

Re: Simple Way to Let Many Edit/View Single Table

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Check out

<http://www.granite.ab.ca/Access/autofe.htm>

This simplifies keeping the front end updated. From your comments about installing shortcuts and coping files it think you will find adp an insermountable task as they will still need shortcuts and you will need administrators in your back pocket.

"td" <td@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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"...that's what shortcuts are for."

Well, someone still has to install the shortcuts, and I guarantee you a decent percentage of these people don't know how to do that. And I'm not an administrator, so i can't just push the files and shortcuts onto their computers.

I did make a bat file to copy front-end database and make a shortcut (and copy some dll files) for a smaller project, but I ended up babysitting those people too.

Bottom line is that when I do front-end solutions, I end up babysitting a bunch of people who don't know how to do even simple things on their computers (like copying files and making shortcuts). That is exactly what I DO do when I have a manageably-sized group, but this new project is too big. And seems like there must be an easier solution.

"Pete D." wrote:

One, I'm not an expert
Two, No one should have to navigate to find work, that is what shortcuts are

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for
Three, Data Access has its place but you need to be advanced user and have
full and fuller support of network folks
Four, Frontend and backend is very good for workgroup size office
Five, copying files should never have to happen at user level, must handle
in your application if you want it dependable.
Six, Quantity of people using front and backend data file really depends on complexity and size of the datafile. By the way, you can use one front end
and many backends to extend Access for record count but be careful with queries, and forms so the backends are logically grouped and closed when not
needed.
Seven, Every user must have their own front end and they can share the backends as needed.
Eight, Performance and quantity of users, I have used frontend and backend
with up to 50 users with no problem and I have also replicated with the 50
but if you don't replicate by the numbers...you better have a super backup
program.
Nine, You want to keep network bandwidth down, why pass forms, and such
back
and forth, stick with frontend on workstation and data on network!!!!
Really good questions, you're thinking, Pete

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Hi,

I have a large project with different people working on different parts.
We currently have a spreadsheet with some data on the status of each sub-project. This is slightly cumbersome, because multiple people can't use at the same time and frankly because some non-savvy users simply have a hard time navigating to our network drive.

I was just investigating the possibility of making an Access Data

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Page that I could stick on our intranet. I had to have our IT support

install some XML thing on my computer, and the Data

Access Page feature

finally works for me in Access, but I can only create Data

Access Pages

in

a

general forms view, when what I really want is a datasheet view. The

users

really need to be able to see a table, not one record at a time.

I'm not wedded to the Data Access Page idea, but does

anyone have any

ideas

for alternatives, or for how I can get a datasheet view Data

Access

Page?

I

know I could create a front-end/back-end database and hand out copies

of

it,

but I find when that happens I end up babysitting people who don't know

how

to do simple things like copying a file from a network drive to their

local

drive. There's too many people in this project for me to start doing

that.

A related question I have is how many people can I safely have editing

a

single database (i.e., not a front-end/back-end set-up)

simultaneously?

I

seem to remember doing more than one once, but I also remember reading

that

it can't support very many. Any details about this? If I was reasonably

sure that not more than a few people would be on at any given time,

could

I

just email everyone a link to a single database? Would it

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make it any
better if I emailed everyone a link to a single front-end
database that
edited a separate back-end database?

Any other thoughts are welcome.

Thanks,
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