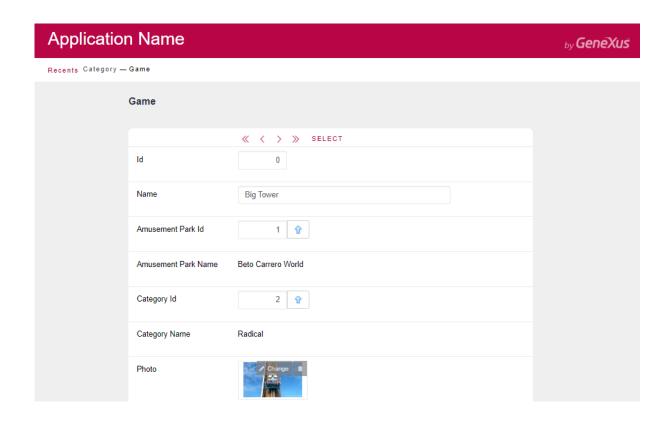
Reorganize and execute.

Enter categories (like children and radical) and games (like rollercoasters and merry-go-rounds).

Note that, in this case, you may leave the category empty (because the **Nullable** property was configured as **Yes** in the structure of the transaction).

However, if you try to insert a non-existent value in the value of *Categoryld* for the game, you will be prevented from saving that.



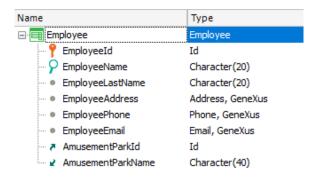


"EMPLOYEE" AND "AMUSEMENTPARK" TRANSACTIONS, RELATED

As we were told from the start of the app development, the system will manage the amusement parks and <u>their</u> employees. So, we must link the employees recorded with the park where each of them works.

To do that, let's go to the Employee transaction and add the *AmusementParkId* and *AmusementParkName* attributes.

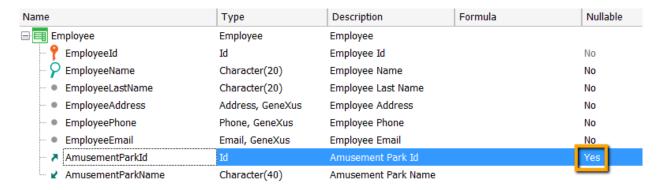
Let's take this opportunity to change the data type of *Employeeld* by assigning to it the domain Id previously created, if you still have not configured it.



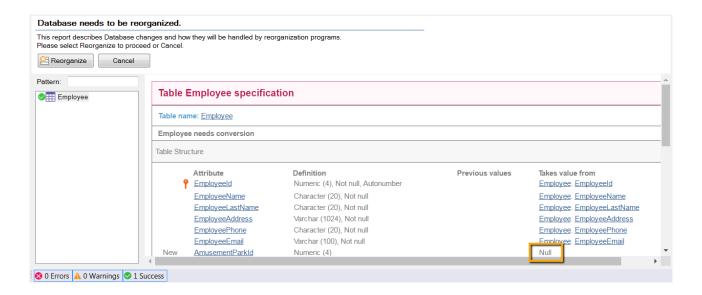


We were informed that it is not mandatory to record, at that moment, the park where the employee works, that is, we can leave it empty. What should we do?

Solution:



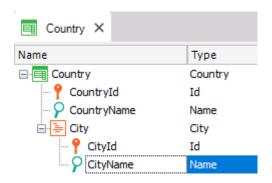
Try executing (F5) and you will get the following report indicating that the AmusementParkId attribute now enables us to leave a value unspecified:





ADDING THE CITIES TO THE 'COUNTRY' TRANSACTION

In addition to the countries, we must also record the information about <u>cities</u>. So, we must add a second level in the Country transaction, with the identifier and the city name.



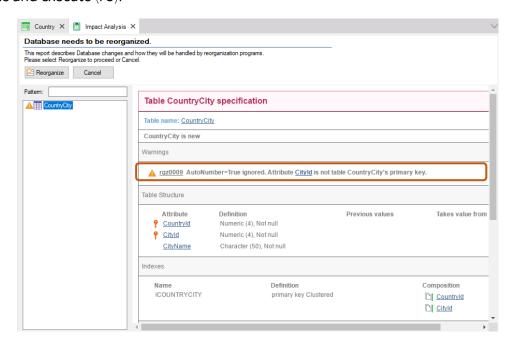
Remember that:

- Once positioned on the CountryName attribute, with a right click and Insert Level we will be adding the sublevel.
- After you define a name for the new level by typing quotation marks (") instead of dot, the attribute you define will be initialized with the name of the level.
- The cities will be identified by means of their own Id, in combination with the country Id. This means that you will not be able to identify a city without having provided the data on the country in question beforehand. So, it will be possible to have a city 1 Rosario for Uruguay as well as for Argentina:

Country: 1 (Uruguay) - City: 1 (Rosario) Country: 2 (Argentina) - City: 1 (Rosario)

 Or it could also be possible that Rosario in Argentina be identified with a different number: Country: 2 (Argentina) – City: 4 (Rosario)

Reorganize and execute (F5).





Note that the Navigation Listing will inform that:

- The Autonumber property for the case of *CityId* will be ignored. This means that, in runtime, the user must manually enter the city identifiers. The explanation is that the Autonumber property only autonumbers simple primary keys, and in this case, *CityId* is the second component of a composite key.
- A new CountryCity table will be created to store the information corresponding to the cities.

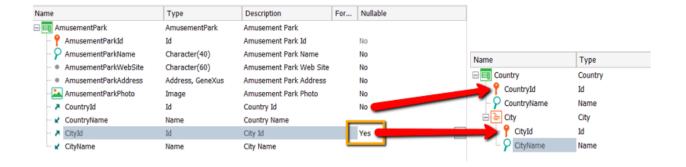
Enter cities for the countries you had already registered.

"AMUSEMENTPARK" TRANSACTION: ADDING THE CITY.

In the AmusementPARK transaction, let's add the city of the country to which the park belongs. What should you do if the company informs you that the value might be unknown or might be irrelevant for a given park at a specific moment?

Build the app and test it (F5 and Reorganize).

Solution:





ADDING BEHAVIOR TO TRANSACTIONS (RULES)

After they try with us the application that we continue to develop, the company tells us that there is a specific behavior that employees must comply with at the time of handling information through the program (Employee transaction).

Which behavior?

They tell us that:

- "The system should not allow access to employees with no name or surname."
- "Users should be warned when the phone is not assigned, in case it was a mistake."
- "The employee entry date in the system should be recorded (**EmployeeAddedDate**) proposing today's date as the predetermined value for that attribute."

Specify that behavior and test it (F5 and Reorganize).

Remember that:

- Rules end with a semi-colon ";".
- The **IsEmpty()** method applied to an attribute returns True when the attribute is empty, or False otherwise.
- The **&Today** variable is part of the system and has the value of today's date already loaded.

In order to write a variable inside the **Rules** screen, when you type "%" you will be deploying all the variables defined to that time, for you to select the one you need. The other possibility is to use **Insert / Variable.**

Try to enter a new employee and leave the name empty. Does the system allow you to save or move to the next field?

Try the same with the surname. Does the same happen in the case of the telephone?

If you are later informed that the date of entry in the system should not be handled by the user, but rather just viewed, how would you establish that behavior?

