

Re: Replacing backend database

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Thanks Nikos for the response. However, do you know the VB code to do a Windows copy command from within the database? (I'll want to replace the existing file without prompting).

Thanks,
Mark

"Nikos Yannacopoulos" <nyannacoREMOVETHISBIT@in.gr> wrote in message news:%23F7WI3x6DHA.2480@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...

> *Mark,*

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> *If you have VB you can make a small .exe that does the file work and then launches the database. If you don't, you can even use a plain old-fashioned*

> *command prompt batch file to do the same... they still do the job!*

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> *Whichever way you go, I would suggest you add an extra line in there to make*

> *a backup copy of the back end on the home PC before the newer version from*

> *the floppy overwrites it... floppies are floppies. Actually, I'm surprised*

> *you still use them. You should consider USB flash disks; once you've tried*

> *one, you won't be able to live without it!*

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> *HTH,*

> *Nikos*

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> *"Mark" <cmd@mountain.net> wrote in message*

> *news:%23IxSN3w6DHA.3288@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...*

> > *Hi,*

> > *At work, on the frontend database, I have a command button which uses*

> > *Winzip*

> > *to zip the backend database and copy it to a floppy. The user can then*

> > *take*

> > *this floppy to their home computer and update their home version of the*

> > *backend database.*

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> > *The problem is that Winzip will not unzip from the floppy and replace the*

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> > existing home backend because that file is in use (the database is open
> with
> > its linked tables). The command line is as follows:
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> > cmdstring = "C:\Program Files\Winzip\winzip32 -e -o a:\fpsdata.zip
> > C:\Access97\". (The "-e" is to extract; the "-o" is to overwrite).
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> > I suspect I wouldn't have any problem if I were using Pkzip, but then I
> > would have to have that installed on all the users' home computers.
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> > I'm thinking that a workaround is to unzip the file from the a-drive to
> > another folder and then using the Windows File Copy command to copy and
> > replace the actual backend -- hoping that Windows would let me replace
the
> > (open) backend database even though Winzip wouldn't.
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> > Questions:
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> > What is the syntax for the Windows File Copy command, and is there a
> better
> > method for automating this process? (I hate having to walk users through
> > this process each time using Windows Explorer!).
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> > Thank you.
> > Mark
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