

# data conundrum

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I had about 100 csv files to import into 1 table in my access data base. I was able to merge the csv files into one table first and then import the large file into MS access. Upon finishing the import, I noticed one thing about the data; the number of columns in each of my csv files is inconsistent, so the data does not line up properly. Column 9 in one table correlates to column 18 in another table. As a result, the mega table is mostly useless gibberish.

There is no consistency within the 100 initial csv files. The data is just feeds from various systems. Is there a way to sort this efficiently? I need each field to align with the proper values. How do I tell access to find the correct value for a given field when that value could be in one of 40 or so columns?

If anyone has a clue to help solve this data puzzle I would appreciate the tips. I am not very strong in VBA so ideally I need a viable work around.

Thank you!!

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