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DAL: Support for Long Varchar Data Type

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TOPIC -----

I'm a developer building a system for pharmaceutical information. I'd like to store "rich" data types like full documents, pictures, photos, and of course QuickTime data in the host DB2 database using DAL. But currently datatypes in DAL are limited to 255 bytes. I've heard rumors that the planned DAL version 2.0 will feature Long Varchar data type support. Can you confirm this, and if so give me a hint on when to expect this?

DISCUSSION -----

One option you might explore is the Butler DAL server which runs under the Macintosh OS. Butler is a Macintosh relational database system that uses DAL as its request language. The Butler DBMS and server requires System 7, but Butler clients can run under System 7 or System 6. Butler isn't restricted by the DAL client/server messaging protocol. They wrote their own. When you install Butler client, you must remove the DAL Driver in the Extensions folder and replace it with the Butler version.

Butler can handle data objects up to 32K. So you can capture LIMITED picture information.

For third-party contact information, search for "Butler."

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