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Thanks for your response, Marshall!

Best,
J.S.

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"Marshall Barton" <marshbarton@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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> Come on folks, an AutoNumber PK field can not be relied on
> to be anything other than unique. The AutoNumber value can
> go negative if enough records are added, and there are
> times(?) when Access might decide(?) to change it from
> increment to random.

>
> The date/time field is clearly the easiest way to reliably
> identify the order that records were entered. Given that,
> one way to get the latest record is:

>
> SELECT TOP 1 <field list>
> FROM <thetable>
> ORDER BY <datefield> DESC

>
> A way to lookup the PK field of the latest record:

>
> DLookup("PK", "thetable", "datefield = " &
> Format(DMax("datefield", "thetable"), "\#m\d\yyyy\#"))

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> but that is pretty ugly and will be slow if done frequently.

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> Marsh
> MVP [MS Access]

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