



OPCUG Share Microsoft Access Primer

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What is Microsoft Access

- ▶ Microsoft Access is a database management system (DBMS)
- ▶ DBMS is a software package designed to define, manipulate, retrieve and manage data in a database
- ▶ A DBMS generally manipulates the data itself, the data format, field names, record structure and file structure. It also defines rules to validate and manipulate this data
- ▶ Access has a graphical user interface and software-development tools
- ▶ It is a member of the Microsoft 365 Family or Personal Suite subscription, or sold separately
- ▶ It is supported by Visual Basic for Applications (VBA), an object-based programming language that can reference a variety of objects

Why did I start using Access

- ▶ My wife had a home daycare and for income tax purposes we needed to keep track of various types of expenses (e.g., daycare supply, food, house, vehicle, etc.) and income
- ▶ For first year of operation, we used the shoebox method – put all the receipts in a shoebox and gave it to an accountant
- ▶ For the next few years, I used a complex Excel spreadsheet with many sheets but there were problems:
 - ▶ Data entry inconsistencies
 - ▶ Adding a child or expense category was not automated – many formulas to modify or sheet to add
 - ▶ Reports and especially custom reports were not good
 - ▶ Handmade tax receipts
 - ▶ A spreadsheet for each fiscal year

Built an Access database

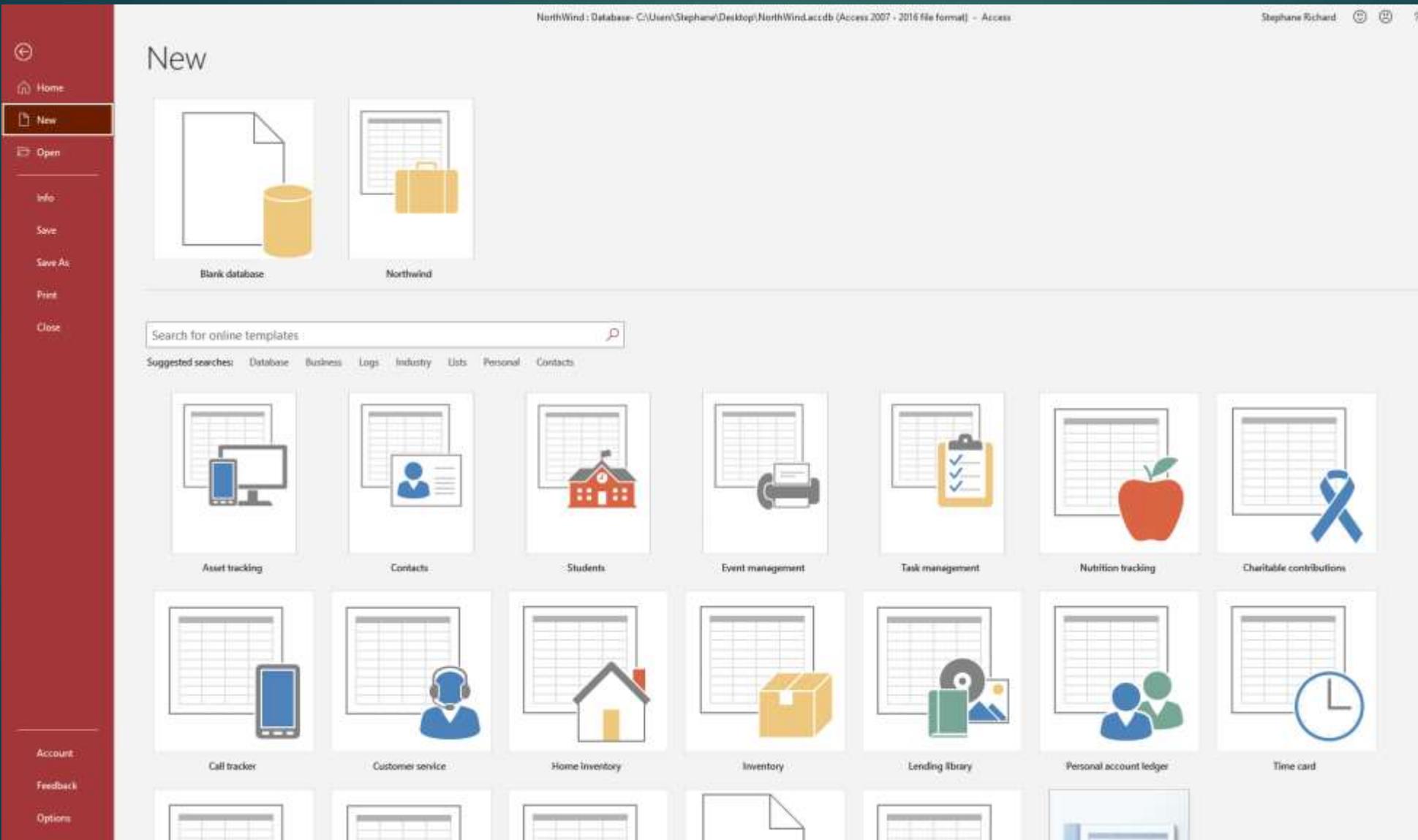
- ▶ Forms ensured that data was entered consistently and made navigation of the application easy
- ▶ Multiyear supported in a single database
- ▶ Easy to use, my wife was able to:
 - ▶ Enter her income and expenses
 - ▶ Generate various reports
 - ▶ Generate income tax receipts
- ▶ It required some work to design and implement the database, but the ease of use paid off over the years