And last, they request that, upon recording a new country (Country transaction), cities should be autonumbered as they are entered, and the Cityld attribute should remain disabled.

Specify it and test it in runtime.



PATTERNS: IMPROVING THE INTERFACE TO WORK WITH INFORMATION

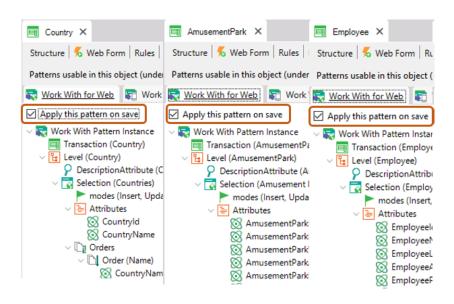
After seeing what has been done so far, the customer requests to handle information on countries, amusement parks, employees, categories and games in a more powerful and appealing manner (with the possibility of queries, filters, and the insertion, modification and deletion of data, and so on).

To achieve this, the pattern *Work With for Web* should be applied to the three transactions. Try it and see it in runtime.

Note that:

- There is a Work With for <u>Smart Devices</u> as well. But the one you must apply is the one corresponding to the web application that you are building.
- GeneXus will automatically create several objects per transaction to implement the "Work with" that entity.

Solution:

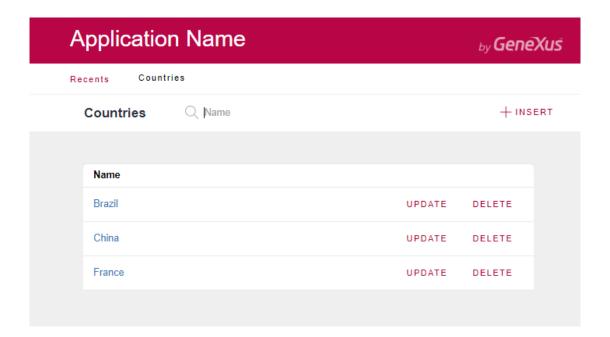


Why is it that the *Country, AmusementPark* and *Employee* transactions don't appear anymore in the *Developer Menu?*



Try the following:

- 1. Enter a new country.
- 2. <u>Modify</u> an existing country (for example, by adding a city to it).
- 3. <u>Delete</u> an existing country.
- 4. <u>View</u> the information relative to a country.
- 5. Do a <u>search</u> by country name.

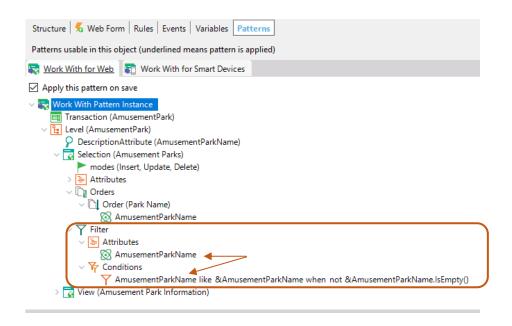


- 6. <u>Enter</u> a couple of amusement parks (Ex: Shanghai Disney Resort, of China/Shanghai, Parc Du Bocasse of France/Normandie, Happy Valley, of China/Beijing).
- 7. <u>Filter</u> the amusement parks whose name starts by P. What if you now want to view all parks in China? This possibility is not included, so we must customize the *Work With* pattern of that transaction in order to add it. Do it **in GeneXus** and **test** in runtime.

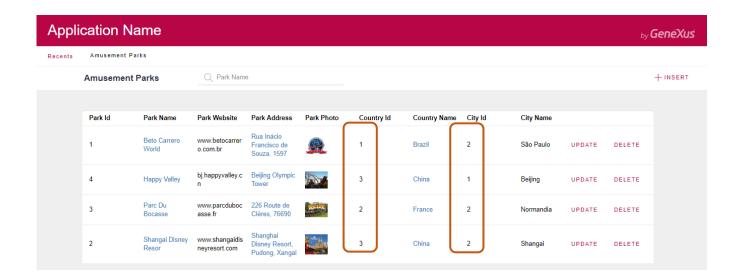


Solution:

To do this, first note how the existing filter has been specified, by name of the amusement park:

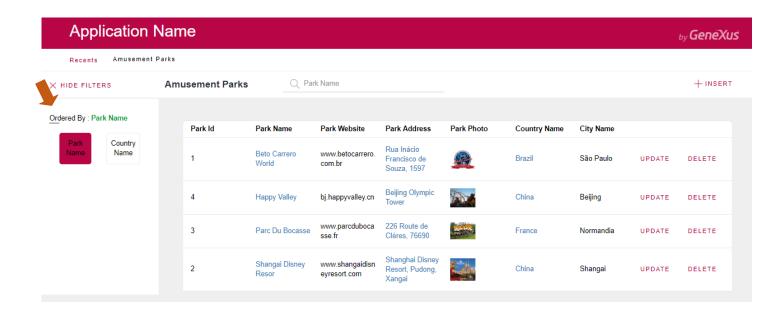


8. Now remove the country and city identifiers from the screen of the *Work With* and test it in runtime.





9. If you now want to offer the possibility for the user to decide whether he/she wants to view the amusement parks sorted by park name or by country name, **implement it** and **test it**.



"REPAIR" AND "TECHNICIAN" TRANSACTIONS, AND THE NEED TO DEFINE SUBTYPES

Now there is the need to record the games that go into repairs. Each repair has an identifier, a date as of which the game is out of order, the estimated number of days for the repair, the game identifier, its name, the main technician and the substitute technician. Every repair also has a cost. For the cost, create a domain called *Cost* of the type Numeric(8.2).

Create a transaction to record the technicians that will work on the repairs. Each technician has an identifier, a name and a surname, a telephone, a country and a city.

How do we define that each repair has a main technician and a substitute technician?

Remember

- 1) That, in the structure of the transaction:
- an icon with an upward arrow informs that the attribute is foreign key, that is, it points at another table.
- an icon with a downward arrow informs that the attribute is inferred from another table.
- an icon with an indicates that the attribute is a subtype.
- 2) About the groups of subtypes:
 - They are defined in the same way as any type of object.
 - Each group of subtypes must necessarily contain a subtype of a primary attribute (that is primary key of a table) or a set of attributes that comprise a primary key.
 - In each group of subtypes we must include all the attribute subtypes to be known and belonging to the base table and/or extended table of the group's primary key.



Execute and **verify** that, upon trying to enter a repair, an error will be triggered when the main technician that is to be assigned to the repair does not exist. And the same goes for the substitute technician.

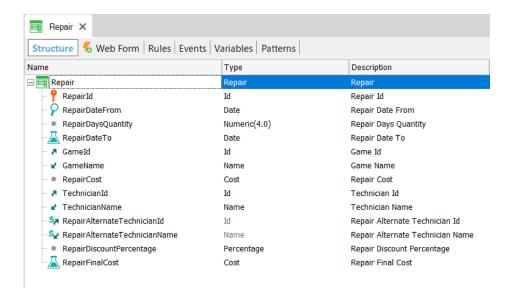
The entry of a repair whose main technician is the same as the substitute technician should not be allowed. Implement that behavior and test it in runtime.

FORMULAS

It should be possible to record the **current discount of each repair**. Define a new attribute in the *Repair* transaction **to save that data**. Name the new attribute as: *RepairDiscountPercentage* and make its data type a *Percentage* domain that is numeric and of length 3.

