

## Re: Query won't open in design view

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- *From:* "BBran" <bbran@xxxxxxxxxx>
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Thanks for sending the trial database. I had no problem opening that query in design view.

I guess I don't know what the problem is. Every database I have that has a query based on more than one query or table has this problem. Does that mean there is something wrong with all of them and if so, how do I find out what it is?

One other question, what is RTM?

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Respectfully,  
Bob Brannon

"Allen Browne" <AllenBrowne@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
<news:e8G9n74MHHA.3952@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
Sorry, Bob. I did not see anything like that on Beta 2, though I did not  
install TR2. And I certainly don't see that on the RTM release.

Here's something to try:  
<http://allenbrowne.com/temp/BBran.zip>  
The zip contains BBran.accdb, created with the RTM.  
It's just 2 tables and a query that uses them both.  
No code or macros, so it does not need to be trusted.

If that fails when you open it, there is a problem with your installation of  
Access. If you can open it, then perhaps the problem is either with the  
specific database, or with the way TR2 is writing queries, though I feel  
sure others would have experience that if it were generic.

In any case, the beta expires in a few weeks, so I guess you will be moving  
to the RTM.

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Tips for Access users – <http://allenbrowne.com/tips.html>  
Reply to group, rather than allenbrowne at mvps dot org.

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"Bbran" <bbran@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
[news:OL1zue4MHHA.4720@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:OL1zue4MHHA.4720@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
Hello Allen,

This is a follow-up of the thread I started on 11/9/2006 (Design View) which you responded to so many times (thank you).

I actually just the other day wrote the query in question in design view in Access 2007 B2TR. It worked and still does work fine. However, as long as I did not save it I could stay in Design View and work on it. As soon as I saved it I could not go back into it in design view. That is why I made sure it worked right before I saved it.

I discovered by trial and error testing that for any single-table or single-query query I have, if I add another table or query to it I can no longer open it in design view. Doesn't matter what the query is or what query or table I add.

Does this shed any light on what the problem may be?

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Happy New Year,  
Bob Brannon

"Allen Browne" <AllenBrowne@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
[news:OkOJeS4MHHA.4992@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:OkOJeS4MHHA.4992@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
Hi Bob. Something is clearly wrong here.

Here's a way to try to get the SQL statement from the query that doesn't work. Open the Immediate Window (Ctrl+G), and enter:  
? CurrentDb.QueryDefs("Query1").SQL  
replacing Query1 with the name of your query.

If that works, you can:

1. Save the query statement as text (e.g. in Notepad).
2. Delete the query.
3. Make sure the Name AutoCorrect boxes are unchecked (Office Button | Access Options | Current Database | Name AutoCorrect options.)
4. Compact the database (Office Button | Manage | Compact.)
5. Create a new query. Switch to SQL View. Paste the query statement back in.

(If it's any encouragement, I'm using Access 2007 (RTM, not beta), and have hundreds of mult-table queries.)

"Bbran" <bbran@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
[news:e0lgNG4MHHA.1240@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:e0lgNG4MHHA.1240@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
Hello,

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I am using Access 2007 B2T2. I am trying to open a query in design view but get an error. The same query opens fine in design view in Access 2000.

The exact error message is this (with quotes I added on either end):  
"" is not a valid name. Make sure that it does not include invalid characters or punctuation and that it is not too long."

Yes, the error begins with just a quotation mark. Of course I can't open the query to see what the problem is.

I discovered that this problem with viewing a query in Design View is somehow related to showing more than one table or query in the design of that query.

ANY query I have that is based on more than one query or table has this problem. EVERY query I have based on only one table or query opens fine in Design view.

Does that provide any help to determine what the problem is?

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Happy New Year,  
Bob Brannon

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