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Global-Streams-to-SQL

In general Global Streams are data objects embedded in Classes / Tables. Using and viewing them with SQL is normally a part of the access to the containing tables.

SO WHAT?

During debugging or searching for strange or unexpected behavior there could be the need to get closer to the stored stream. No big problem with direct access to Globals with SMP or Terminal. But with SQL you are lost.

So my tool provides dynamic access to Global Streams wherever you may need this Special thanks to <u>@Oliver Wilms</u> for the inspiration for this tool.

Mapping of globals to SQL is a rather traditional art from past. Though Global Streams are somehow specialized. But even as their Object classes have changed their representation in Global is the same.

The tricky point is that we see 4 different types of Global Streams in a common structure Only the embedding Class /Table knows the meaning of the content.

- %Stream.GlobalCharacter raw text
- %Stream.GblChrCompress zipped text
- %Stream.GlobalBinary raw binary sequence
- %Stream.GblBinCompress zipped binary sequence

The Global itself has no indication, of what format it holds. Dumping the Global just helps for raw text, the rest needs special treatment. In combination with SQL you meet the problem of maximum field lengths.

I cover this issue by mapping all 4 types over the same stream and the user decides. In addition, the total size and number of subnodes is also available. For string manipulation, the first subscript level is also available as "body" VARCHAR The Global Stream to examine is provided by a static where clause like this:

select * from rcc.gstream where rcc.use('^txtS')=1

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with SQL the compressed data can be viewed unzipped.

<u>Video</u>

- <u>GitHub</u>
- <u>#Other</u>

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