They require to view the final price of the repair, with the discount applied. To solve this, define another attribute called *RepairFinalCost* that is **global formula** and calculates the repair's final price automatically.

Add a new field called *RepairDateTo*, which will be an addition of the start date of the repair and the number of days that the repair will imply.



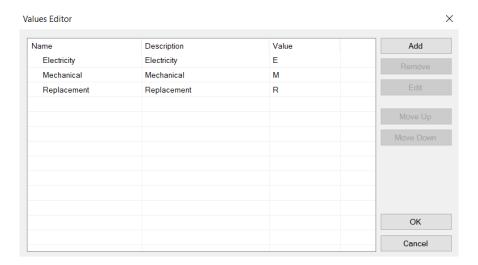
Press F5, note, in the Impact Analysis, which attribute is created physically and which attribute is not, and reorganize and test the application's functioning.



CREATION OF SECOND LEVEL

A second level is to be created in the *Repair* transaction to store details on the type of problems encountered that must be repaired.

To that end, the first thing to do is create a domain called *KindName*, Character(1). Limit the possible values for the domain: so that values "E","M" and "R" are valid (editing the **Enum Values** property as shown below).



Create a second level in the *Repair* transaction called *Kind* for recording the type of repair. This level will have the following three attributes:

- RepairKindId Numeric(4) (it will be key in this second level)
- RepairKindName Based on the KindName domain (Genexus will suggest it automatically).
- RepairKindRemarks Character(120), containing remarks on the problem, and a brief detail on the problem encountered, or the piece to be replaced.

Remember that in order to define that a specific attribute is part of the primary key, you must right click on the attribute, and the contextual menu will show you the **Toggle Key** option. In this case, it will not be necessary because only the first attribute is part of the primary key and it already appears with the key icon.

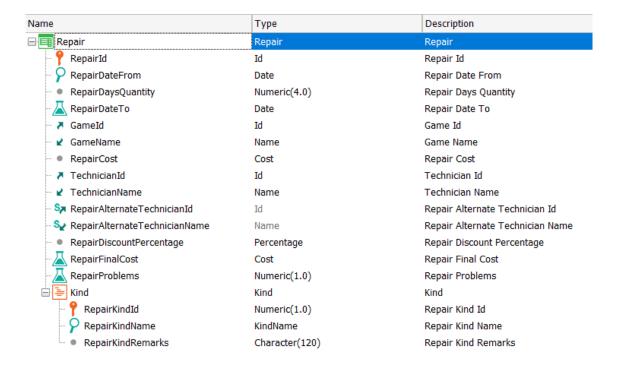
In order to know the number of problem types implied in a repair, create a new attribute in the first level of the *Repair* transaction called *RepairProblems*, Numeric(1) and define it as global formula, which will have to count the types of problems encountered.

A repair could imply electricity problems, mechanical problems, or the need to replace a spare part. There could also be more than one problem of the same type, such as two electrical records, for instance. In the case of many, further detail may be provided using the remarks attribute that enables the possibility of writing a small text.



It is necessary to view the number of problems on the web form and to control the entry of 1 to 3 lines of problem types.

This control must be done when data entry in the second level is finished and after pressing the *Confirm* button.



The value of *RepairKindId* is entered manually. The normal thing would be to assign values to it starting with 1. Remember that it is not possible to autonumber using the *Autonumber* property.

PDF LISTINGS

Now let's suppose that, as part of the application, we must implement the possibility for deploying PDF Listings with the information required upon the user's request. For example, suppose that a listing is required to show amusement parks stored in the database, in alphabetical order.

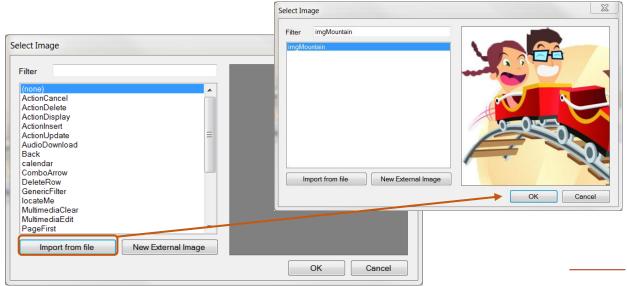
We know that it should look approximately as shown below:





A suggestion to place an image in the title is to use the *Image* control from the *Toolbox* for deploying an image next to the listing's title.

That image must be integrated with the knowledge base. To do that, select the *Import from File* option and search for the image to assign a name to it.





Implement it in GeneXus.

Remember that, to view a listing directly from the browser, it must be generated as PDF. To this end, you must configure the following properties of the procedure object:

- Main program = 'True'
- Call Protocol = HTTP
- Report output = Only to File

And the following rule:

Output_file('name-archivo.pdf', 'PDF')

To execute the listing, right click on the object's tab / Run with this only

Did you notice what the procedure's navigation listing is informing you?

What if now the listing is needed to be ordered by country name? Implement it and note what is informed on the navigation listing and test it.

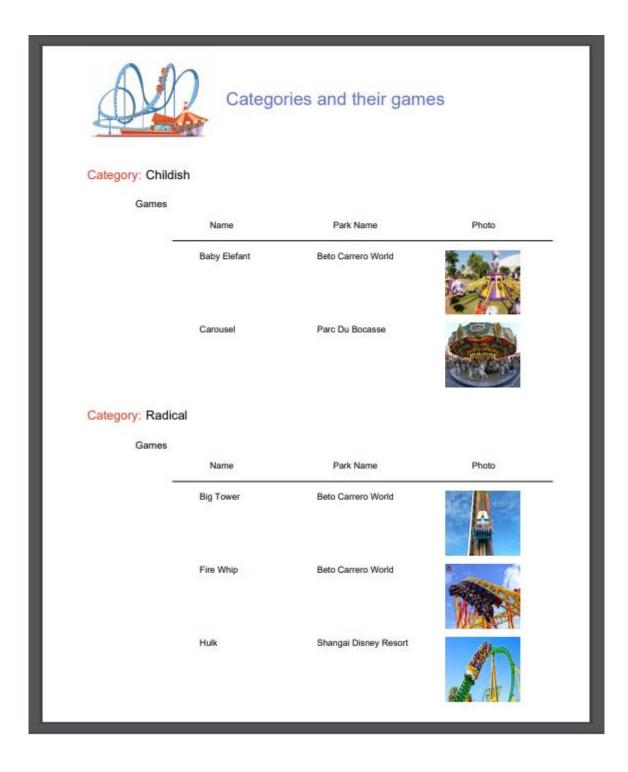
And if the requirement now is to only list the amusement parks in China? Test it (and note the navigation listing).





In each case, find out which table of the database is being run over to do the query of the for each.

A listing like the one below is also required (to show each category and for each of them, the games included). Implement it and test what is done.





