

Re: Query Me This -- two references to another tables field

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- *From:* "CS" <dukster77@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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Thank you for all your help, Steve -- I will go back and do it the way I first conceived (glad to know my initial instincts weren't _all_ bad :-)) and stick all this stuff in the tblContacts.

Thanks again for your kind attention on a Saturday --
Carol

"Steve Schapel" <schapel@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:utnr%23FgeFHA.2736@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

> Carol,

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> Opinions may vary on this. I am not sure why someone else has advised
> you the way they have. One-to-one relationships add complexity to the
> data structure, so there has to be a good reason to introduce this extra
> complexity. In my opinion, your database doesn't even begin to qualify.
> If it was mine, all of the information you listed would absolutely,
> definitely be in the tblContacts table, where you had it in the first
> place. You will be able to get it to work by having it in a separate
> table, but I wouldn't even think about it.

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> --

> Steve Schapel, Microsoft Access MVP

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> CS wrote:

>> We would only be interested in how they _initially_ were referred,
>> regardless of what their first contact with the organization was (so
there

>> would, in fact, only be one possible initial referral source), but we
would

>> want to know what their first contact with the organization was.

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>> I would say that about 50% of the contacts are NOT referred by someone
else

>> (they find the organization on their own), or, they are existing

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contacts

>> from a flat-file DB that is being ported to Access, which did not collect
>> this information (some of which are 6 - 7 years old) -- when the DB is ready
>> to go, we will attempt to collect this original referral information for as
>> many of our existing contacts as possible, but you know how people are about
>> responding to a survey at times, so we may very well not get this
>> information. What is your opinion on that percentage of total contacts (400
>> of about around 800 at this point, and growing quickly) in terms of blanks
>> if all of this is tracked in the basic contact table?
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>> Also, we want to gather a number of different pieces of information about
>> the referral, even if self-referred --
>> 1. Type of first contact with the organization
>> 2. Who referred them, if it is currently a contact in the DB
>> 3. How they found us, if there was no person referring them
>> 4. Date of first contact with organization
>> 5. Notes about the first contact
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>> I actually started out with all this in the tblContact, but removed it and
>> began working with a separate table at the suggestion of someone in this NG.
>> Since I am not yet truly adept at append, join, etc., I have erred
>> consistently on the side of more rather than less tables.
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>> Thanks again for your help,
>> Carol
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