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Creating a page with a Text Area

While doing a HATS project for one of our valued clients, we came across a limitation of HATS v6. The problem was that the AS/400 application that the customer was using had a screen that could allow a user to copy some lines of text and paste them into the screen and the multiple lines of text were pasted on the screen. Let us illustrate:

The legacy application had this screen:



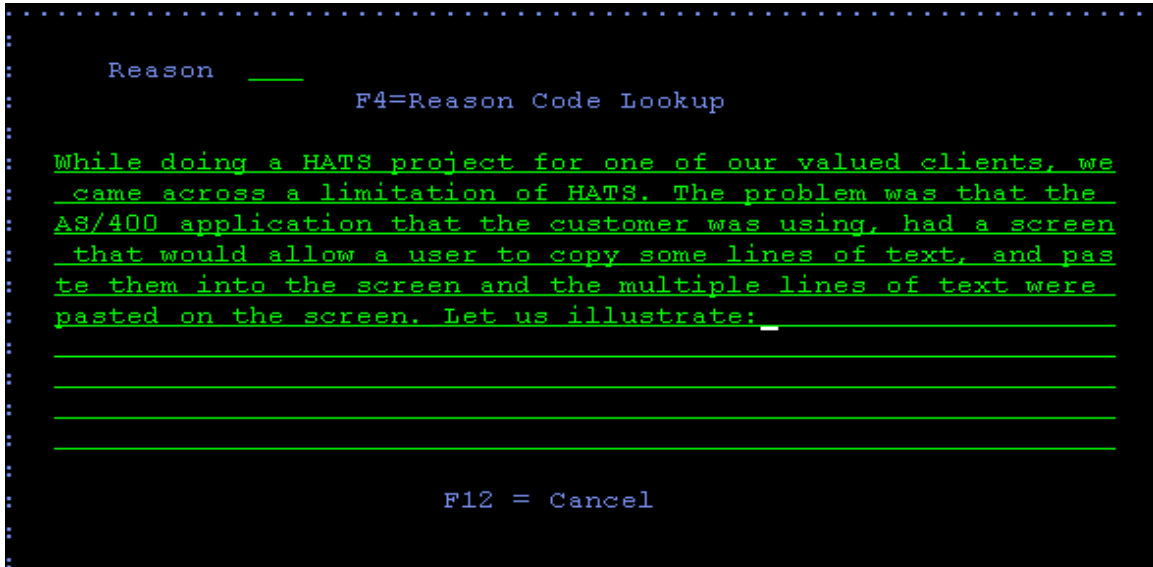
Fig: Screen to enter multiple lines of text



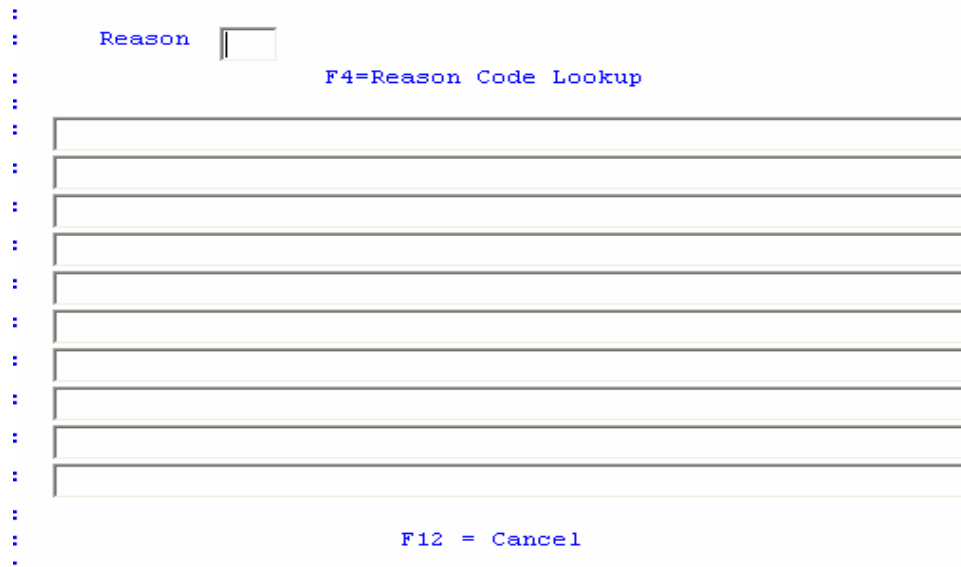
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The user could copy multiple lines of text from anywhere and paste into the screen by placing the cursor at desired position and pressing Ctrl+V, as shown below:



The default transformation of this screen was page with individual input fields as shown in the figure below. As you can see this page is not feasible to paste multiple lines of text as the input fields are individual and it cannot be done like to paste 10 lines of text in 10 different input fields and in succession.



In order to remove this limitation we needed a textarea widget but it isn't provided with HATS toolkit v6. So we tweaked HATS a little bit and created our customized textarea and embedded in HATS transformed pages.

Reason

Now the users are able to copy and paste multiple lines of text without any problem.