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Access interface with a form titled 'Revenu'. The form contains the following fields and controls:

- RevenuID**: A text box containing '(New)'. To its right is a 'Cout' text box.
- Enfant**: A dropdown menu.
- Date**: A date field containing '7-Jun-2021'.
- Debut Garde**: A text box.
- Fin Garde**: A text box.
- Nombre Jour**: A text box.
- Montant**: A text box.
- Notes**: A large text area.
- Repas**: A text box.
- CoutRepas**: A text box.
- Faire un recu**: A button.

The interface includes a ribbon with 'Home', 'Create', 'External Data', 'Database Tools', and 'Help' tabs. A search bar on the right says 'Tell me what you...'. The window title bar shows 'Revenu' and 'Access'. A 'Pane' label is visible at the bottom left.

Need a database – use a template or create your own



- Northwind – small business ERP
- Contacts
- Students
- Event management
- Task management
- Asset Tracking
- Bug tracking
- Inventory
- Nutrition tracking
- Marketing project management
- Project management
- Personal account ledger
- Many more

To create or edit database – need to understand Object types in Access

Icon	Name	Description
	Table	Define and store data
	Query	Define custom view (e.g., search, count, etc.) of data from one or more tables or queries
	Form	Data input or display or for control of application execution
	Report	Formatting, calculating, printing, and summarizing selected data
	Macro	Structured definition of one or more actions that you want Access to perform in response to a defined event
	Module	Custom procedures that you code using VBA

Table

- ▶ Tables contain fields or columns that store different kinds of data, such as a name or an address, and records or rows that collect all the information about a particular instance of the subject, such as all the information about a customer or employee etc.
- ▶ Each field must have a unique name and data type; and can be required or optional
- ▶ Access 2019 has 13 data types such as number, text, date/time, etc.
- ▶ You can define:
 - ▶ a primary key, one or more fields that have a unique value for each record
 - ▶ one or more indexes on each table to help retrieve your data more quickly

Microsoft Access interface showing the 'All Access Objects' pane on the left and the 'Products' table in the main view. The 'Products' table is highlighted in the 'All Access Objects' pane. The 'Products' table data is as follows:

Supplier IDs	ID	Product Code	Product Name
Supplier D	1	NWTB-1	Northwind Traders Ch...
Supplier J	3	NWTCO-3	Northwind Traders Sy...
Supplier J	4	NWTCO-4	Northwind Traders Ca...
Supplier J	5	NWTO-5	Northwind Traders Ol...
Supplier B, Supplier F	6	NWTJP-6	Northwind Traders Bo...
Supplier B	7	NWTFN-7	Northwind Traders Dr...
Supplier H	8	NWTS-8	Northwind Traders Cu...
Supplier B, Supplier F	14	NWTFN-14	Northwind Traders Wa...
Supplier F	17	NWTCFV-17	Northwind Traders Fru...
Supplier A	19	NWTBGM-19	Northwind Traders Ch...
Supplier B, Supplier F	20	NWTJP-6	Northwind Traders Ma...
Supplier A	21	NWTBGM-21	Northwind Traders Sc...
Supplier D	34	NWTB-34	Northwind Traders Be...
Supplier G	40	NWTCM-40	Northwind Traders Cra...
Supplier F	41	NWTSO-41	Northwind Traders Cla...
Supplier C, Supplier D	43	NWTB-43	Northwind Traders Co...
Supplier J	48	NWTCA-48	Northwind Traders Ch...
Supplier B	51	NWTFN-51	Northwind Traders Dr...
Supplier A	52	NWTG-52	Northwind Traders Lo...
Supplier A	56	NWTP-56	Northwind Traders Gr...
Supplier A	57	NWTP-57	Northwind Traders Ra...
Supplier H	65	NWTS-65	Northwind Traders Ho...