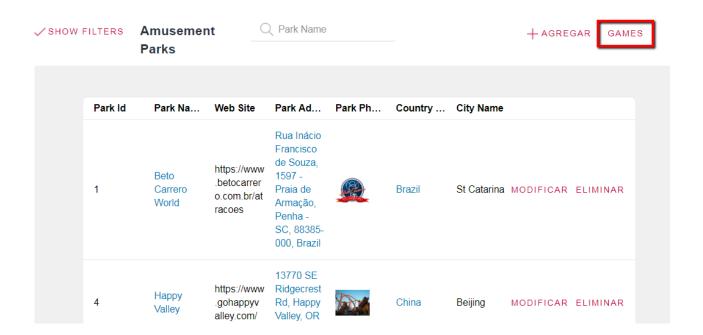
Add a new category to the system, such as *Aquatic*. Execute the previous listing again. Was the category listed now?

Modify the previous listing so that categories without related games are not listed.

What changes did you find in the navigation listing?

Answer: the word *break*, appearing to indicate that a **control break** is taking place, showing also that the base table of the external *for each* is the same as the table of the nested *for each*.

The client now requires that a button be added in the main screen of WWAmusementPark for invoking the previous listing.





Another requirement from the company is a listing to show all country names, and for each country the number of amusement parks offered:



They also requested another listing to show all countries with more than 2 parks available to visitors:





And last, concerning listings, the client indicates the following:

"A specific Amusement Park listing is required, where the first 5 Parks registered will be omitted, and only the following 4 parks will be viewed", because there is the need to work particularly with that data, as shown in the following image:

IMAGE

Solution:

- Do a SaveAs of the AmusementParksList Procedure as AmusementParkPage
- Go to the source and edit the code as follows

Print Title
For each AmusementPark
skip 5 count 4
print Data
Endfor

f you want this listing to be dynamic in relation to indicating that data should be shown as from a given record, as well as the number of elements per page, how would you implement it?

PASSING PARAMETERS

We often have the need for an object to receive parameters so that, based on them, it will execute its logic. For example, one thing is to create a PDF listing of all amusement parks in the database, and a different thing is to create a listing of those parks whose name is part of a given range.

LISTING OF PARKS IN A GIVEN RANGE

Save, with a different name, the procedure created previously to list amusement parks and modify it so that now it only lists the parks whose name is within a range received by parameter (the initial value and the end value of the range will be the parameters received).

Implement a screen to request, from the user, the values of that range, invoking this object and passing those values by parameter. Test in runtime.

Remember that:

- If you define a variable **based on** an attribute, it will be linked to the attribute's data type, that is, it this is modified the variable's will also be modified accordingly.
- The variables used for an invocation in the object called and those used in declaring the parameters



received in the object called do not necessarily have matching names, but they do have to have compatible data types.

Solution:

To the procedure (let's call it *AmusementParksFromTo*), we will add the *parm* rule (and we define both variables in the procedure):

We then create a web panel, where we define two variables, whose names may be any, such as for example &A and &B, but that require a data type compatible with that of the &fromName and &toName variables. Why? Because it will be in those variables that the user will enter values which in the event we program will be sent by parameter to the procedure. Therefore:

AmusementParksFromTo(&A, &B)

PRINTING AN EMPLOYEE'S CREDENTIALS

Another requirement received is that, upon entering a new employee from the Employee Transaction that employee's credentials should be generated automatically, including some specific data like: Name, Surname, Employment Date, Photo and Name of the corresponding park.

Note that:

- The EmployeePhoto attribute (image type) does not exist in reality, so you will have to add it to the structure of the Employee transaction.
- In the Employee transaction you will have to define a rule with triggering event that will invoke the procedure that will generate the credentials. What triggering event is most suitable for that action? Why?

Solution:

Create a procedure called Credential, and add to it the parm rule

```
parm(in: EmployeeId);
```



What is the difference between using a variable or an attribute in the parm rule?

Answer: When a value is received by parameter in an attribute, a filter will be applied in equality

And in the Source:

for each Employee
 print Data
endfor

Therefore, it is no longer necessary to add a filter explicitly, as it would have been the case if the parameter was received as variable.

And in the Rules section of the Employee transaction:

Credential(EmployeeId) if Insert on AfterComplete;

Note that:

- We are specifying that the procedure be executed only in the case of an insertion (due to the triggering condition: if Insert)
- The value of EmployeeId is kept in memory when the rule with AfterComplete triggering event is executed, after performing the COMMIT of the insertion.

BUSINESS COMPONENTS

We will perform some operations on the database by means of Business Components.

PRICE INCREASE ON REPAIRS

The company reserves its right to <u>increase the prices</u> of repairs by a given <u>percentage</u> as from a specific time. In order to perform a massive record, we will test this functionality. To do so we must implement a **screen** that will allow the user to specify that **increase percentage**, and impart the **order** for it to be applied to all repairs in the database. **Implement** it and **test** it.

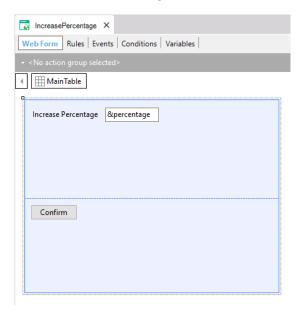
Remember that:

- The web panel object allows the implementation of flexible screens for data input and output.
- To enter information (meaning that the user is allowed to enter values into the screen) from the *Toolbar* you may enter an Attribute/*Variable* control in the form and assign a variable to it.
- To edit menu bars, go up in GeneXus, on the bar, and right click to insert, for example, the *Formatting* bar.
- For the web panel to take a specific action, you may insert buttons and program the associated "event".
- Business Components are data types created when we set up the property called Business Component of
 the transaction object with value Yes. When we do that, to insert, modify or delete records from the
 corresponding tables, in addition to the transaction we may also use a variable of the Business Component
 data type in any other object (for example: a web panel) and do the same operations by means of the
 Load(), Save() and Delete() methods.
- For the operations done with the *Business Component* to be established as permanent, you must execute the *Commit* command immediately after.
- When we wish to increment a value (X) by 20%, all we need to do is X = X*(1+20/100) = X*1,20



Solution:

One possible solution (try to implement the requirement but before you read what follows here below) is to create a web panel, with a &percentage variable of the Numeric(3.0) data type.



When we double click on the button we go to the Events section, editing the event associated with the moment of defining the button. In our example, it is the Confirm event.

There, we will program the logic that we want executed when the user presses that button.

We must go over all the repairs and overwrite the price they had previously, increasing them by the percentage indicated by the user in the variable on screen.

In order to go over all the repairs in the database we use the For each command.

And for each repair, how do we edit the value to modify RepairCost?

We will need a variable for that, with the whole structure of the Repair transaction, and it must also allow us to save in the database. What data type will that variable have then? The Business Component Repair (note that the Business Component data type has the same name as the transaction). But GeneXus does not create that data type automatically for each transaction. We have to request that. How? With the corresponding property of the transaction.

So, once we have done that:

```
Event 'Confirm'
   For each Repair
      &Repair.Load(RepairId)
      &Repair.RepairCost = &Repair.RepairCost * (1 + &percentage/100)
      &Repair.Save()
   Endfor
   commit
Endevent
```



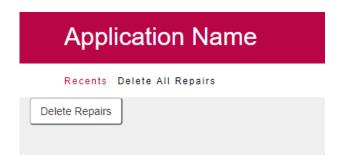
Since the recording or deleting 0f operations for the database (by means of the Save() and Delete() methods) may cause errors, it is important to know exactly what happened. To know that, we have the Success() method that will return True when there have been no errors, and False otherwise.

```
Event 'Confirm'
    For each Repair
        &Repair.Load(RepairId)
        &Repair.RepairCost = &Repair.RepairCost * (1 + &percentage/100)
        &Repair.Save()
        If &Repair.Success()
            commit
        else
            rollback
        endif
Endfor
Endevent
```

When we insert, modify or delete records from a table in the database, as long as it is not specified that: "everything done remains as permanent", such modifications will be temporary. What does that mean? That, for example, if there is a blackout, those changes will be lost. The way to establish that "everything done remains as permanent" is to execute the Commit command. If, otherwise, we want everything we did to be undone, then we execute the Rollback command.

