```
CHAPTER 6 DATA OBJECTS
function select_File_Process()
{
$directory = "";
$files = glob($directory . "*change.log");
echo "<form id='file select' name='file select' method='post' action='readchangelog.php'>";
echo "<h3>Select a file to display</h3>";
echo "<select name='change_file' id='change_file'>";
foreach($files as $file)
{
        echo "<option value='$file'>$file</option>";
}
echo "</select>";
echo "<input type='submit' id='submit' name='submit' value='select'>";
echo "</form>";
}
```

The PHP glob method places all file names in a given directory (\$directory) into an array (\$files). Setting \$directory to "" indicates that the current directory will be searched. The second parameter provides the ability to filter the file types retrieved. \*change.log directs the method to pull all files with the ending change.log. The \* (asterisk) is a wildcard character that accepts any characters. This combination will pull all the change log files produced by the dog\_data class. The remaining lines create an HTML drop-down list displaying the file names retrieved. A submit will cause the program to call itself again with the selected file residing in the change\_file property.

```
function display Process()
$change Array = load Array();
$row Count = count($change_Array) -1;
displayRecords($row Count, $change Array, $ POST['change file']);
}
display Process is called when a change file has been selected. This method calls the
load Array method.
function load_Array()
{
$change File = $ POST['change file'];
$logFile = fopen($change_File, "r");
$row Count = 0;
while(!feof($logFile))
{
            $change_Array[$row_Count] = explode(' | ', fgets($logFile));
            $row Count++;
}
$row Count--;
fclose($logFile);
return $change Array;
}
```

The load\_Array method is very similar to the constructor in the dog\_data class. This method retrieves the value in change\_file and places it in \$change\_File. This file is then opened and all entries in the file are placed into \$change\_Array. The explode method will produce three columns (date/time, change type, array or string used for the change). It returns this array to the calling program (display\_Process).

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