

Re: Why has my query become read-only?

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Thanks, John. This is useful advice. I don't have a vast wealth of Access skills but have built and am trying to maintain a publishing database that organizes information about our books into five broad categories (general pub details, acquisitions info, marketing info, editorial & production info, and rights & permissions info). The tabbed form seems like the best format in which to present all the data together, but I wasn't aware of the potential pitfalls of basing it on one great master query. I haven't heard of subforms before, but will look into this as a potentially better option.

In terms of my old query and form (which did allow data updating), I do now remember that in the midst of editing some of my tables, I removed a field that we determined was unnecessary, and a message box popped up saying I was going to delete an affiliated index or something like that. I didn't know what this meant but seeing as all the tables had a primary key defined, I didn't think it was of grave concern, so went ahead and deleted the field. Perhaps this is what's causing me the problem now?

I appreciate everyone's efforts in helping me!

Erin

"John W. Vinson" wrote:

On Mon, 16 Mar 2009 08:47:04 -0700, Erin <Erin@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I am working with Microsoft Access 2003. I have a tabbed form which is based on a simple query. The query is based on five tables. Previously, I could edit data directly on the tabbed form, but now I can't (I can't add any new records, either). It's important to note that I have recently recreated both the query and the form, but as far as I can tell I did not do anything differently this time around--properties are all the same as the old version.

The SQL is as follows:

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SELECT tblGenPubDetails.*, tblAcquisitions.*, tblMarketing.*,  
[tblEdit&Production].*, tblRights.*  
FROM tblAcquisitions INNER JOIN (((tblGenPubDetails INNER JOIN  
tblMarketing  
ON tblGenPubDetails.BookTitle = tblMarketing.BookTitle) INNER JOIN  
[tblEdit&Production] ON (tblMarketing.BookTitle =  
[tblEdit&Production].BookTitle) AND (tblGenPubDetails.BookTitle =  
[tblEdit&Production].BookTitle)) INNER JOIN tblRights ON  
([tblEdit&Production].BookTitle = tblRights.BookTitle) AND  
(tblGenPubDetails.BookTitle = tblRights.BookTitle)) ON  
(tblGenPubDetails.BookTitle = tblAcquisitions.BookTitle) AND  
(tblAcquisitions.BookTitle = tblMarketing.BookTitle);
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Any ideas? I can't for the life of me figure out why the query and form have become read-only.

Many thanks in advance for any assistance you can provide,

Erin

Multitable queries are often non-updateable, and the more multi- the less updateable, usually! It's VERY rarely a good idea to base a form on one Great Master Query that joins everything, for this reason and others (for instance you won't see any data at all unless all five tables have matching records, and you'll see each record repeated as many times as in the "manyest" table).

Instead, consider using Combo Boxes for lookup tables, and Subforms for "many" side tables. I don't know anything about the logic of your tables, but you may have better luck basing a Form on the "one" side table, and Subforms (each on a tab page) for the "many".

Since it once worked but now doesn't... what has changed? Did you change any of the indexes or relationships in the tables, for instance? Or go to a new version of Access?

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