Microsoft Access interface showing the 'Field Properties' pane for the 'Supplier IDs' field in the 'Products' table. The 'Field Properties' pane is open to the 'General' tab, showing the following properties:

Field Name	Data Type	Description
Supplier IDs	Number	
ID	AutoNumber	
Product Code	Short Text	
Product Name	Short Text	
Description	Long Text	
Standard Cost	Currency	
List Price	Currency	
Reorder Level	Number	Inventory quantity that triggers...
Target Level	Number	Desired inventory level after a...
Quantity Per Unit	Short Text	
Discontinued	Yes/No	
Minimum Reorder Quantity	Number	

The 'Field Properties' pane is also open to the 'General' tab, showing the following properties:

Property	Value
Field Size	Long Integer
Format	
Decimal Places	Auto
Input Mask	
Caption	
Default Value	
Validation Rule	
Validation Text	
Required	No
Text Align	General

Query

- ▶ Queries are a way of searching for and compiling data from one or more tables or other queries
- ▶ Running a query is like asking a detailed question of your database
- ▶ When you build a query in Access, you are defining specific search conditions to find exactly the data you want
- ▶ In Access, you can use the graphical query by example facility or you can write Structured Query Language (SQL) statements to create your queries
- ▶ You can define queries to Select, Update, Insert, or Delete data, etc.
- ▶ You can also define queries that create new tables from data in one or more existing tables

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Inventory

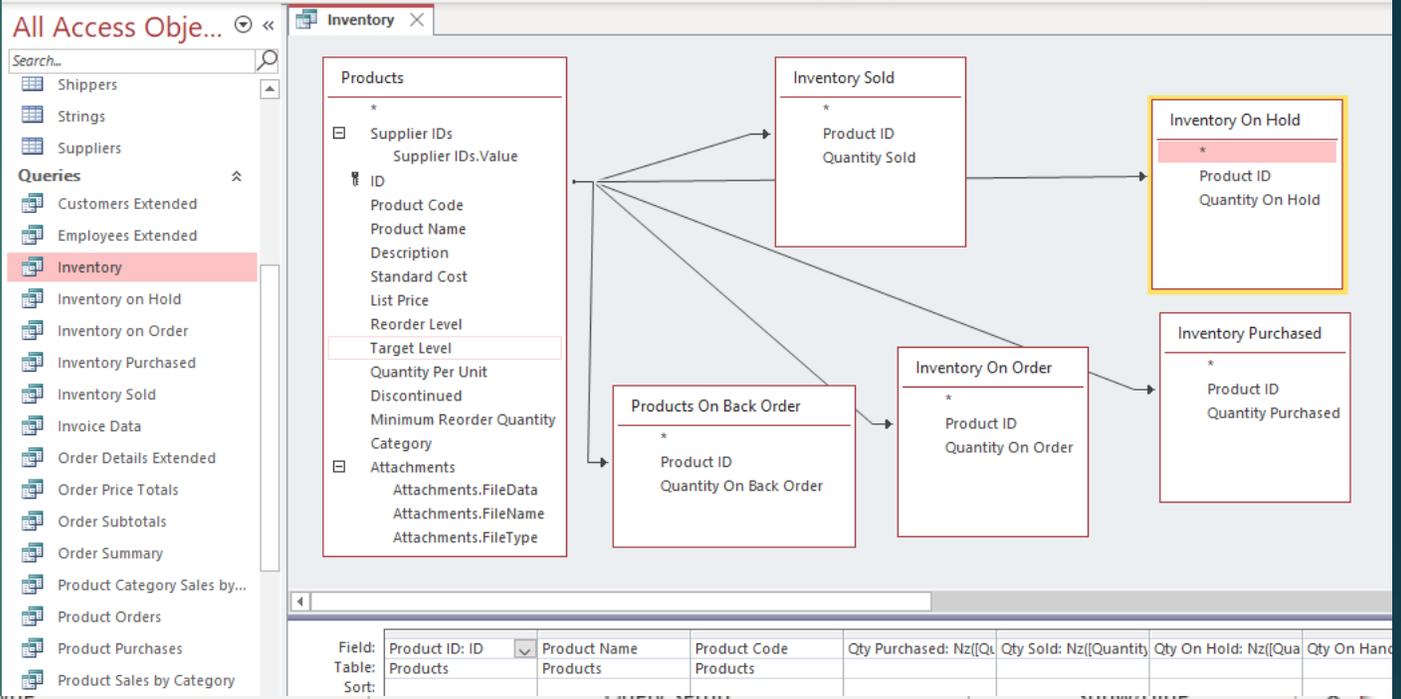
Product ID	Product Name	Product Code	Qty Purchased	Qty Sold
1	Northwind Traders Chai	NWTB-1	40	
3	Northwind Traders Syrup	NWTCO-3	100	
4	Northwind Traders Cajun Seasoning	NWTCO-4	40	
5	Northwind Traders Olive Oil	NWTD-5	40	
6	Northwind Traders Boysenberry Spread	NWTJP-6	100	
7	Northwind Traders Dried Pears	NWTFN-7	40	
8	Northwind Traders Curry Sauce	NWTS-8	65	
14	Northwind Traders Walnuts	NWTFN-14	40	
17	Northwind Traders Fruit Cocktail	NWTCFV-17	40	
19	Northwind Traders Chocolate Biscuits Mix	NWTBGM-19	85	
20	Northwind Traders Marmalade	NWTJP-6	40	
21	Northwind Traders Scones	NWTBGM-21	20	
34	Northwind Traders Beer	NWTB-34	310	
40	Northwind Traders Crab Meat	NWTSM-40	120	
41	Northwind Traders Clam Chowder	NWTSO-41	290	
43	Northwind Traders Coffee	NWTB-43	650	
48	Northwind Traders Chocolate	NWTCO-48	200	
51	Northwind Traders Dried Apples	NWTFN-51	40	
52	Northwind Traders Long Grain Rice	NWTG-52	100	
56	Northwind Traders Gnocchi	NWTP-56		
57	Northwind Traders Ravioli	NWTP-57		
65	Northwind Traders Hot Pepper Sauce	NWTS-65		
66	Northwind Traders Tomato Sauce	NWTS-66		
72	Northwind Traders Mozzarella	NWTD-72		
74	Northwind Traders Almonds	NWTFN-74		
77	Northwind Traders Mustard	NWTCO-77		

