

## Re: Use stLinkCriteria for 3 fields

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Donna, I agree with John that adding an AutoNumber to your table will be easier than trying to handle the 3-field combo.

It will also simplify your life when you come to create related tables for these entries.

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On Sun, 19 Mar 2006 09:01:32 -0800, Donna  
<[Donna@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:Donna@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

Thanks, Allen! Along similar lines, I have a combo box for doing "searches" on a form. Again, the Primary Key is composed of these same 3 fields. But I can only get it to bind to 1 column; I need it to bind to all 3 columns. Right now, if I search for "Smith" & there are 3 "Smiths", it will only go to the 1st "Smith", even though I am selecting the 2nd or 3rd one. I assume that's because it can only be bound to column 1. Can I bind it to 3 columns?

You'll do much better to have a unique PersonID (which might not be meaningful or visible to the user), and use it as the bound column of the combo.

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