

## RE: Automate a default value

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Odd things. First thing this morning I created a combo box on the AV invoice Data entry form and that was a good solution. 1 key stroke and enter. But I thought I would at least try your solution. When I tried to repeat your instruction the default line would appear to be save but actually wasn't.

Under the TAB for DATA in the Properties for the Field Recap Date I did enter as discribed. But I also have some other data under this TAB:

Control source Recap Date

Inputting mask

Row Source type SELECT [A/V Recap Date].[Recap Date]

FROM [A/V Recap Date]

Bound Column 1

Limit to List NO

Should this be deleted?

Lin

"Ken Warthen" wrote:

> *Lin,*

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> *With something of a better understanding of your goals and knowing you're*  
> *looking for a simple solution without having to write a bunch of code, here's*  
> *what I would suggest. Create a table (tblRecapDate) with one date/time field*  
> *called RecapDate. Enter the current recap date in the that field. Close the*  
> *table. Open your form in desgin view and in the default value field for the*  
> *Recap Date control enter =Dlookup("[RecapDate]","tblRecapDate"). Now*  
> *whenever you enter a new invoice it will have the current RecapDate value in*  
> *the Recap Date field. You will have to change the value of the RecapDate*  
> *field in tblRecapDate every two weeks or whenever it changes, but that may be*  
> *easier for you to maintain than writing procedures to automate the process.*  
> *Hope this helps.*

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> *Ken*

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> *"Lin Light" wrote:*

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> *> Close.*

> > *All invoices coming in and being recorded are given the same date if they  
> > fall within that current Recap period. For the weeks of Dec 6 – 17th the  
> > recap date is that following monday, Dec 20th. On the 20th all invoice are to  
> > be sent to City Hall for payment. So we record the invoice date [from the  
> > invoice] and we record the recap date. It works as another checking or  
> > sorting value. What I want to do is have that recap date, which changes  
> > every two weeks, automatically populate that field in the invoice data entry  
> > form.*

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> > *"Ken Warthen" wrote:*

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> > > *Lin,*

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> > > *I'm not 100 percent sure I understand your question. Do you want the form  
> > > to show the current date in the Recap Date field for any new records that  
> > > will be added? If so, you can accomplish this by opening the data entry form  
> > > in design view and entering =Date() in the Default Value properties of the  
> > > Recap Date control. If that's not what you're trying to do, I apologize.*

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> > > *Ken*

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> > > *"Lin Light" wrote:*

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> > > > *I'm rewording my a question. I need to allow a change to a fields default  
> > > > value but not via access to the property sheet or form design. I need to  
> > > > have the date value (Recap Date)in our invoice data entry form set and  
> > > > automatically populate when entering a new record. I'm using a Switchboard,  
> > > > so I would like to design a simple form to do this.*

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