

## Re: GENERATE ERROR FOR UNIQUE FIELD ON FORM

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Sammie,

Here's one approach, for code on the BeforeUpdate event of the textboxes on the "other" form...

```
If DCount("*", "YourTable", "FieldValue=" & Me.ControlValue & """) > 0 Then
    MsgBox "You've already got one of those"
    Cancel = True
End If
```

(assumes a text data type)

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Sammie wrote:

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> I have a form used to enter new records in response to a not-in-list
> event. It contains 2 fields which do not allow duplicates. Neither of
> these two fields is the primary key. The problem is that the user
> doesn't see that they have entered a duplicate until after they have
> closed the form and they receive an error on the not-in-list event. How
> can Access prevent the user from entering a duplicate when they enter
> the field, so they know exactly why it is not an acceptable entry? I'm
> having trouble writing error handling code on my not-in-list procedure,
> when I think it's the duplicates on the other form that are causing the
> problem.
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> Thanks.
> Sammie
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