



## Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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

Location: **Microsoft USA - Rocky Mountain District**  
7595 Technology Way  
Suite 400 (4th Floor)  
Denver, CO 80237  
([driving directions](#))

DAAUG Website: [www.DAAUG.org](http://www.DAAUG.org)

## This Month's Presentation

### **“Office Automation in Microsoft Access”**

**Presenter: Phil Ferrero**

Consider a few good things with Access to Word (mail merge), Excel (data presentation), and Outlook (calendar reminders, email, adding an Excel file). I could even get into the discussion late/early binding, and how to version proof your Automation.

## Short Demonstration

Preempted by Officer Elections.

## Next Month's Topic (February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008)

**“Simple Approaches to Building Dashboards into Your Applications”**

**Presenter:** David Nealey

## “Let’s Build an Application from Scratch”

A continuation of the application that we started to build in November.

**Presenter:** Jim Pilcher and Patrick Headley

If **you** are interested in presenting to the group, please contact Danny Lesandrini at [vicepresident@daaug.org](mailto:vicepresident@daaug.org).

## From the Prez

### "Farewell"

I trust that everyone had a safe New Year.

This is my final message to you as DAAUG's President.

It has been a pleasure serving you these past two years. I'd like to thank everyone for all of their support.

As of January 18th, all email addressed to [President@DAAUG.org](mailto:President@DAAUG.org) will be going to your new President. I wish the next President the best of luck in their new position.

Fear not. Although I am leaving elected office, I will remain active with the group. I will also be presenting a few times this year.

For those of you that would like to stay in touch with me, please use my personal email address, [Sco@ScoBiz.com](mailto:Sco@ScoBiz.com). PLEASE include "DAAUG" in the subject line if your message is related to the group and "SBS" in the subject line if it is about anything else. I get a lot of junk email. It's too easy to miss something important when I'm deleting it. If you'd like to keep informed about the Access classes I'll be holding in the future, (and other Access stuff,) please signup on my email list at <http://www.scobiz.com/SBSMailingList.asp>.

It looks like one of the reasons you couldn't signup for the "**HEROES** happen {here}" (Got'a love that name.) launch event at <http://www.microsoft.com/heroeshappenhere/register/default.msp> is that the dates aren't all settled yet. The Denver launch is now listed as being March 20th. Keep checking this

site to signup as soon as the registration link goes live. (And to see what the latest date is.)

With this being the end of my presidency, it must mean that this is election month. We're not begging for advanced notice of your intention to run this year. Show up and nominate yourself. (Or have your neighbor nominate you if you're too shy.) Take a look at <http://www.daaug.org/officers.asp> to see what the duties of the various officers are. I have had a couple of people express interest in running. You know who you are. You better show up! :-)

Remember that there a couple of changes to lab this year. First, we are now meeting on the last Wednesday of the month. This month's lab will be January 30th, not January 23rd. This lab will be at our usual place, Caribou Coffee, at Broadway and Bellevue. Second, we are going to have a second lab for those of you a little farther north and east. Mel Harris' new coffee shop, "SouthEnders" will be opening this month. It's on the south end (hence the name) of the Stapleton development. It will be the night after our "regular" lab, Thursday, January 31st. I've made special arrangements with Mel and SouthEnders for us to have all of the regular coffee that we can drink for free! For those of you that just have to have a "premium" coffee, we will be getting those for 50% off! You can see the construction progress and a map on their website at [www.SouthEnders.com](http://www.SouthEnders.com).

I did want to make a few comments about the November meeting's presentation. You all really got into process. What a great time everyone was having. It was so popular, we will continue the project for as long as it takes or you get tired of it. The next "installment" will be in February. One observation I made was that this was very much like a real world project. Did you notice how hard it was to get everyone to agree on some things? Did you notice how someone was always coming up with "one more thing?" And this was a room of "experienced" database people! Oh the fun of database design...

See you next week.

**Your Prez,  
Sco**

## **Access/VBA Tip of the Month**

### **“Maximize Screen Real Estate and Enhance Text Readability”**

Do you often move back and forth between form view and design view, sizing text boxes, combo boxes, and list boxes to be exactly the proper width to show all characters in a full underlying field (e.g. 16 characters in a 16 character field)? If your answer is “yes” then I have a tip for you!

Make sure your status bar at the bottom of the screen is active. When you click on any of the eight resizing controls on one of the aforementioned controls, notice the status bar text on the left. It shows you how many characters across and lines down the current control size allows! Drag the sizing control and watch the numbers change. And even better: the numbers that Access displays take into account the metrics of the control's selected font. If you change font, the numbers will adjust for the new font.

Using this technique you accomplish two goals: You minimized wasted screen space caused by over-sized controls, and you maximize text string readability by easily allowing for full view of long strings without truncation.

