
EOPickTextAssociation

Inherits From:	EOAssociation : EODelayedObserver : NSObject
Conforms To:	NSCoding (EOAssociation) EOObserving (EODelayedObserver) NSObject (NSObject)
Declared In:	EOInterface/EOPickTextAssociation.h

Class at a Glance

Purpose

An EOPickTextAssociation applies a LIKE qualifier to its EODisplayGroup, based on the value of the display object. This allows the user to perform a similarity search based on whole or partial values.

Usable With

Any NSControl

Aspects

matchKey1	An attribute to match using a LIKE qualifier.
matchKey2	An attribute to match using a LIKE qualifier.
matchKey3	An attribute to match using a LIKE qualifier.

Object Keys Taken

target	The EOPickTextAssociation applies its qualifier when sent an action message from the NSControl.
delegate	The EOPickTextAssociation applies its qualifier when sent a controlTextDidChange: message, causing dynamic update as the user types.

Class Description

An EOPickTextAssociation takes the value of its display object and uses it to form a qualifier with up to three LIKE operators, each compared to a different key of the EODisplayGroup.

Example

Make an EOPickTextAssociation between an NSTextField and an EODisplayGroup of People objects. Bind the **matchKey1** and **matchKey2** aspects to the “lastName” and “firstName” keys. If the user types “Bi” in the field, the EOPickTextAssociation applies the following qualifier to the EODisplayGroup:

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(lastName LIKE "*Bi*") OR (firstName LIKE "*Bi*")
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which matches names like “Bill Smith” and “Joe Biggs”.