

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

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Hello Julie,

I tried to make the code work, but I haven't had any luck. Have you had a chance to take a look at it?

I wish I knew how to accomplish this. I really need for this to work in Excel instead of Access.

Any thoughts are appreciated.

Sincerely,
John Kitchens

"JulieD" <JulieD@hctsReMoVeThIs.net.au> wrote in message
news:#uyDTQnrEHA.2784@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...

> *Hi John*

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

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> *Doing a quick google search about returning data from a closed file
brought*

> *up the following:*

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> *---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*

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> *Set fs = Application.FileSearch*

> *With fs*

> *.LookIn = "C:\temp\test\"*

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> *.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*
>
> ----
>
> *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*
> *julieD*
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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!*
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> *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".*
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>
> *A combobox is used to retrieve the names of the current customers. For*
> *example "Black, Roy" is a customer that comes in a lot.*
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>
> *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.)*
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> *I have already tried using the Search feature in windows to return a*
list

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> > 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.
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> > 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
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> >> *shared workbook open in the background of their machine and every time*
> > *they*
> >> *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*
> >>
> >>
> >> *"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*

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> > > *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
> > > *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,*

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