SCREEN FOR DELETING ALL REPAIRS

Save the previous web panel with another name (all you need to do this is go to the tab and right click, then *Save as*) and modify the Form so that it only contains a button with the text *Delete Repairs*, and then in runtime, this web panel will look as follows:



As the user presses the button, all repairs should be deleted from the database.



What must modify the Confirm event you had programmed?

Note: By going to the button to see the properties, in the property called Caption you may modify the button's text.

Solution:

```
Event 'Confirm'
For each Repair
    &Repair.Load(RepairId)
    &Repair.Delete()
    If &Repair.Success()
        commit
        msg("Successful deletion")
    else
        msg("Deletion failed")
        rollback
    endif
Endfor
Endevent
```

With Msg you will be deploying that message on the web panel screen.

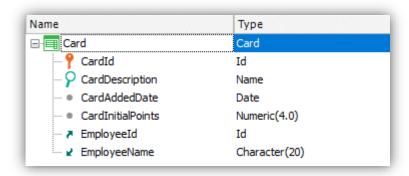
CREATING CARDS FOR POINT ACCUMULATION

The company requires a process that will enable the automatic creation of a card for each of its employees to accumulate points. There will be a single card per employee, meant to grant them benefits at the amusement park.

To that end, create the new Card transaction, and declare the following rules:

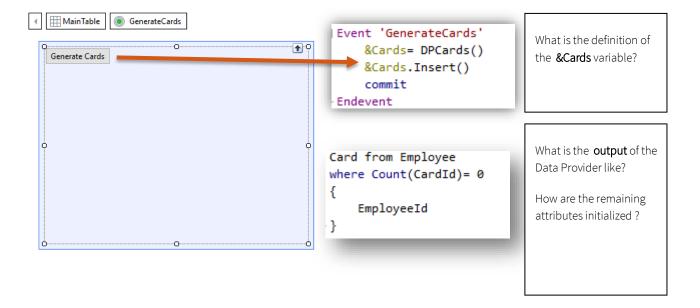
- By default, a card will have the following description: "Points card"
- By default, a card will be created with today's date.
- By default, a card will be created with a total of 500 points.





Solution

- a) Declaring the Card transaction as Business Component.
- b) Creating a new web panel called WPGenerateCards, with a button that will trigger the process for the automatic creation of cards.
- c) Creating a data provider called DPCards that will return the set of employees who will be granted a card.
- d) Remember that cards are to be created only for those employees who still don't have one.





PROCEDURES TO UPDATE RECORDS

PRICE INCREASE ON REPAIRS

Suppose that there are thousands of repairs whose prices must be increased by a given percentage. Considering that the price increase is a simple procedure that will not cause integrity to fail in any way, practice solving this with a procedure but without using *Business Components*.

Remember that:

- In a procedure, you may update the extended table's attributes with the *For each* command by means of simple assignments.
- The "direct" update by means of procedures will not control data integrity.
- Every object must declare the parameters received and the parameters returned. Otherwise, it will neither receive nor return any values.
- Parameters are declared with the parm rule.
- Variables are local in relation to the object where they are used. This means that when we want to receive a value as parameter in &X variable, we must declare it in the object.

DELETING ALL REPAIRS

And if we now need to delete all repairs as done before in the practice, but this time using a procedure?

Solution:

Create a RepairsDeletion procedure that will not receive parameters, with the following code:

for each Repair
 delete
endfor

Do a *Save as* of the web panel you had implemented to do the deletion by means of *Business Component*), and change the *Enter* event:

Event Enter
 RepairsDeletion()
EndEvent



And if you now want to delete all data from the database?

Solution

Create a DeleteAll procedure with the following Source:

```
1 □ for each Repair
         for each Repair.Kind
 2 ь
 3
           delete
         endfor
 4
 5
         delete
 6 endfor
 7
 8 □ for each Technician
         delete
10 endfor
11
12 □ for each Game
13
         delete
14 endfor
15
16 □ for each Category
17
         delete
18 endfor
19
20 	☐ for each Employee
21
         delete
22 endfor
23
24 □ for each AmusementPark
25
         delete
26 endfor
27
28 □ for each Country
29点
         for each Country.City
30
           delete
31 -
         endfor
32
         delete
33 endfor
```

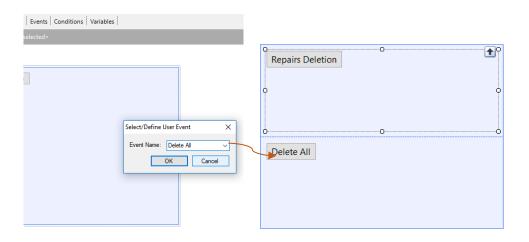
Remember that procedures do not validate data consistency and the database does. This means that the database validates the consistency of inter-related data, so the order in which you try to delete data is important.

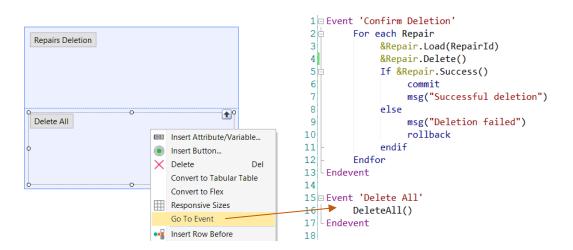
For example, if you try to delete countries before you delete parks, the database will prevent you from doing that and the program will cancel, and it will no longer be user-friendly.



On the same web panel used to delete all the Repair records using Business Components, add a new button to which we will associated a "user event" and we will do the call to the procedure.

Drag the control button over the form and define the new event.





Afterwards, right click on the button and select Go To Event. Once on the event associated with the button, define the procedure inside the invocation.



INITIALIZATION OF DATABASE INFORMATION [OPTIONAL]

When the app you are developing goes into production (that is, when it starts to be used by the company) all data relative to countries, parks, categories, games, technicians and repairs must be loaded. Use the facilities provided by the *Transaction* object for this purpose and initialize those tables with information we received from the company, and test it.

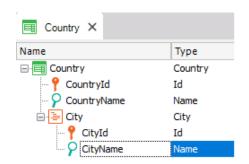
Bear in mind that:

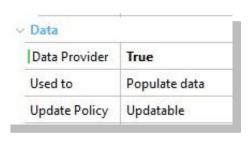
- Transactions have a **Data Provider** property that enables us to have a data provider associated with the transaction, so when the table is created in the database, it will be initialized with the values we define in that data provider. To that end, we must also set up the **Used to** and **Update Policy** properties.
- Images must be inserted in the KB in order to be used. A way of doing this is: in the *Folder View* window go to the *Customization* folder and select *Images* where you will find a list of all images currently stored in the *KB*, and insert a new one (from a file) and give it a name.

Solution

So as to try different options, we will test the countries and categories using the Data Provider property in the transactions.