Query Tools NorthWind : Database- C:\Users\Stephane\Desktop\OPCUG Presentations\NorthWi

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Results Query Type Query Setup Show/Hide



Inventory

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SELECT Products.ID AS [Product ID], Products.[Product Name], Products.[Product Code], Nz([Quantity Purchased],0) AS [Qty Purchased], Nz([Quantity Sold],0) AS [Qty Sold], Nz([Quantity On Hold],0) AS [Qty On Hold], [Qty Purchased]-[Qty Sold] AS [Qty On Hand], [Qty Purchased]-[Qty Sold]-[Qty On Hold] AS [Qty Available], Nz([Quantity On Order],0) AS [Qty On Order], Nz([Quantity On Back Order],0) AS [Qty On Back Order], Products.[Reorder Level], Products.[Target Level], [Target Level]-[Current Level] AS [Qty Below Target Level], [Qty Available]+[Qty On Order]-[Qty On Back Order] AS [Current Level], IIf([Qty Below Target Level]>0,IIf([Qty Below Target Level]<[Minimum ReOrder Quantity],[Minimum Reorder Quantity],[Qty Below Target Level]),0) AS [Qty To Reorder]
FROM (((Products LEFT JOIN [Inventory Sold] ON Products.ID = [Inventory Sold].[Product ID]) LEFT JOIN [Inventory Purchased] ON Products.ID = [Inventory Purchased].[Product ID]) LEFT JOIN [Inventory On Hold] ON Products.ID = [Inventory On Hold].[Product ID]) LEFT JOIN [Inventory On Order] ON Products.ID = [Inventory On Order].[Product ID]) LEFT JOIN [Products On Back Order] ON Products.ID = [Products On Back Order].[Product ID];

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Form

- ▶ Forms are used for entering, modifying, and viewing records
- ▶ Forms can also be used to control the application
- ▶ Forms are used to customize the presentation of data that your application extracts from queries or tables
- ▶ The reason forms are used so often is that they are an easy way to guide people toward entering data correctly
- ▶ When you enter information into a form in Access, the data goes exactly where the database designer wants it to go in one or more related tables
- ▶ Form are made of controls – Access has 22 controls such has label, text box, drop down box, list box, check box, sub form, graph, etc.

