

Re: ntext problem with text box control

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Hi Keith,

You're right, it's a limitation (I guess of the Access textbox control), implicit in the description of the Memo field in Help under "Access Specifications". To get beyond 65535 characters you need to write code (that's why the header is working even though the user can't type anything).

So one approach would be to normalise the data to separate out each day's notes; another to write code to pass the long string to a more capable text editor. But first I'd check out some of the rich text controls to see if they can be bound to larger fields. (See e.g. www.lebans.com and www.fmsinc.com).

On Wed, 25 May 2005 14:09:19 -0400, "Keith G Hicks" <krh@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

>I have an MS Access app (it's an mdb, not an adp) that is tied into a SQL
>2000 backend. One of the forms is in bound mode to a single row in one of
>the major tables (there are some 15000 rows but I do a select on it to just
>get one row at a time).
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>There is an ntext column in the table for ongoing client notes. Most rows in
>the table have limited amount of data in the notes column (maybe a few pages
>if you were to copy it into a word doc). But one of the clients has
>substantial amount of information. It's nearly 40 pages now if copied into a
>word doc.
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>I'm just using a standard MS Access text box control on the form for the
>notes. The row that has some 40 pages now seems to have reached some kind
>of limit. There is a button on the form that through code adds the date and
>user name to the beginning of the note data so that they can start typing
>whatever notes right under that. (not a good design but it's not mine, I
>inherited this). The button works fine. They can click it over and over and
>over and it faithfully adds the new note header info to the note column. But
>now they can't type anything under it. If they move to a different row in
>the table and add notes to that row it works fine. It's just this one that
>has some 40 pages of data in it. NTEXT is supposed to allow up to

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>1,073,741,823 characters. 40 pages doesn't even come close to that and if it
>did then they would get an error when clickign the button that adds the
>date/user info in code.

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>I'm thinking that there's some sort of limitation with MS Access here
>because I tried doing this in Delphi with ADO and was able to get 350 pages
>of information into the same table column via a Delphi memo control on a
>form. Can anyone give me an idea as to what might be happenign here and a
>possible solution?

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>Just a quick note too, sometimes when trying to add information in the
>Access version I get a warning "<application name is here> won't be able to
>undo this action or subsequent actions. To make more resources available so
>that Access can record further desing actions, close and reopon this window.
>Do you want to continue anyway?" (this does not come up in Delphi)

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>Thanks,

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>Keith

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