

Better Status for Your Functions *Centura* **Tip!**

Rajeev Mitra—Here's a way to make your class functions easier to use. When you're in an action block section of an outline, SQLWindows/32 shows a list of available class functions in the Coding Assistant. (You can make coding assistant visible by pressing Alt-2 or by choosing menu Tools | Coding Assistant.) If you select a class function in the coding assistant window, you can see the function description in the status bar of SQLWindows/32 environment. You can take advantage of this feature to make your class functions easier to use. Just specify a meaningful description that starts with the function usage. This will help users of your class who can

now just select the function to understand its usage. You can even extend this feature to External Functions defined in your app. As a matter of fact, Visual Toolchest function definitions already do this. Now, the next cool thing Centura can do to help us all is to extend this feature to all SAL functions.

[Rajeev is right. Function descriptions are being increasingly used in a number of utilities, including DocSal and IntelliSal. There's more reason than ever to write a good function description, instead of leaving it blank—Ed.]

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