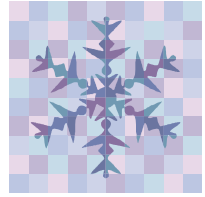


Denver Area
Access
Users Group



Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 15, 2005

Time: 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM - Networking
6:30 PM to 9:00 PM - Main Meeting

Location: Microsoft Rocky Mountain Office
4643 South Ulster Street Suite 700
Denver, CO 80237

Directions: [Microsoft Offices](#)

This Month's Presentation

"Annual Holiday Party"

It's time for our annual Holiday Party. This year we will be enjoying Lasagna and Chicken Alfredo from Fazoli's plus veggies, chips, and sweets provided by our members. There will be games and prizes. Prizes this year will include software, hardware and clothing items. We hope to see you there.

This Month's Thirty Minute Topic

There will be no Thirty Minute Topic this month.

Next Month

"So You Want to Be An Access Consultant?"

If you are interested in Microsoft Access consulting, whether full or part-time, this panel of experts will be able to answer your questions.

Presenter: Group Panel

A Message from the Prez

DAAUG Christmas Party

Hello members! We've come to the end of another successful year at your Denver Area Access Users Group. This month we host our annual Christmas Party. We will have lots of food, drink and prizes for the lucky members that wander in to the Microsoft offices on December 15th. The evening will last as long as folks want to hang around and talk Access. I will host a "Stump the Guru" question and answer session. Expect an Access trivia game that will determine the big prize winners. And, no, you will not have to be an Access expert of any kind to win the big prize! I hope to see you all there.

January Elections

Another reminder: Your DAAUG Board elections will take place on January 19th. Any member in good standing can run for one of these offices: President, Vice President, Communications Director, Librarian, Secretary/Treasurer, Lab Director, Webmaster. See www.daaug.org for a listing of individual board member responsibilities. Your candidacy must be declared by January 15th so I can get your name on the ballot. Everyone on the DAAUG board looks forward to a spirited competition this year.

Your President,

Jim Pilcher

New Event Calendar Website

There's a new website in town! It's MS Colorado Events at www.MSColoradoEvents.com.

To find user group meetings and other programmer related events in the Denver metro area and throughout Colorado, be sure to check out www.MSColoradoEvents.com.

If you know of a user group that is not posting their meetings, please let them know about www.MSColoradoEvents.com and have them contact the administrator at administrator@mscoloradoevents.com.

Welcome New, Renewing, and Returning Members

Ryan Stoopart
Dale Tweden

Last Month's Giveaway Winners

Clark Anderson - MS Office Document Designer
Dean Haze - \$20 Softpro Gift Certificate
Carolyn Johnson - MS Office 2003 Step By Step
Robert Scheich - Programming MS Office Access 2003

Access Tip of the Month

“The Case of the Disappearing Form Controls”

I was presented with a perplexing problem today. A developer that regularly uses me as a “consultant’s consultant” called on the phone with a curious problem relating to Access forms. He said he had just created this bound form in a new Access database, but every time he opened it, the controls were invisible—the form was blank. He returned to design mode and all the controls were there. He suspected he had corrupted his database and would have to rebuild it. I suspected otherwise. Read on...

Each Access form has, among others, these properties exposed in the design-mode property sheet on the *Data* tab:

Allow Edits
Allow Deletions
AllowAdditions
DataEntry

The two properties that were the root of the consultant’s problem are *AllowAdditions* and *DataEntry*. If the form’s underlying table is empty (remember he said this was a new Access database?) and *AllowAdditions* on a form is set to “No”, no bound controls will display when the form is opened. If there are already records in the table, the form displays normally, but you cannot add records.

Now consider the *DataEntry* property. When it is “Yes” the form opens to the Access new record buffer and is ready to accept data. When the property is “No”, the form opens to the first record in the underlying table. So, when there are no records in a table, the form display is governed by the *AllowAdditions* property, regardless of the *DataEntry* setting. But, when records exist and you have the combination of *AllowAdditions* = “No” and *DataEntry* = “Yes”, once again none of the bound controls will display.

So there you have it. The consultant had accidentally set *AllowAdditions* to “No” and then tried to enter data into an empty table. I pinpointed the problem quickly and ended up with another Access tip for all of you DAAUG members.

By the way, I leave it to you as an exercise to determine what happens when the underlying recordset is a query rather than a table.

Jim Pilcher, DAAUG President

Do you have a favorite Access tip you'd like to share with others? Send it to the newsletter editor at Communications@DAAUG.org.

Speaking Opportunity

We are now having a second, mini-presentation, at each meeting known as the "Thirty Minute Topic." Have you been afraid to sign up to be a main presenter because of your limited speaking experience? Haven't had the time to prepare a one and a half hour presentation? Have an idea that won't fill an hour and a half? Some other reason? Or excuse? :-) Then a "Thirty Minute Topic" (TMT) may be the answer for you!

- Short – only 30 minutes! You only need 15 to 20 minutes of content. The rest of the time will be used up in Q & A.
- Informal – We don't expect a polished presentation or speaker
- A trial – See what it's like to present to the group
- Fun – You are not being judged. DAAUG members and guests are courteous and would like to hear what you have to say.
- Designed to be useful - Present your favorite tip or two that others can take with them and use in their Access projects.

If you are interested, see our Vice-president, Sco (VicePresident@daaug.org), or our President, Jim (President@daaug.org), at a meeting or email one of them with "DAAUG TMT" in the subject line.

Special Request

The Access User's Group (AUG) in the Children's Hospital of Denver is still looking for speakers for their "brown-bag" noon hour sessions. They typically have 12 to 20 people in attendance. If you are interested, please contact:

Bob DiLaura
 Bioinformatics Manager
 Pediatric General Clinical Research Center
 The Children's Hospital - Denver
 University of Colorado Health Science Center
 Email: dilaura.bob@tchden.org
 Phone: 303-764-8373
 Pager: 303-855-4604

Member to Member

Do you have something that might be of interest to other DAAUG members? Have a service? Something to sell? Looking for something? Then this new section is for you. And no, it doesn't need to be computer or Access related.

This section will be on a space available basis. (This is email! :-) Postings will be limited to members only. Please send your message as plain or RTF text in the body of an email. Messages with attachments will be deleted without being read. Also, include a contact phone number in case of problems. The editor reserves the right to edit or refuse any message.

Send your listings to Communications@daaug.org with "Member to Member" in the subject line.

Access Classes by DAAUG Member, Sco Scofield

Check out our online schedule at <http://www.scobiz.com/ClassSchedule.asp>. We offer classes at all levels from beginning to advanced. To find the right class for you, check out our web site, call Sco at 303-757-7768, or send an email to Training@ScoBiz.com.

Be sure to ask for the special DAAUG member discount.

A Message from the Editor

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season and a successful and prosperous new year.

❄️ **Happy Holidays** ❄️

We are always looking for speakers and topic ideas for our monthly meetings. To volunteer to be a speaker or to suggest a topic, see our Vice President, Sco Scofield (VicePresident@daaug.org) or our President, Jim Pilcher (President@daaug.org) at a meeting. You may also email one of them with "DAAUG Speaker" or "DAAUG Topic" in the subject line.

We are always looking for articles for our monthly newsletter. Send your articles to Communications@daaug.org with "DAAUG Article" in the subject line.

As always, for the latest DAAUG news, visit our web site at www.DAAUG.org.

This newsletter is being sent to everyone on the DAAUG mailing list, including members, past members, and people that have been associated with the group. If you are a non-member and wish to be removed from our list, please send an email to Communications@daaug.org with "REMOVE" in the subject line.