• Open the Country transaction and set up the value True for the Data Provider property:





• Load all the data desired in Country_DataProvider (you may find it under the Country transaction, in the KBExplorer window). When it is created, the table will be loaded with the data indicated.



```
Source * Rules Variables Help Documentation
         CountryCollection
     1
     2 □ {
     3
     4 -
                CountryName = "Brazil"
     5
     6
                 City
     7
                 {
     8
                     City
     9
    10
                         CityId = 1
                        CityName = "Rio de Janeiro"
    11
    12
    13
                }
    14
             Country
    15
    16
                 CountryName = "France"
    17
                City
    18
    19
                     City
    20
    21
                         CityId = 1
                         CityName = "Paris"
    22
    23
                     }
    24
                    City
    25
    26
                         CityId = 2
    27
                         CityName = "Versailles"
    28
    29
                }
    30
            }
    31
```

Remember:

The *DP* associated with the transaction will be triggered again

- every time that the corresponding table is reorganized.
- every time that the content of the *DP* is edited.

Therefore, it is necessary to control that information is not duplicated. This is possible:

- when the primary key is autonumbered. A unique index may be defined on the descriptor attribute.
- by leaving the primary key without autonumbering, so that its value will be assigned in a fixed manner when the DP is defined, and it will not be duplicated.

• Load the categories in the same manner.



WEB PANELS

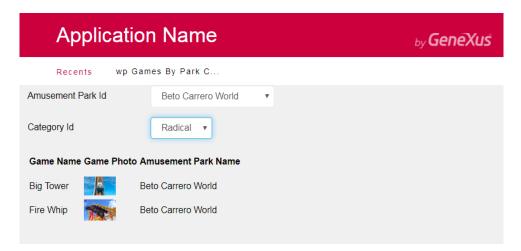
A page is required to show all countries, and for each of them the number of amusement parks available to visitors.

<u>Remember that</u> the *Load* event in a web panel with base table with a grid is executed just before each line is loaded on the grid. This event is adequate for assigning to the variable the calculation returned by the cities count of each country navigated and about to be loaded on a grid line.

Now add two variables (&CountryNameFrom and &CountryNameTo) to the panel defined and define the conditions necessary to filter the countries included in that range.

SCREEN WITH FILTERS

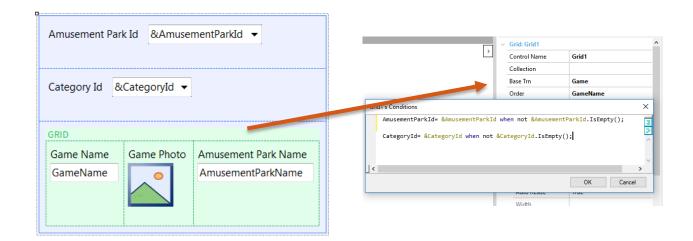
The company requires an interactive screen to enable the filtering of games per amusement park and per category. The game's name is to be viewed, along with a photo and the park to which the game belongs, and the records must be sorted by game name.



Solution

- Create a web panel called wpGamesByParkCategory and define the corresponding variables (&AmusementParkId and &CategoryId). Declare them as dynamic combos.
- Declare the base transaction, the order and the conditions necessary at the grid level.

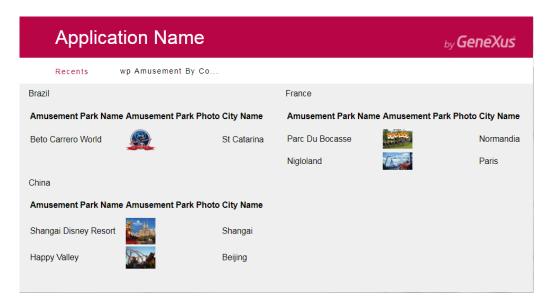




Note: Remember that it is possible to add, in the dynamic combos, an empty element for the case of offering the possibility of viewing all attractions when no country or category are specified.

ALL COUNTRIES WITH THEIR AMUSEMENT PARKS

Another request is for a screen to show all countries, each with its corresponding amusement parks (Name, photo and city).



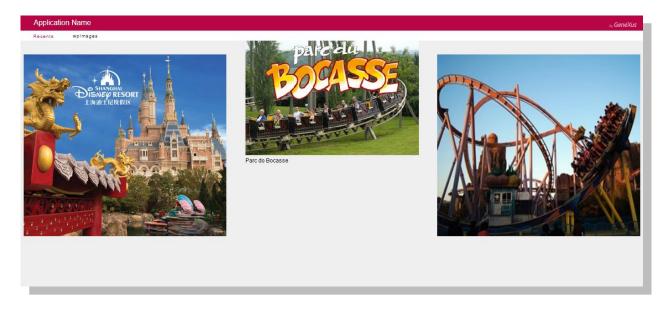
Remember that: the FreeStyleGrid enables you to align controls more freely. By setting up the Columns property, you may indicate the number of columns to be viewed.



EXTENDED CONTROLS

Using the *ImageGallery* extended control, design a web panel to show the photo gallery of all amusement parks.

Customize the properties of the *extended control*, with the following set up: Width=1000, Height= 500, and Type=Slider:

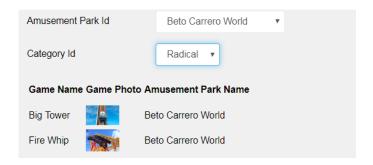




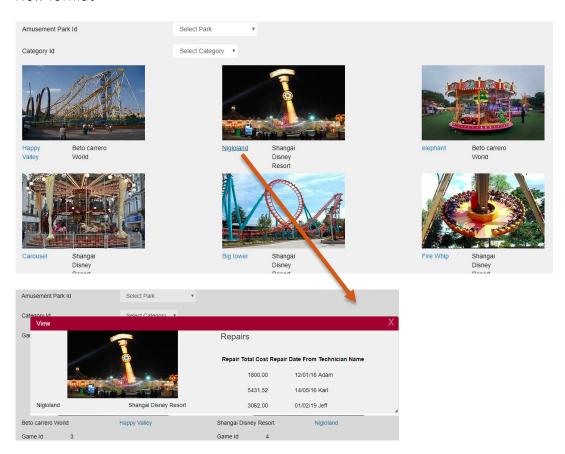
STENCILS

The wpGamesByParkCategory web panel that shows game data should be viewed in a different format, and when the name of a game is clicked on, a card must appear indicating the game's data and repairs.

wpGamesByParkCategory web panel



New format

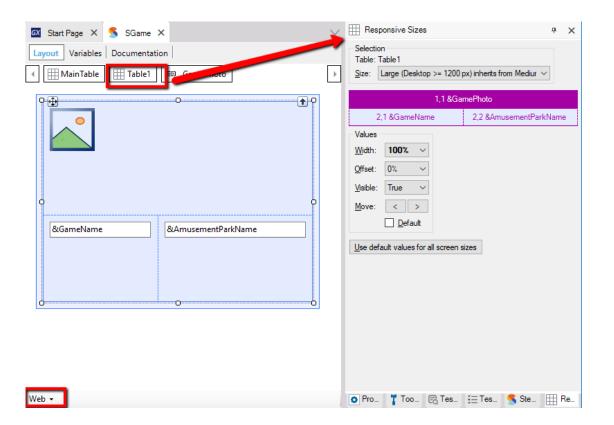


Note that both in the grid screen and in the View, the game's data is shown with the same design. To that end, using Stencils is recommended.



