Advanced Database Concepts: Reports & Views

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Readings and References

Reading

- » Fluency with Information Technology
 - Chapter 16, Case Study in Database Design
- References
 - » MS Access Help files
 - keyword "form"
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 - Section "Reports and Report Snapshots"



Views as Tables

- Recall that the result of a query is a table
- We have been presenting the table to the user in simple tabular form

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Views as Forms

A form is primarily used to enter or display data in a database



Last lecture we developed Forms for better display to the user while updating the table.

But forms are not very compact ...



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So this lecture we will develop **Reports** for compact display of multiple records.



Reports

- A Report is another face for a table (or query)
- The report lets the designer arrange the data, label it, provide some control over events, etc
 - » the presentation
 - » multiple presentations are possible depending on the specific needs of each user
- Underlying data comes from a table or a query
 - » the **content**
 - » single source of data ensures consistency



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Explore the Design capabilities

- Properties of the various controls can be set
- Controls and labels can be moved around
- Images and patterns can be applied
- Totals, averages, subtotals etc can be calculated
- Information can be grouped by selected fields
- Etc, etc there is a lot of flexibility in how these reports get generated





Create a new database



Create a new table in the database



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Entering Table Data





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Create the link between the tables



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Two tables with a relationship



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Project (select particular columns)

Select particular rows



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SQL behind the scenes





Recall: Structure of the database

- A database contains one or more *tables*
 - » Tables include *entities* with *attributes*
 - » There are *relationships* defined between the entities in the various tables
 - » Retrieve information from the tables using *queries*
- We designed and partially implemented a simple library database







What is the relationship?



PublisherOf





- One publisher is responsible for many books.
- Each book has only one publisher.

- The two tables are joined using the publisher ID number.
- The publisher ID is the *primary key* for each entry in the publishers table.
 - Therefore, each publisher must have a unique publisher ID.
- The publisher ID is a *foreign key* for each entry in the books table and we have requested *referential integrity*
 - Therefore, the given publisher ID must exist in the publishers table.



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What is the relationship?



This relationship is many-to-many:

- One book may have several authors.
- One author may have written several books.
- We need a unique identifier for each book.
 - We already selected the ISBN as the primary key and asked Access to make sure that there are no duplicates
- We need a unique identifier for each author
 - We will define an author table with a unique ID for each author



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Link one book with many authors?

- We DO want:
 - » to link each book to one or more authors
- We DON'T want
 - » to specify extra fields (author1, author2, author3,...)
 - this is wasteful and limits the max number of authors
 - » to specify each book entry several times, naming a different author in each row
 - this duplicates all the other information about the book



Add a cross-reference table!

- Refine the design so that it includes another table that is a book-author cross reference
 - » Each entity in the table is a single cross reference
 - Attribute: ISBN
 - Attribute: Author ID
 - » No primary key
- Now we can break the many-to-many relationship into two 1-to-many relationships that we already know how to implement





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Define the new relationships





Define a query that uses the relationship



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- Notice that this view has redundant data
 - » That's okay, because we are not storing it this way, just presenting it
 - » The redundant items (Alex, Another Press) came from a single entry in a table they are guaranteed to be identical





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