Employee Details

Andrew Cencini

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General Orders

First Name: Andrew
 Last Name: Cencini
 Company: Northwind Traders
 Job Title: Vice President, Sales

Phone Numbers
 Business Phone: (123)555-0100
 Home Phone: (123)555-0102
 Mobile Phone: []
 Fax Number: (123)555-0103

Address
 Street: 123 2nd Avenue
 City: Bellevue
 State/Province: WA
 Zip/Postal Code: 99999
 Country/Region: USA

E-mail: andrew@northwindtraders.com
 Web Page: http://northwindtraders.com

Notes
 Joined the company as a sales representative, was promoted to sales manager and was then named vice president of sales.

Record: 1 of 9 | No Filter | Search

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=Nz([Employee Name], "Untitled") =IIf(DCount("...", "[Employee...])

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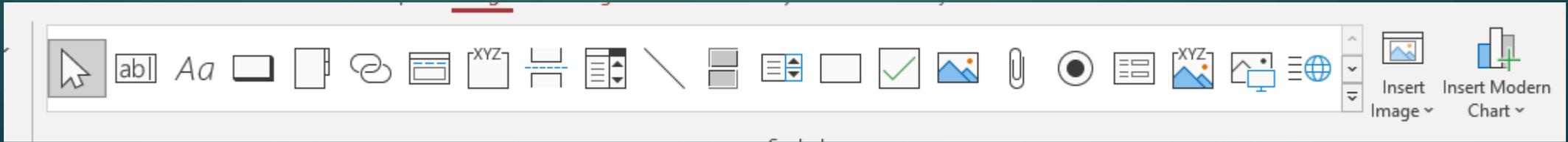
Detail

General Orders

First Name: First Name
 Last Name: Last Name
 Company: Company
 Job Title: Job Title
 Phone Numbers: []
 Business Phone: Business Phone
 Home Phone: Home Phone
 Mobile Phone: Mobile Phone
 Fax Number: Fax Number
 Address: []
 Street: Address
 City: City
 State/Province: State/Province
 Zip/Postal Code: ZIP/Postal Code
 Country/Region: Country/Region

Attachments: []
 E-mail: []
 E-mail Address: E-mail Address
 Web Page: Web Page
 Notes: []

Form Footer



Report

- ▶ You can view a report on your screen before you print it or export to PDF, Word, Excel and many more other format
- ▶ If forms are for input purposes, then reports are for output
- ▶ Anything you plan to print deserves a report, whether it is a list of names and addresses, a financial summary for a period, or a set of mailing labels
- ▶ Reports are useful because they allow you to present components of your database in an easy-to-read format
- ▶ You can even customize a report's appearance to make it visually appealing
- ▶ Access offers you the ability to create a report from any table or query

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All Access Obj... Monthly Sales Report

Monthly Sales Report

June, 2006

Product	Sales
Northwind Traders Boysenberry Spread	\$2,250.00
Northwind Traders Dried Apples	\$1,590.00
Northwind Traders Fruit Cocktail	\$1,560.00
Northwind Traders Chocolate	\$1,020.00
Northwind Traders Dried Pears	\$900.00
Northwind Traders Cajun Seasoning	\$660.00
Northwind Traders Coffee	\$230.00
Northwind Traders Clam Chowder	\$96.50
June Sales Total	\$8,306.50

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Report Design Tools

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Monthly Sales Report

Report Header

Monthly Sales Report

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Month Header

=Replace(Replace("[1],[2],[1],[Nz([Month Name],\""),\"],[2],[Nz([Year],\"")])

Product Sales

Detail

Sales GroupingField Total Sales

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=Replace("] Sales Total,"],[Nz([Month Name],\"")]) =Nz(Sum([To

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=Page " & [Page] & " of " & [Page

Report Footer

Macro

- ▶ For example, to create a button which opens a report, you could use a macro which will fire OpenReport action
- ▶ You can include simple conditions in macros to specify when one or more actions in the macro should be performed or skipped
- ▶ You can use macros to open and execute queries, to open tables, or to print or view reports
- ▶ You can also run other macros or Visual Basic procedures from within a macro
- ▶ Data macros can be attached directly to table events such as inserting new records, editing existing records, or deleting records

Macro Tools

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Run Single Step Convert Macros to Visual Basic

Expand Actions Collapse Actions Expand All Collapse All

Tools Collapse/Expand Action Catalog Show All Actions Show/Hide

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Search...