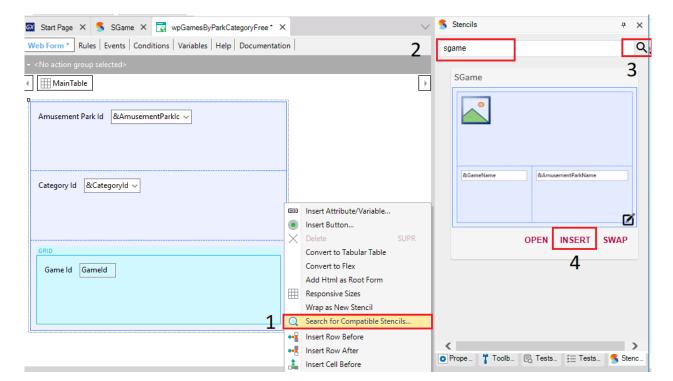
Solution

- Create a stencil called **SGame (**Web)
- Insert a responsive table
- Add a variable base don GamePhoto:
 - O Label position: None
 - O Horizontal alignment: Center
- Add a variable based on GameName in the lower section:
 - O Label position: None
 - O Horizontal alignment: Left
- Add a variable based on AmusementParkName to the right of the GameName variable:
 - O Label position: None
 - O Horizontal alignment: Left



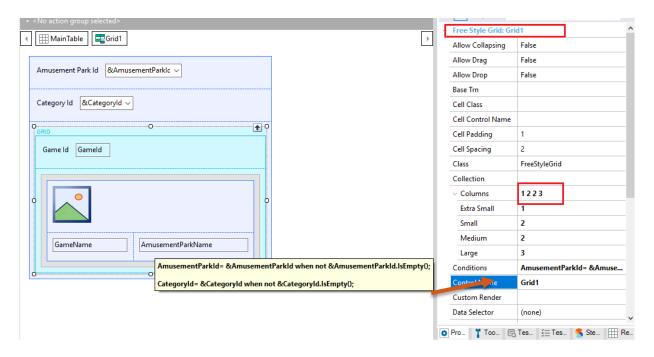


- Do a Save As of the wbGamesByParkCategory web panel and save it with under the name: wpGamesByParkCategoryFree
- Delete the standard Grid and add a Free Style grid with the Gameld attribute.
- Then:
 - 1. Right click on the Main Table and select the "Search for Compatible Stencils" option.
 - 2. In the searcher, add the Stencil's name
 - 3. Click on Search
 - 4. Insert



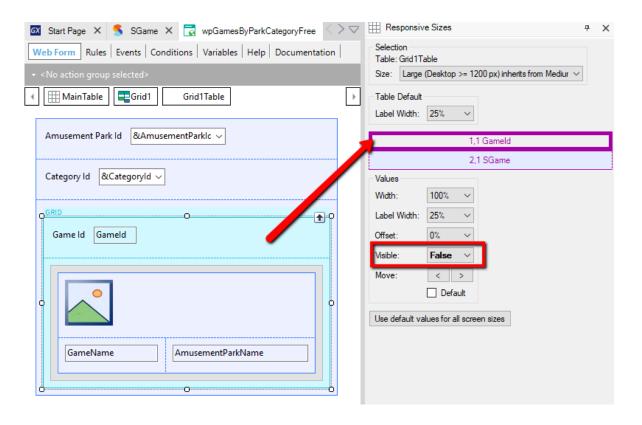
• Once the Stencil has been inserted in the Grid Free Style, you must replace the variables with the GameName, GamePhoto and Amusement ParkName attributes, besides adding the following properties:





Execute

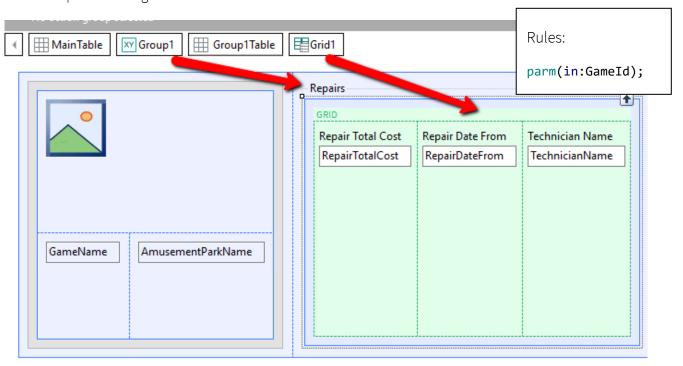
Note: to hide the Game's Id, select the Grid table, and in the Responsive Sizes section edit the Visible property as False.





Back to the functionality required by the Company, the following step is that, upon clicking on the Game's name, a pop up is to be opened with the Game's data and a list of the repairs related to it.

- Create a Web panel called View and insert the SGame stencil (substitute the variables with attributes)
- On the right side, insert a Group, and inside it add a Grid with attributes relative to the repair of the game as shown below



• In the previous web panel, add a click event to the GameName attribute and invoke the View panel

Event GameName.Click
 View.Popup(GameId)
Endevent



BASE STYLE AND USER CONTROL [OPTIONAL]

A web panel is required to list the park's employees with a design like the one shown in the image below:



Solution:

It will be necessary to create an object of the User Control type that will enable us to present the employee's data according to the design rules requested.

Remember that:

- We must have a base library to establish the style of the user control to be generated.
- The base style is a zip containing all the css, js, assets, etc. files provided by designers or the Design System used.

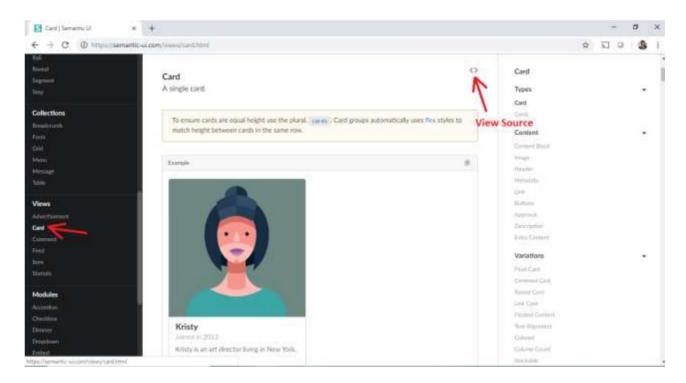
To create the Base Style:

• Create an object of the File type called **SemanticUY_gxlibrary** and import the file SemanticUIui.gxlibrary located in the work folder.

To create the User Control:

A user control based on a "card" of the framework SemanticUI must be created. If you go to the SemanticUI site and search by Card, you will find various types of such controls. Select, for example, the simplest Card and view the html, to copy it:





To speed up the development, we provide you with the code to be used.

