

Re: Getting Access to count to 10

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> *I believe Access does save in the order in which you enter records.*

Normally they are sorted to primary key order when you compact. So the default order in any table is usually a mixture of primary key order and data entry order. Default order is normally preserved when you open a table in datasheet view, but is lost in complex queries, or when you save or specify a different view order.

(david)

"Rick B" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:OUXYnt2YEHA.1048@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...

> *I believe Access does save in the order in which you enter records.*

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> *What you are talking about is the sort order when you look at the records.*

> *You can determine the sort order (regardless of how they are save internally).*

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> *You want*

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> *C16S1F1*

> *C16S1F2*

> *C16S1F3*

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> *C16S1F9*

> *C16S1F10*

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> *Instead of*

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> *C16S1F1*

> *C16S1F10*

> *C16S1F2*

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> C16S1F9
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> *I don't know if there is a way to fix this unless you break up that 'key'
> into multiple fields in your database and make the sequence number a
> numeric field. Then in your reports, queries, forms, etc, you could
simply
> concatenate the two fields.*
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> *From Access help...*
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> *Numbers stored in Text fields are sorted as strings of characters, not
> numeric values. Therefore, to sort them in numeric order, all text strings
> must be the same length with shorter numbers padded with leading zeros.*
For
> *example, the result of an ascending sort of the text strings "1", "2",
"11",
> and "22" will be "1", "11", "2", "22". You must pad the single-digit
numbers
> with a leading zero for the strings to be sorted properly: "01", "02",
"11",
> "22". For fields that don't contain Null values, another solution would be
> to sort on the numeric values of the strings by using the Val function.*
For
> *example, if the Age column is a Text field that contains numeric values,
> specifying Val([Age]) in a Field cell and specifying a sort order in its
> Sort cell will put the records in the correct order. If you are only
storing
> numbers or dates in a Text field, consider changing the field's data type
to
> Number, Currency, or Date/Time in the table where the field is stored.*
Then,
> *when you sort on the field, the numbers or dates will sort in numeric or
> date order without requiring leading zeros.*
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> *"Anne" <g3safework@ilo.org> wrote in message
> news:27e0001c4635f\$acb1c170\$a301280a@phx.gbl...
> Hi! I've developed a primary key for my database that is
> essentially a cataloging process incorporating numbers and
> letters. The first record is C16S1F1, the second is
> C16S1F2, etc. When I get to record C16S1F10, it saves
> after F1 instead of F9. Is there some way to tell access
> to count correctly or, better yet, to save in the order I
> enter the records?*
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