

RE: Issue with UNC Path (I think). Trying to build Dynamic Report

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I used this:

\\AP-SVR-3\users\Excel List.xls\Main\$

Excel List = name of Excel file

Main = Name of Excel sheet that I need to link to

I tried to set it up through the Linked Table Manager, and it still doesn't work. Does the space in the file name prevent it from working?

I can actually build the Report and the Query too, but I just can not see the data displayed in the ListBox or in the ComboBox (tried it both ways). There is just a lot of white spaces in the ListBox and ComboBox; the data itself seems to be invisible. But, if I click on the first item in the ListBox, and I know what it is only because I am very familiar with the data, that 'criteria' is what Access uses to build my dynamic Queries and my dynamic Reports. I wish there was some way to DISPLAY those elements of data in the ListBox...

I would graciously welcome any other ideas.

Regards,
Ryan---

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RyGuy

"ryguy7272" wrote:

OK, I agree. This is probably the way to go (my knowledge and experience in this particular area is quite limited). Now, how do I use that UNC Path? Do I put it in the Form? How? Do I use it in the code? Where? Please show me how to implement this idea.

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Regards,
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RyGuy

"Beetle" wrote:

UNC paths don't use drive letters, so in your case the path would look something like;

\\AP-SVR-3\users\ExcelFiles\YourExcelFile.xls

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Sean Bailey

"ryguy7272" wrote:

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Just recently I encountered a problem that I've never dealt with before. I think it has to do with something called UNC Path. If you are not frightened at this point, please read on&

I got some awesome help from this Access DG recently, and I think I am close to resolving the issue, but I am not quite there yet, and I need a little more of a push to get there&please bear with me.

I am trying to Link to an Excel file on a network drive and build a Report and a Query, using a Form. Pretty simple, right (eyes rolling right now&). Anyway, after some major frustration, I think I am pretty close to getting this wrapped up, and I'd love to finish before I get out of here for the weekend.

In Access, I went to File > Get External Data > Link Tables

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Then, I used the Wizard to pick the right sheet. Now I have a Form with a ComboBox that has this logic in the Row Source:
SELECT DISTINCT Main.Broker FROM Main ORDER BY Main.Broker;

This code is behind the Form:
Option Compare Database
Option Explicit

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Private Sub cmdApplyFilter_Click()

Dim strBroker As String
Dim strProd As String
Dim strStatus As String
Dim strFilter As String

' Build criteria string for Broker field
If IsNull(Me.cboBroker.Value) Then
strBroker = "Like '*'"
Else
strBroker = "=" & Me.cboBroker.Value & ""
End If

' Build criteria string for Product field
If IsNull(Me.cboProd.Value) Then
strProd = "Like '*'"
Else
strProd = "=" & Me.cboProd.Value & ""
End If

' Build criteria string for Status field
If IsNull(Me.cboStatus.Value) Then
strStatus = "Like '*'"
Else
strStatus = "=" & Me.cboStatus.Value & ""
End If

' Combine criteria strings into a WHERE clause for the filter
strFilter = "[Broker] " & strBroker & " AND [Prod] " &
strProd & " AND
[Status] " & strStatus
' Apply the filter and switch it on

DoCmd.OpenReport "SelReport", acPreview, , strFilter

With Reports![SelReport]
.Filter = strFilter
.FilterOn = True
End With
End Sub
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Private Sub cmdRemoveFilter_Click()  
On Error Resume Next  
' Switch the filter off  
Reports![SelReport].FilterOn = False  
End Sub
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The code came from here:

<http://www.fontstuff.com/access/acctut19.htm>

I received some great help from the Access Programming DG and began to think that the issue was related to something called a UNC Path. I did some research and found the site below:

<http://www.mvps.org/access/api/api0003.htm>

I found that there are several UNC paths on my firm's network. Some are as follows:

Removable drive : A:\

Local drive : C:\

Removable drive : F:\

Network drive : H:\

UNC Path : \\AP-SVR-3\users

I can link the Excel file to a local drive, like my C-drive, and everything works fine. However, when I put the Excel file on our firm's network drive, I can't get Access to find the data source!!

I am interested in mapping my Form, or Query, or whatever to an Excel file on the H-drive, which I guess is UNC Path : \\AP-SVR-3\users

I found the information on this site useful:

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/328440>

Anyway, that's the background. I can link the Excel file to a local drive, like my C-drive and everything works fine. However, when I put the Excel file on our firm's network drive, Access seems to struggle to find the data source, sometimes pausing for several minutes, and when it finally finishes (I'm not even sure what it is doing), I try to find my data in the drop down menu of the ComboBox and I see nothing but blanks. After struggling with

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this project for a couple of weeks, I honestly think I am close, but I m not exactly sure what to do at this point. Also, I think it has to do with the UNC Path, but I m not sure about that&I never heard of a UNC Path until yesterday.

This is the drive that I want to save the Excel file on:
Network drive : H:\
UNC Path : \\AP-SVR-3\users

I think somehow I have to point Access to this spot, perhaps within the code (above). As I stated I have the Row Source pointing to the Excel file called 'Main', but Access isn't able to find the data source.

I ve gotten some great help on this one, but I still can t get this thing to work. If you ve dealt with this type of issue before, and you know what to do, please let me know.

Regards,
Ryan---

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RyGuy