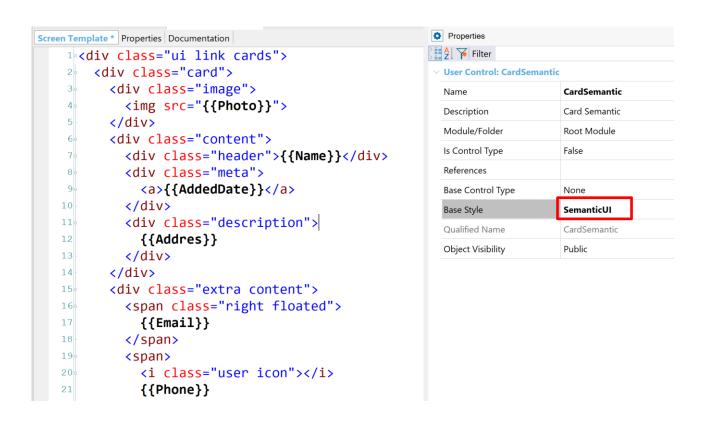
- Create a new object of the UserControl type called CardSemantic
- In the Screen Template tab copy the following code

```
<div class="ui link cards">
  <div class="card">
  <div class="image">
    <img src="/images/avatar2/large/matthew.png">
  </div>
  <div class="content">
    <div class="header">Matt Giampietro</div>
    <div class="meta">
      <a>Friends</a>
    </div>
    <div class="description">
     Matthew is an interior designer living in New York.
    </div>
  </div>
  <div class="extra content">
    <span class="right floated">
      Joined in 2013
    </span>
    <span>
      <i class="user icon"></i></i>
      75 Friends
    </span>
 </div>
</div>
```



```
Start Page X ☐ CardSemantic * X
Screen Template * Properties | Documentation |
      1 div class="ui link cards">
      2 div class="card">
             <div class="image">
      3
               <img src="/images/avatar2/large/matthew.png">
              </div>
             <div class="content">
               <div class="header">Matt Giampietro</div>
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               <div class="meta">
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                 <a>Friends</a>
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               </div>
     11
               <div class="description">
                 Matthew is an interior designer living in New York.
                </div>
              </div>
     14
     15
             <div class="extra content">
               <span class="right floated">
     16
     17
                 Joined in 2013
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                </span>
     19 📥
               <span>
     20 占
                 <i class="user icon"></i></i>
     21
                 75 Friends
     22
               </span>
     23
              </div>
     24
            </div>
     25
```

Parameterize the properties according to what you desire to view, in our case it will be:





Verify that the Base Style property of the User Control object has the value "SemanticUI" already defined. Otherwise, select that value.

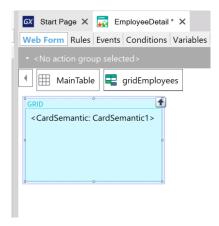
Below is the previous code for you to copy:

```
<div class="ui link cards">
 <div class="card">
 <div class="image">
  <img src="{{Photo}}">
 </div>
  <div class="content">
  <div class="header">{{Name}}</div>
  <div class="meta">
   <a>{{AddedDate}}</a>
  </div>
  <div class="description">
   {{Addres}}
  </div>
  </div>
  <div class="extra content">
  <span class="right floated">
   {{Email}}
  </span>
  <span>
   <i class="user icon"></i>
   {{Phone}}
  </span>
 </div>
 </div>
```

- Create a web panel called EmployeeDetail
- Add a Grid Free Style and insert the user control you just created. At the end of the Toolbox you will find the user controls created in the KB:



Image



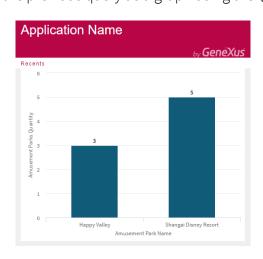
• Initialize the properties of the user control based on the attributes.

Execute

QUERY OBJECT

Define a *Query* object that will only return China's amusement parks in alphabetical order, each with its respective number of games.

Define a web panel and, view the previous query as a graph using the *QueryViewer* extended control.





WEB SERVICES (OPTIONAL)

The company now requests a new functionality: the possibility of offering customers a listing of all countries that will show, for each one, the capital city, the local currency, and the national flag:



To solve this, we suggest you import and use a specific Web Service: **CountryInfoService** that will return that information and more.

The location of the web service is:

http://www.oorsprong.org/websamples.countryinfo/CountryInfoService.wso?WSDL

Remember that: by selecting, in the GeneXus menu: Tools / Application Integration / WSDL Import, you will open a wizard that will import all the specifications of the web service, as well as methods and parameters in an external object, and SDTs will be defined if necessary. Remember that by defining variables of the external object's type, you will be able to execute the methods provided by the web service.

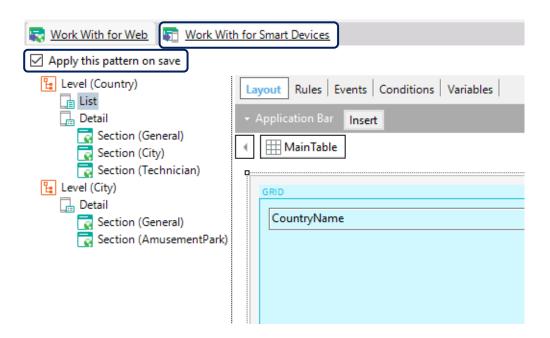


SMART DEVICES SECTION

The company also wants to offer customers a little app for smart devices to be used by end users.

The idea is to allow anyone to make queries from their smart devices regarding all the countries they may visit, and the amusement parks and games available in each country.

To do that, we must apply the Work With for Smart Devices pattern to the Country transaction:



And then, just simply save, to later create a *MenuforSmartDevicces* object and add to it the object called *WorkWithDevicesCountry* generated by the pattern.

Remember that if you created objects for Smart Devices in the knowledge base, when you press F5, the emulator for *Android* will be automatically executed, with the possibility of accessing the web app from the *Developer menu* as well.



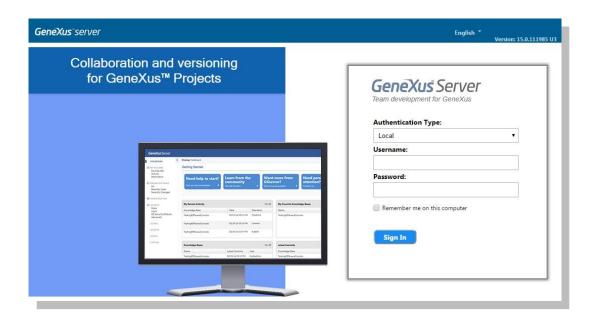
GENEXUS SERVER

Publish the knowledge base in the server http://sandbox.genexusserver.com/v16

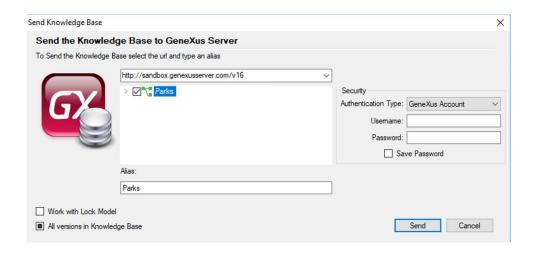
Create a new web panel showing the list or registered amusement parks.

Send this new object to the server so as to integrate it with the centralized knowledge base.

Access the web console and verify the final status of the KB.



Close the previous knowledge base and create a new one synchronized with the previously published *KB*. This will enable you to locally receive a copy of the *KB* managed by GeneXus Server.





In this new local copy, edit the Country transaction and define the new CountryFlagImage attribute, of the *Image* type. Send the change to the server.

Close this KB and open the initial KB again. Perform the Update operation to receive the change made before.



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