Have a great 2008 and we'll see you at this month's elections.

Your Lab Director, 2006-2007,

**Jim Pilcher**  
**DataOne, Inc.**  
**(720) 301-0479**

## Colorado Event Calendar Website

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](http://www.MSColoradoEvents.com).

If you know of a user group that is not posting their meetings, please let them know about [www.MSColoradoEvents.com](http://www.MSColoradoEvents.com) and have them contact the administrator at [administrator@mscoloradoevents.com](mailto:administrator@mscoloradoevents.com).

## Denver Visual Studio User Group

*As a service to our sister group...*

Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 (4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month)  
Networking & Refreshments 5:30 p.m., Meeting 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Location: Microsoft, Desert Mountain (Denver)

**“What’s new in Visual C# 2008”**

**Presenter:** Joe Mayo, Author, Instructor, Consultant and Speaker

For our complete agenda and e-mail, join the Denver Visual Studio Users Group™ at [www.DenverVisualStudio.net](http://www.DenverVisualStudio.net).

## 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 section is for you. And no, it **doesn't** need to be computer or Microsoft Access related. Send your listings to [Communications@daaug.org](mailto:Communications@daaug.org) with "DAAUG: Member to Member" in the subject line.

### *Access classes by M.L. "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](mailto:Training@ScoBiz.com).

Be sure to ask for the special DAAUG member discount.

### *Linx Consulting, Inc. would like to help your organization*

[Linx Consulting, Inc.](#) offers database application development for organizations, large and small. Linx Consulting, Inc. develops applications using MS Access 2000-2007, SQL Server 97-2005, PostgreSQL 8.x, VB.Net 2003-2005, Crystal Reports and other technologies with a focus on database applications that use MS Access as the user front-end and MS Jet or a server database engine as the back end.

For more information on how we may serve you, please call Patrick Headley at (303) 916-5522 or visit our Website at [www.linxco-inc.com](http://www.linxco-inc.com). The entire Website contains examples of what we can do for your database application or Website. Each click on the sample link displays a different sample. Please take a look.

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## Announcing 'The Big Event'

Do you miss the old **Dev Days** events? Do you wish that you could attend a TechEd or PDC, but don't have the time or budget to get to one? Well the Big Event is for you. Come spend a day with us as we delve into developer and architect topics

during the day. With a mix of some your favorite local presenters as well as some from Redmond.

The day will begin with a keynote from the **Microsoft Patterns and Practices team**. **Peter Provost**, a senior development lead from P&P will join us to discuss what P&P has delivered and how you can get started with their guidance.

The day's events will cater toward both developers and architects, with tracks accommodating both audiences. For developers, **Rob Bagby** will discuss exposing and consuming data using the Microsoft stack. He'll explore new data services frameworks for developers to exploit. Developers will also be able to learn how to use Office as a developer platform and realize the power of integrating functionality within Office applications themselves, using managed code! We've also brought in VB developer extraordinaire **Beth Massi** from the VB team to talk about what is new in VB9 for developers and some surprises you might not have known about. This line-up is must see!

The architect track will examine topics such as why user experience matters. Discussions around why we should be paying more attention to the user experience and what mistakes inhibit application adoption. Peter Provost from P&P will also discuss Agile Development methodologies at Microsoft and how it has been adopted. Finally the Live Platform will be examined. Live is much more than search and Virtual Earth...this session will examine the whole Live platform offerings available to architects.

This really is going to be a great day of interaction!

The event is completely free to attend for anyone (registration is required). Details and registration link are below, we look forward to you attending!

**When:** Thursday, January 31, 2008 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

**Where:** [Marriott DTC](#), 4900 S. Syracuse St, Denver Colorado 80237

**Registration is appreciated:** [Click here to register](#)

## A Message from the Editor

### “Presentations and Presenters”

Do you follow events or news that is relevant to Microsoft Access users and developers? If so, email [Communications@daaug.org](mailto:Communications@daaug.org) with information regarding the topic. A member of the DAAUG Board of Directors will review the information and, if it is determined to be of value to the group your information may show up in the newsletter or we will make an announcement at the main meeting.

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, Danny Lesandrini ([vicepresident@daaug.org](mailto:vicepresident@daaug.org)) or President, Sco Scofield ([president@daaug.org](mailto:president@daaug.org)). You may also email one of them with "**DAAUG Speaker**" or "**DAAUG Topic**" in the subject line of your message.

This is your group and we need your support. You don't have to be a professional speaker to give a presentation. Your presentation can be about anything that's Microsoft Access related.

We are always looking for articles for our monthly newsletter. Send your articles or article ideas to [Communications@daaug.org](mailto:Communications@daaug.org) with "DAAUG Article" in the subject line.

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