


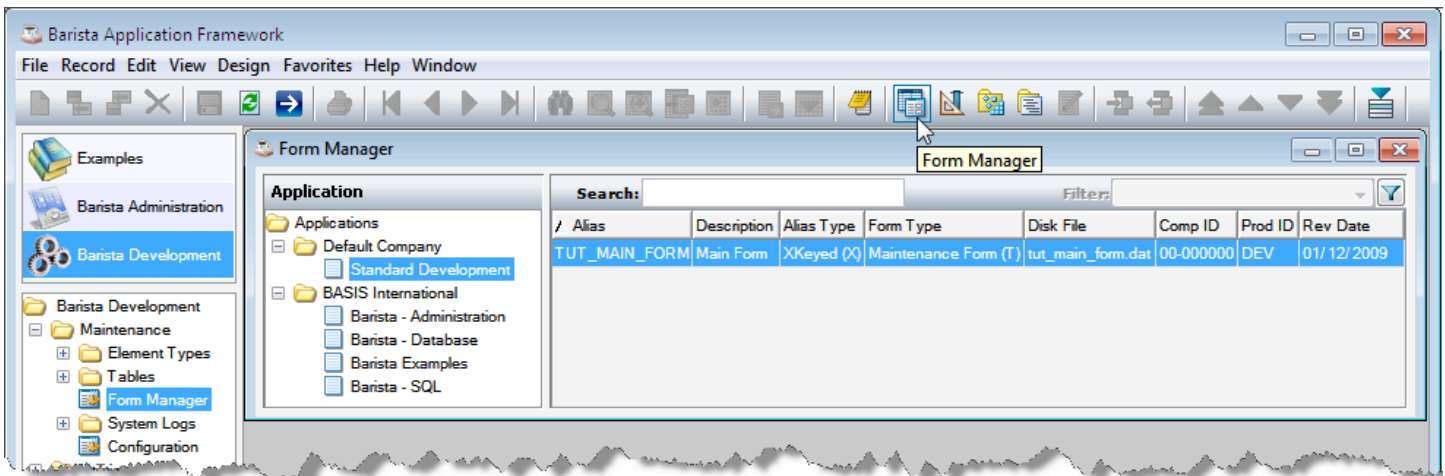
Barista Tutorial 2: Customize a Form



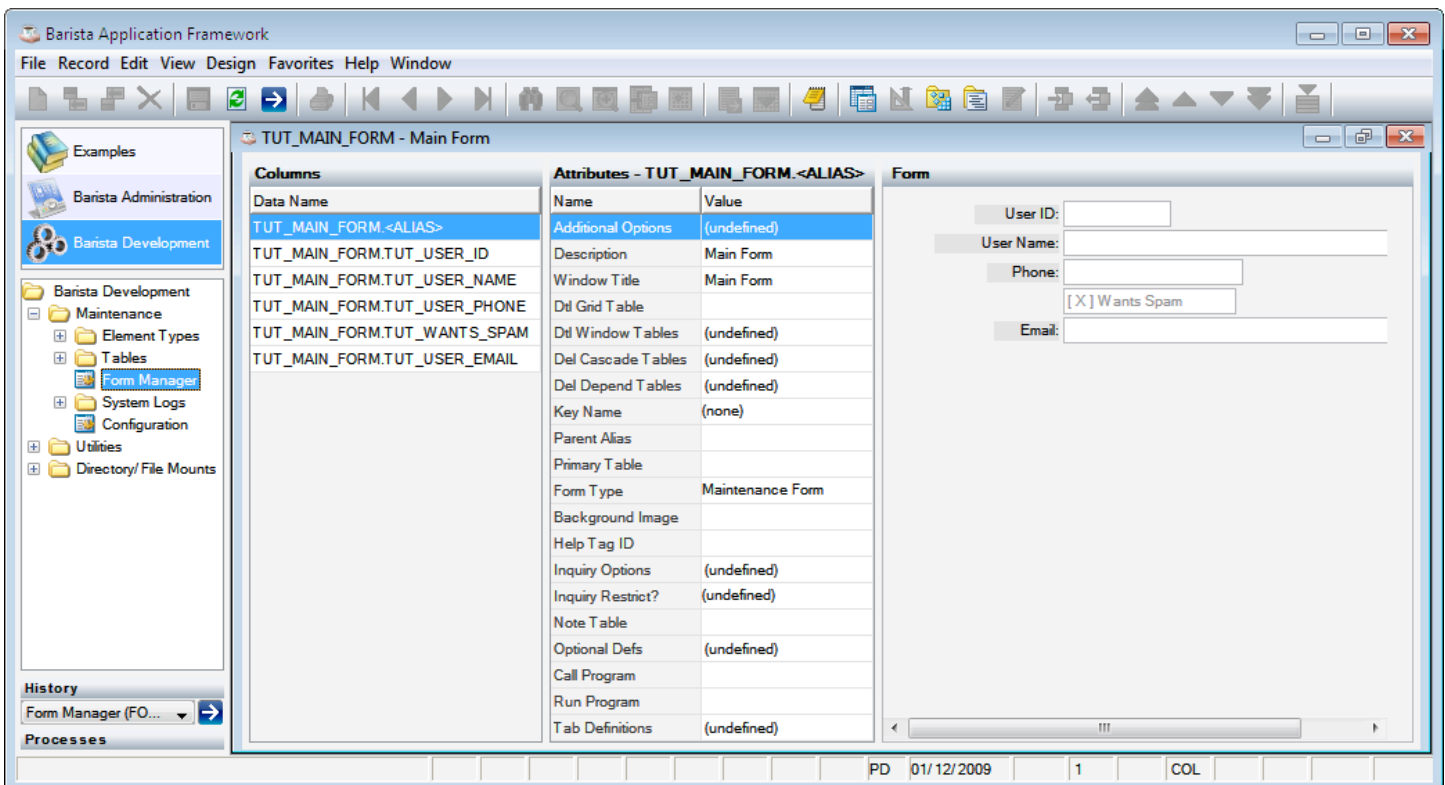
This Tutorial builds on [Beginner Tutorial](#).

