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- *From:* "Rick B" <Anonymous>
 - *Date:* Wed, 26 Jul 2006 08:37:28 -0500
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Norm:

My original post was quite short and obviously misunderstood. Had I taken more time, I'm sure it would have come across better. I apologize for that.

Many many posts in here are from very new users who do not understand proper design. Typically, when I see that a feature is going to be copied to 20 other forms, I assume that the user has built 20 identical or similar forms instead of using filters or other features to make one form do what is needed. A very typical example is that a new user will create one form for each user of the database, rather than simply filtering the records in the form to only apply to the current user. The developer then spends the rest of their application's life making the same changes twenty times!

As your later post indicates, you are an experienced designer and you did not indicate this was the case in your original post. It was simply a bad assumption on my part. I tend to assume the worst design scenario when reading posts in here. Unfortunately, that assumption pays off more often than not :-)

Hopefully you will get an answer that meets your needs. No offense taken here. Hopefully none taken on your side either.

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Rick B

"NES" <NES@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Larry, I understand. I too have posted in this forum before, and all replies, including mine have been civil. I asked a reasonable question about copying a button with code, and I got what very much sounded like a put down.

Please understand that I have been writing computer code since 1975. I've

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written hundreds of applications, including a relational database from scratch (without a database engine). And I have been commended by many, including internationally, on my applications. One appeared in a scientific paper (including screen shots) written by a physician at the Royal Brompton Hospital in London. I am not a newbie. Access has a wealth of functionality built in to it, and no one can know it all.

Rick's reply did not address the question at all. Had he done so along with his criticism, I would have ignored the criticism. As it was presented, it was simply a very public put down. I sincerely apologize to any and all, including Rick, who may have been offended by my response to what appeared to me to be an insult.

Thank you for bringing this to my attention, and thank you for your response.
Norm

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Norm Shimmel
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"Larry Linson" wrote:

"NES" wrote

- > Rick, I appreciate the unwarranted criticism.
- > I didn't say they were similar forms, and
- > they are not. This reply was not helpful.
- > Please refrain from helping me further.

That kind of response is a really good way to ensure that quite a lot of people will "refrain from helping you further" -- none of us want to be chewed out for trying to assist, and, from observing Rick B's previous posts, I am certain that was his intent. However, unless he is much more patient than most of us, I would wager that he will, indeed, "refrain from helping you further."

I am not sure of all the modifications you describe. Generally, the only things I can think of that would differ between Forms would be the name of the Form and the WhereCondition in the DoCmd.OpenForm statement -- and

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those, by necessity, would have to be manually changed.

The free MZTOOLS V3 for VB6 and VBA, from <http://www.mztools.com>, has a feature to allow Copy and Paste Controls with Code, and to Rename Controls with Code. You'll still have to change the name of the Form and the WhereCondition argument in the DoCmd.OpenForm. I use other of MZTOOLS features, too, and find it very useful.

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