

Re: How can I add a row from a form?

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On Wed, 7 Dec 2005 23:48:02 -0800, "Lars"
<Lars@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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>There are different tables:
>Jobs: Which customer gets which product, and which consultant is doing it

What constitutes a "job"?

>Customers: Name, address, etc of each customer

You MUST have a unique ID as the primary key of this table.

>Consultants: Name and contact info for each one

Likewise. If the two tables have the same structure, consider using just one People table with a yes/no field Consultant to identify which people are consultants.

>Products: simple list of products

Does each job involve one and only one product? or might it involve several?

>In jobs, anything (?) can appear several times

>In Customers: company name can appear several times, but surname+name can
>only appear once

I have three friends here in Parma: Fred Brown; his son Fred Brown; and an unrelated gentleman named Fred Brown.

Name & surname are NOT unique and are not suitable as a unique identifier.

>In consultants: surname+name can only appear once
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>So...it's really quite simple. The form is only for adding new people in the

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>Customers table, but I will use the same principle for consultants and jobs.

You need at least two additional tables. Since (apparently, though you don't say) each Job can involve several Customers, and each Customer can be involved with multiple Jobs, you have a many-to-many relationship, which needs a "resolver" table with the unique JobID (if your Jobs table doesn't have one... create one!); similarly for Consultants. If a Job will NEVER have more than one customer or one consultant your structure above may be OK.

Assuming that the latter is true, you can use a continuous Form with a combo box for the customer ID and the consultantID. Since I don't know how jobs relate to products, I can't advise on that issue, but I suspect you need a JobProducts table linked to both.

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