

Q&A

A collection of questions I asked on the forum while developing my first B4J App. Hopefully my newbie questions and the expert replies help other newbies. The threads are often worth the read, as many side issues are raised.

I have also included four links to very useful information. The videos are well worth the time taken to watch them. The B4JhowTos should be your first reference when you are stuck.

Important Links

[B4J Educational Video Series](#)

[B4JHowTos](#)

[B4JHowTos Examples](#)

[JavaFX CSS Reference Guide](#)

Dumb questions - great answers

[Can't see Textfields - Roger Daley \(first post\)](#) Nov 18, 2015

I am embarrassed to say that I had missed that the Alpha level was set to zero. Reset to one and all is good.

[Text and Back grounds in Textfields - Roger Daley \(first post\)](#) Nov 19, 2015

Eventually some guides to using CSS emerge in the thread.

[Textfield autosize - Roger Daley \(first post\)](#) Nov 19, 2015

Solution in thread: #4

[Textfield background color - Roger Daley \(first post\)](#) Nov 20, 2015

Solution in thread: #6

[Copy and Paste Views in Visual Designer? - Roger Daley \(first post\)](#) Nov 21, 2015

It will not work if you are in "script mode" which is a read-only mode. Click on the properties grid to exit this mode.

[PNG graphics in Buttons? - Roger Daley \(first post\)](#) Nov 22, 2015

Solution in thread: #6

[How to change "BEEP" sound. - Roger Daley \(first post\)](#) Nov 27, 2015

The AWT beep() function takes no arguments. You can't change its frequency or duration programmatically.

[ListView in B4J - Roger Daley \(first post\)](#) Dec 5, 2015

Some useful info

[Googlemap - Identify which marker is clicked - Roger Daley \(first post\)](#) Dec 8, 2015

Solution code included.

Clicking the marker changes it's appearance and set the markermap value for use in gmap_MarkerClick

[Google maps marker location - Roger Daley \(first post\)](#) Dec 8, 2015

Solution: When a marker is placed record LatLng in a map, array or variable/s

[Marker on Googlemaps - Roger Daley \(first post\)](#) Dec 9, 2015

Adding markers to Google Maps. Dumb question, helpful answer.

[Googlemaps Marker change position - Roger Daley](#) Dec 9, 2015

When marker moved marker icon still shows at original position.
Zoom in, Zoom out to refresh screen and remove residual icon.

[DirRootExternal - Roger Daley \(first post\)](#) Dec 10, 2015

There is no DirRootExternal. In most cases you should use File.DirData.

[Keyboard.SetCustomFilter - Roger Daley \(first post\)](#) Dec 11, 2015

“Probably the most straightforward way is to filter the new text in the `_TextChanged()` event using a Regex/Matcher set up.” (I forgot to follow up).

[B4A >> B4J Obj1.GetActivityBA - Roger Daley \(first post\)](#) Dec 11, 2015

You mean as simple as: `Image1 = Panel1.Snapshot?` Looks good to me.

[MapType in jgooglemaps - Roger Daley \(first post\)](#) Dec 17, 2015

Syntax for `maptype`

[Marker Anchor point - Roger Daley \(first post\)](#) Dec 17, 2015

Marker Anchor point is bottom central and can't be changed.

[Remove Polyline from Google Map - Roger Daley \(first post\)](#) Dec 17, 2015

Can't remove. `PolyLine.Visible = False`.

[Screen capture. - Roger Daley \(first post\)](#) Dec 20, 2015

Screen capture of Google Map etc. Solution in thread.
Thread drifts off topic to other important info.

[ToastMessageShow Position - Roger Daley](#) Dec 22, 2015

No answer. No one knows.

[Listview - Roger Daley \(first post\)](#) Dec 24, 2015

The discovery of FileChooser provided me with a better solution. No ListView in App.

[Resizing a form to Image size - Roger Daley \(first post\)](#) Dec 26, 2015

FileChooser displaying image in original size.

[FormLV.Resizable = False Problem Solved - Roger Daley \(first post\)](#) Dec 27, 2015

Solution code included.

[X,Y of Pane for Jgooglemap marker - Roger Daley \(first post\)](#) Dec 28, 2015

Solution code included.

[Menu not actioning action. - Roger Daley \(first post\)](#) Jan 1, 2016

It's all to do with the syntax of JSON strings. Beware dragons lurk here.

[ShowExternalDocument only works in Debug - Roger Daley \(first post\)](#) Jan 2, 2016

Use DirData not DirApp or DirAssets

[Can't find HTM file when Packaged to Executable - Roger Daley \(first post\)](#) Jan 3, 2016

Use DirData not DirApp

[B4JPackager- Not listed in StartMenu, needs Administrator - Roger Daley](#) Jan 4, 2016

Delete META file from B4JPackager.

Uninstall yourApp

Delete existing yourApp installer

Run B4Jpackager from IDE <<<< Important, don't use existing jar.

[ShowExternalDocument with HTM Files - Roger Daley \(first post\)](#) Jan 7, 2016

Bypassed my problem by changing my document to PDF.