Tables
Queries
Forms
Reports
Macros
AutoExec
Delete All Data
Modules
ErrorHandling
RecordsetWrapper
CustomerOrders
DomainFunctionWrappers
Inventory
Privileges
PurchaseOrders
Utilities

SetDisplayedCategories

Show Yes

Category Northwind Traders

If Not [CurrentProject].[IsTrusted] Then

OpenForm

Form Name Startup Screen

View Form

Filter Name

Where Condition

Data Mode

Window Mode Normal

End If

If [CurrentProject].[IsTrusted] Then

OpenForm

Form Name Login Dialog

View Form

Filter Name

Where Condition

Data Mode

Window Mode Normal

End If

Action Catalog

Search...

- Program Flow
 - Comment
 - Group
 - If
 - Submacro
- Actions
 - Data Entry Operations
 - Data Import/Export
 - Database Objects
 - Filter/Query/Search
 - Macro Commands
 - System Commands
 - User Interface Commands
 - Window Management
- In this Database

Module

- ▶ Modules provide a more discrete flow of actions and allow you to trap errors
- ▶ Everything that can be done in a macro can also be done in a module, but you don't get the macro interface that prompts you what is needed for each action
- ▶ Modules are far more powerful and are essential if you plan to write code with error handling or use object libraries such as the Excel objects
- ▶ Modules can be standalone objects containing functions that can be called from anywhere in your application, or they can be directly associated with a form or a report to respond to events on the associated form or report

Microsoft Visual Basic for Applications - [PurchaseOrders (Code)]

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NorthWind (NorthWind)

- Microsoft Access Class Objects
- Modules
 - CustomerOrders
 - DomainFunctionWrappers
 - Inventory
 - Privileges
 - PurchaseOrders
 - Utilities
- Class Modules

(General)

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Option Compare Database
Option Explicit

Public Enum PurchaseOrderStatusEnum
    New_PurchaseOrder = 0
    Submitted_PurchaseOrder = 1
    Approved_PurchaseOrder = 2
    Closed_PurchaseOrder = 3
End Enum

Function Generate(SupplierID As Long, ProductID As Long, OrderID As Long) As Long
    Dim UnitCost As Long
    UnitCost = GetStandardCost(Nz(ProductID, 0))
    If Create(SupplierID, GetCurrentUserID(), OrderID) Then
        Generate = CreateLineItem(PurchaseOrderID, ProductID, UnitCost)
    End If
End Function

Function Create(SupplierID As Long, EmployeeID As Long) As Boolean
    Dim rsw As New RecordsetWrapper
    If rsw.OpenRecordset("Purchase Orders") Then
        With rsw.Recordset
            .AddNew
            ![Supplier ID] = SupplierID
            If EmployeeID > 0 Then
                ![Created By] = EmployeeID
                ![Creation Date] = Now()
                ![Submitted By] = EmployeeID
                ![Submitted Date] = Now()
                ![Status ID] = Submitted_PurchaseOrder
            End If
        End With
    End If
End Function

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Properties - PurchaseOrders

PurchaseOrders Module

Alphabetic Categorized

(Name) PurchaseOrders

References - Database

Available References:

- Visual Basic For Applications
- Microsoft Access 16.0 Object Library
- OLE Automation
- Microsoft Office 16.0 Access database engine Object Library
- AccessibilityCplAdmin 1.0 Type Library
- Acrobat
- Acrobat Access 3.0 Type Library
- Acrobat Distiller
- Acrobat Scan 1.0 Type Library
- Acrobat WebCapture 1.0 Type Library
- Acrobat WebCapture IE Toolbar/Favorites 1.0 Type Library
- AcroBrokerLib
- AcroIEHelper 1.0 Type Library
- AcroIEHelperShim 1.0 Type Library

Priority

Microsoft Office 16.0 Access database engine Object Library

Location: C:\Program Files (x86)\Common Files\Microsoft Shared\OFFICE16\Microsoft Access 16.0 Object Library

Language: Standard

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Zoom Survey

- ▶ Using the Zoom survey buttons, indicate if you would be interested to get more detailed presentations on each of the Access object?

