

## Re: Can a Macro be created that can do this?

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Hi John

okay, understood about Access and the problem with using window's search feature.

Doing a quick google search about returning data from a closed file brought up the following:

---from Dave Peterson

And if the OP wants to use the John Walkenbach's techniques:

<http://j-walk.com/ss/excel/eee/eee009.txt>

Look for either: GetDataFromClosedFile or GetValue.

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i had a quick look at the code provided and you could incorporate it into a
routine that cycles through all of the workbooks in a folder or a series of
folders
    Set fs = Application.FileSearch
    With fs
        .LookIn = "C:\temp\test\"
        .Filename = "*.xls" 'set to search for excel files only
        If .Execute > 1 Then 'set to 1 because count includes this file
            FileCountResponse = MsgBox(.FoundFiles.Count & " Excel file/s
are in this folder")
            For i = 1 To .FoundFiles.Count
                'code here
            next i
        End if
    End With
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unfortunately i don't have time at the moment to put them together ... i'll try and get back to this later today but you might like to have a play with the above information in the meantime.

Cheers

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"John Kitchens" <ironax@pineland.net> wrote in message

news:ck6li809d7@enews3.newsguy.com...

> Hello Julie,

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> Access is not currently an option for us. There will only be one user

> using

> this file on one machine at one time. It is not being shared through a

> network.

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> Just one person running the show!  
>  
> The way I have the file setup now is that every time a new customer comes  
> in  
> their name is entered on "sheet one" and the user will press enter. Once  
> they do this they have actually added it to a list that stores these  
> names.  
> This info is stored on "sheet3".  
>  
> A combobox is used to retrieve the names of the current customers. For  
> example "Black, Roy" is a customer that comes in a lot.  
>  
> When he comes in the user just clicks the dropdown from the combobox and  
> selects his name. (I have them enter the info by last name, first name,  
> and  
> have it stored alphabetically so it is easier to retrieve.)  
>  
> I have already tried using the Search feature in windows to return a list  
> of  
> \*.xls files containing the customer's name in given folders, but the  
> problem  
> is that since the first day that "Roy Black" (or any cust.) comes in there  
> name is stored on "sheet 3" in the template and it will remain there until  
> the end of time.  
>  
> So when I do a search for "Black, Roy". It will pull up a list of all the  
> files since his first visit b/c his name is stored on "sheet 3". The  
> problem is that it will pull all the files even if he wasn't the customer  
> b/c his name is stored on "sheet 3".  
>  
> I need to retrieve a list of the files that will have his name, (or any  
> cust.) on "sheet 1" in the combobox.  
>  
> Does that make sense?  
>  
> My program works great. I just need to be able to do this one last thing.  
>  
> If you have any ideas please let me know. Thank you for your previous  
> reply.  
>  
> Sincerely,  
> John Kitchens  
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>  
> "JulieD" <JulieD@hctsReMoVeThIs.net.au> wrote in message  
> news:#dsgCLTrEHA.3608@TK2MSFTNGP14.phx.gbl...  
>> Hi John  
>>  
>> one difficulty (as i see it) is the amount of time it would take a macro  
> to  
>> search through all of the folders & files to retrieve the information.  
>>  
>> my first recommendation for a process like this is to do it in something  
>> like Access as retrieving the names & information would be a lot easier  
> and  
>> you wouldn't need to save the "tickets" to separate files, all the  
>> information could be effectively captured in the database and reported as  
>> required.  
>>  
>> if access isn't an option, then an alternative is that your users have a  
>> shared workbook open in the background of their machine and every time  
> they

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>> wait on a customer they run a macro to write the customer's name / date /
>> ticket number to this workbook. You can then use the workbook to return
> the
>> information you seek. There are limitations to what you can do with a
>> shared workbook so these would need to be considered.
>>
>> Also wondering how many "users" you had.
>>
>> Alternatively you could use the Search feature in windows to return a
>> list
>> of *.xls files containing the customer's name in given folders and save
>> yourself the work :)
>>
>> Cheers
>> JulieD
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>> "John Kitchens" <ironax@pineland.net> wrote in message
>> news:ck5vao02sni@enews1.newsguy.com...
>> >I am using Excel 2000. I have a template that the user fills out and
> saves
>> > as an xls, not xlt, file each time they wait on a customer. There will
> be
>> > maybe 60 or so tickets on any given day. All of the daily tickets are
>> > named
>> > for example, t1059(100604), t1060(100604), etc. and saved in a daily
>> > folder
>> > named for example 100604, 100704, etc.
>> >
>> > Tommorrow the user starts a new folder and continues naming the files
> per
>> > the above example.
>> >
>> > On each ticket(file) I have a combobox made from the forms toolbar that
>> > contains a list of every customer that has ever visited us. Each time a
>> > new
>> > customer comes in we type their name in a certain cell and hit enter
>> > and
>> > then it is available in the combobox to select for future visits.
>> >
>> > When we save this file under the name t1061(100604) etc. the persons
> name
>> > is
>> > listed in the combobox so that when the file is reopened at a later
>> > date
>> > their name will be there so it is easy to tell who the customer is.
>> > This
>> > is
>> > a new division of our company and at the present time there are only a
> few
>> > hundred customers. Some of the customers visit numerous times a day.
>> > It
>> > is
>> > not practical to save the files under the customer's name.
>> >
>> > Eventually there will probably be 500 or more customers.
>> >
>> > NOW MY QUESTION.
>> >
>> > I would like a file that I could open and type the name of a customer
> and
>> > through the use of a macro have excel either open all of these files or
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>> > provide a list of all the files that contain the customers name.  
>> >  
>> > For example, if Widget Manufacturing has been a customer for the past  
>> > 6  
>> > months and call and wants to know how much activity they has done with  
> us  
>> > for a certain time period I would like to be able to put his name in  
>> > and  
>> > press a button, or something to that effect, and obtain a result of all  
>> > his  
>> > files.  
>> >  
>> > If I could obtain a list of these files I have another template that I  
>> > could  
>> > use to provide a summary and give me the desired information I just  
>> > need  
> a  
>> > way to FIND the files.  
>> >  
>> > If there is a way to look in multiple folders that is desired, but if  
>> > it  
>> > could only look in one folder at a time I could live with that.  
>> >  
>> > I hope this makes sense.  
>> >  
>> > Thanks for any help or suggestions that are given.  
>> >  
>> > Sincerely,  
>> > John Kitchens  
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