Load the Form Manager


Load the Form Manager by clicking  or pressing F8.

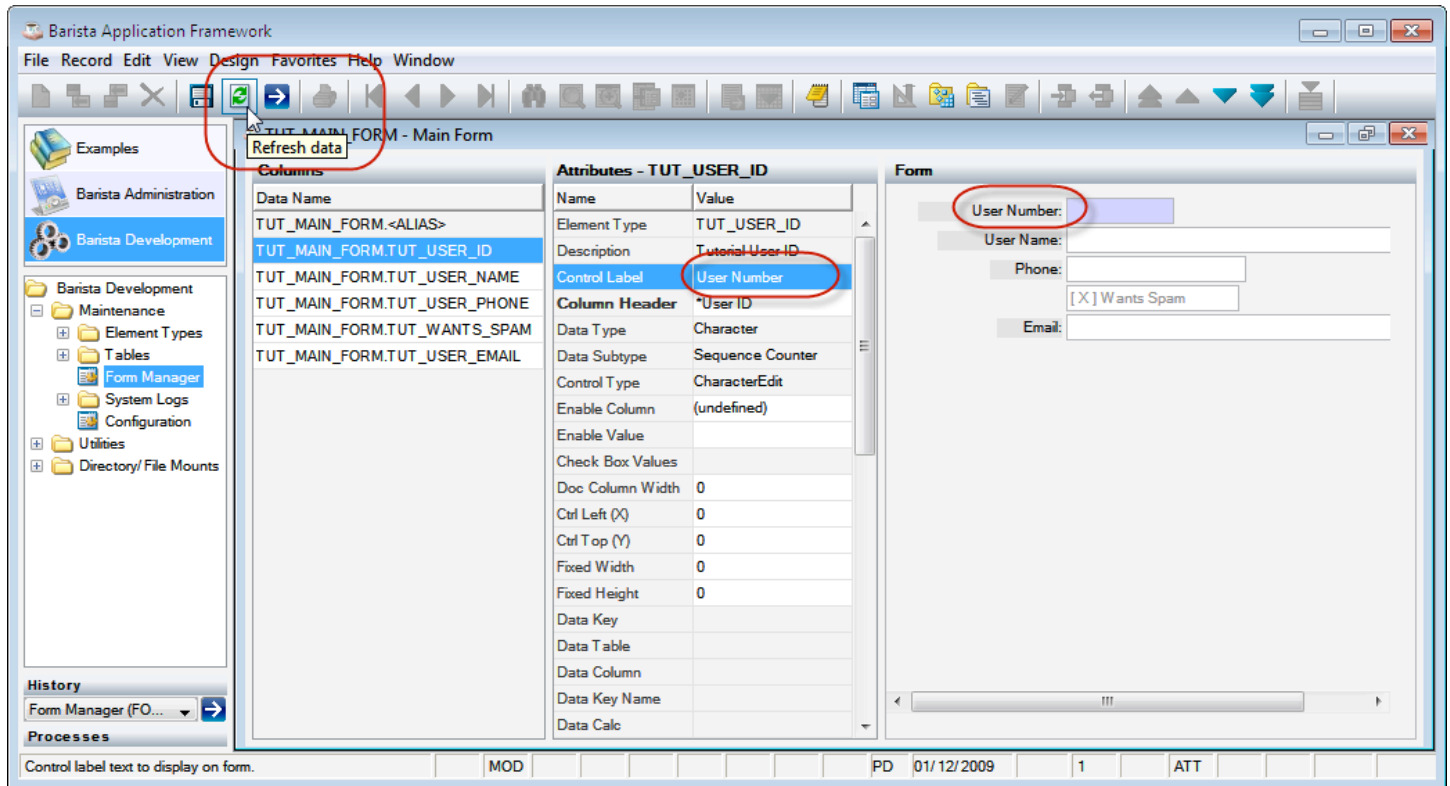


Double-click TUT_MAIN_FORM to load it in the Form Designer.



Many aspects of a field's appearance and behavior can be modified via the Attributes Column. Select the appropriate field on the list on the left or click the field on the Form on the right. The form itself is labeled as <ALIAS>.

The available attributes change depending on what element you've selected. For example, select TUT_USER_ID, change the Control Label from "User ID" to "User Number", then click  or press ALT+F5 to refresh the form.



Changing a control's location or tab order

By dragging a control on the Form panel of the Form Designer, you can change its location. Barista uses a relative positioning system, so moving the WANTS_SPAM field will cause everything after it to move relative to the new position of the WANTS_SPAM field.

Form

User Number:

User Name:

Phone:

Wants Spam drag

Email:

drop

Form

User Number:

User Name:

Phone:

Wants Spam

Email:

Dragging a control (A) onto another control (B) will prompt the developer, "Do you wish to insert this item into the tab order?"

Form

User Number:

User Name:

Phone:

Email:

Wants Spam

Barista Administrator

Do you wish to insert this item into the tab order?

Yes No Cancel

Answering yes inserts the control A before the tab order of B.

Form

User Number:

User Name:

Phone:

Email:

Wants Spam

Answering no to the prompt causes the control to move. This re-ordering within the form has no effect on the data in the underlying file.

Restoring Form's Original Layout

To discard some or all changes, select Clear Formatting Attributes from the Design menu:

