

WordTemplate.SetDataSource(System.Collections.IDictionary, String)

Description

Sets a template's main document data source to an [IDictionary](#) collection. An [IDictionary](#) represents a collection of key-and-value pairs.

C#

```
public void SetDataSource(System.Collections.IDictionary dataSource, System.String dataSourceName)
```

vb.net

```
Public Sub SetDataSource(ByVal dataSource As System.Collections.IDictionary, ByVal dataSourceName As String)
```

Parameters

dataSource

An [IDictionary](#) collection of key-and-value pairs.

dataSourceName

The name of the set of template merge fields at which to insert the values imported from the data source.

Exceptions

ArgumentNullException

[Save](#) will throw this exception if `null` (C#) or `Nothing` (VB.NET) is passed to the method.

ArgumentException

Remarks

Each merge field in a WordWriter template must bind to a data source field/value pair. The number of merge fields in the main template document (the part of the document that is not within a repeat block) may not exceed the number of values in the data source defined by [SetDataSource](#). However, the number of values in the data source may be greater than the number of merge fields in the main template document.

Examples

C#

```
wTempl.SetDataSource(coll, "Products");
```

vb.net

```
wTempl.SetDataSource(coll, "Products")
```