

Re: Is this possible???

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On Fri, 5 Mar 2004 15:02:09 -0800, "Joan"

<anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote:

>Hi!

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>I've got an access database that I've created for my small
>office in an effort to be more effective in taking care of
>our customers. I've got a form, that the user enters all
>information required to setup an account and schedule the
>customer's service. I need to generate service reports
>from this information and would like to be able to do this
>without re-entering a lot of information. I've come up
>with the following idea but do not know, if it is too
>complex for Access.

It's what Access was written to do.

>Would it be possible to have another form filled in
>according to the information in the first form. I would
>need the information put on the next form according to the
>Customer ID, Week of Service (1-4), Type of Service
>(Summer, Winter, Annually), and then the Type of Service.
>On the Second report information would be grouped by the
>Customer Id and then broken down into individually weeks
>and type of service. There can be more than one set of
>information per type of service so I need to be able to
>build on the form. For instance, if a information has
>already been placed in text box 1, then the information
>needs to be put in text box 2, and so forth.

But you're starting AT THE WRONG END.

Access is a relational database. The foundation, the ESSENTIAL part of the database, is your Tables. It really sounds like you're starting your design with the Forms and the Reports; this is like starting building a house by assembling the windows and the roof soffits, and then deciding where to put the foundation.

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Your first step should be (and maybe it was, but you don't say) to create a set of normalized Tables. If you don't know what "normalized" means... learn; you can start at

<http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=209534>

Forms are just windows that allow you to enter data into the Tables; you would then create Queries to pull data from multiple tables together for display on a Report. Once a given piece of data is entered it will never need to be entered again, if you have the tables set up correctly!

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