

RE: Data entry property & lookup

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FYI, I ended up adding a field to the lookup table, and put the persons' name who is next in line beside another name, then running a query to look at the last record, who entered it, and returning the new 'next in line' field. If they add or change people, they can edit the table. Works great without any code.

"Klatuu" wrote:

okay, post back if you have more questions

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Dave Hargis, Microsoft Access MVP

"Maarkr" wrote:

that answers that...I'll delete the code and try something else...thx

"Klatuu" wrote:

There are a number of problems here.
Going to the last record in a recordset will not necessarily, in fact probably will not, take you to the last record you entered. There is no set order of records in a table. Each new record is put wherever is convenient at the moment. And, last record depends on whatever sort order is currently in place. Therefore, you will need to come up with a scheme to determine the most recently entered record. If you have an autonumber field and you have the autonumber set to increment, the highest number in that field would be the most recently entered or you can add a date/time stamp field and populate

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in when you create a new record.

Also, you should not be hard coding peoples' names. Just a bad practice.

And last, Data Entry mode for a form only allows adding new records. You will not even be able to see existing records.

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Dave Hargis, Microsoft Access MVP

"Maarkr" wrote:

Excellent point on the design...in my case, the table is already filled with some personal info (name, phone, address) for a thousand people and I want each person to privately open up their partial record and fill in the rest of the field data. I'm working on several dbs at once and get my questions mixed. I had put an unbound combo box in but didn't set the query up correctly...doh!...so in one case, I didn't need to populate anything, just have the unbound combo box open up the query.

BUT, in my other case, I want to open the form in data entry or Add mode and run this code that works fine in edit mode. It looks at the last record to see who the InitRecr is and displays the next InitRecr in the Text208 unbound text box.

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DoCmd.GoToRecord acForm,
"frmReferral", acLast
If [InitRecr] = "John" Then
DoCmd.GoToRecord , , acNewRec
[Text208] = "Carol"
Else
If [InitRecr] = "Carol" Then
DoCmd.GoToRecord , , acNewRec
[Text208] = "Van"
Else
If [InitRecr] = "Van" Then
DoCmd.GoToRecord , , acNewRec
[Text208] = "John"
Else
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End If
End If
End If

Sorry for the confusion and thx..

"Klatuu" wrote:

The better way to do this would be to put an unbound combo box on your form. Make its record source a query that returns the fields you want to populate. Use the combo's After Update event to populate the fields.

Now, I do question your database design. If you already have the person's name and SSN, you should not be duplicating it in another table. What you should do is have a field in this table that would store the foreign key to the table when the person's info already is.

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Dave Hargis, Microsoft
Access MVP

"Maarkr" wrote:

I would like to have the users open up a form in Add mode and populate some of the fields from a parameter query. My intent is to

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use a
parameter
query
to match
their last
name and
last 4 of
their ssn to
fill in some
basic
personal
info on the
form, then
they fill out
the rest. I
don't want
them to
have access
to all
records like
you get
when you
just open a
form in edit
mode.
Maybe you
have some
other ideas
on how to
do that? I
haven't tried
coding a
lookup or
recordset to
fill it in
yet...just
hoping to
save time
by
asking for
suggestions.