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On Thu, 31 Jul 2008 08:27:02 -0700, Bob Dancer
<BobDancer@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I'm not sure if I understand. If Table a, Column 1 has info and Table B, Column 1 is empty (this would be the duplicate I created myself), should I delete Column 1 of Table 2 and do the query afterwards? I have 40 columns in each table and both have the exact column structure except only one of each duplicate pair has information. Obviously I created empty columns thinking that it would be necessary for query. If I removed these "dummy columns" and left only the columns which had information along with the columns in both tables that have a common denominator (ex. Policy number and/or name) will this work? Once this is done how would I make a query to access this?

I think you ARE misunderstanding how queries work.

Relational databases use the "Grandmother's Pantry Principle": "A place – ONE place! – for everything, everything in its place".

If you have a Table or Orders, then the table should contain **only** fields for information about Orders. If you have a table of Products, that table should contain **only** contain fields for information about products. If you have an OrderDetails table detailing which products comprise each order, it should have only a link to the Orders table – the orderID – and one to the Products table – the ProductID; it should not include say the ProductName or the CustomerID.

You certainly do NOT need to include blank columns in a table in anticipation of that table being used later in a Query.

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