



Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, August 18th, 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

"Free Your Programming from the Ties That Bind"

Presenter: Jim Pilcher

Learn how to add, change, and delete records in an Access database using unbound forms. Yes, unbound forms are a secret weapon for advanced developers who want ultimate control over database manipulation and multi-user issues. Jim Pilcher will show you some simple examples of how you can implement this flexible and powerful method of development.

Jim Pilcher is president of the Denver Area Access Users Group, currently in his sixth year in office. Jim is also Senior Partner of DataOne, Inc. www.dataonedenver.com, an Access and SQL Server consulting firm with clientele throughout the Colorado Front Range and Wyoming.

This Month's Thirty Minute Topic

"What is the next business day for a given date?"

Presenter: Mike Nindorf

If you need to know if the due date of a project or the start date of a task is a business day, simply using the "WeekDay" function will not work because of Company Holidays. Mike will show us how to find

the next business day for a specified date, whether it be that same day, the next Monday or, in the case of a holiday, the day after the holiday.

Next Month

"The Creation of a One Form Application"

Presenter: M.L. "Sco" Scofield

A Message from the Prez

"Got Office 2003?"

How many of you are using Office 2003? It seems that this version of Office was one that many have chosen to wait out. Among my dozen or more clients, no company has moved to Office 2003. In fact, three of my four biggest clients are still using Office 2000. Only recently did I manage to move my last client off of Office 97. I have just begun using Office 2003 myself.

As a developer, I certainly want my clients using Office XP or 2003. There were some good enhancements coming from Office 2000, not the least of which is the ability to send OpenArgs to reports from the DoCmd.OpenReport method. As business people, my clients want value for their money when they upgrade versions of Office. It can be a considerable expense for any business, regardless of size. Despite what I wish my clients would do, it comes down to what they are willing to spend on an upgrade. Rarely will a client upgrade solely because the database programmer says so.

I am using Office 2003 to do all my development right now. I must be careful to create new databases in the Office 2000 format, and I must be aware of VBA/DAO features that are not available to clients who will open the database in 2000/XP. All in all, I like the upgrade and anxiously await Office 12 which should be on the shelves sometime in 2006/2007.

Your President,

Jim Pilcher

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To the left you will see the same set of navigation links that you see if you are on the DAAUG Web site. If you've been to the Web site you certainly know about the Home link and you've probably been to the Membership and Presentations links. But have you looked at the others? This article provides a high-level overview of the DAAUG Job Postings site.

When you click on the Job Postings link a new browser window will open and displays the Job site home page. The home page contains the most recent Job Board notes, some usage information and the navigation bar pictured below. Since we've already described the Home page, we will take a closer look at the other three links in the following sections.

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Job Postings:

The Job Postings area contains a list of jobs. To the left of the list are instructions for viewing and posting jobs on the list. For most users of the Job site, you will simply need to locate jobs of interest from the list and then click the associated link to view each job's details.

Job Resources:

Are you looking for work? The Job Resources area contains a list of recruiters, employers and networking resources that you may use in your quest. Within the details for each resource is one or more links to the Web site for that resource.

Blogs:

Blogs (Web Logs) are the new trend in sharing information with other people with whom you have a common interest and now the Denver Area Access Users Group has a blog for its members. The blogs you post may include interesting items you have discovered on the web or interesting things from your personal or professional life. Your blog doesn't have to be about Microsoft Access or even about programming. One thing we ask though is that, since anyone may see your posts, they be appropriate for anyone of any age.

To get started on your blog you must first become a DAAUG member and create an account on the Job site. Once you have registered and are logged in, you will see a "My Blog" section in the left navigation bar of the Blogs page. Use the links in that section to create and manage your blogs.

Summary:

The DAAUG Job Postings site provides you with resources you may use to find jobs, employees and consultants and for creating and viewing blogs. This article is a high-level overview but the Job site is pretty self-explanatory. If you should run into problems use Site Feedback link (available after logging in) to submit your issue. We hope to see you on the site and hope that you members will create a blog of your own.

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

Danny Lesandrini

Last Month's Giveaway Winners

\$20 Soft Pro Certificate -- John Pirnat
MS Access 2003 Step By Step -- Dale Tweden
MS Programming Visual Basic .Net for Access Databases -- Mike Nindorf
MS Programming Visual Basic .Net for Access Databases -- Mychele Dassler
MS SQL Server 2000 Programming Step By Step -- Mark Evans

Access Tip of the Month

"Custom Database Groups"

Large databases tend to have many logical groups of objects. For example, you may have an accounting portion of your application that uses certain forms, reports, and queries. The same goes for order placement, database maintenance, and many other logical groupings of objects in the database container. It can be very tedious constantly sifting through all the objects when making modifications to only a small subset. Beginning with Access 2002, we have relief with custom groups.

In the database window you see the standard Tables, Queries, Forms, Reports, Macros, and Modules groups. Below that is a moveable bar and a group called Favorites. Did you know you can add your own groups below that? I create and delete groups all the time depending upon my development focus. To roll your own group, right-click the Groups bar and select New Group from the popup menu. Give it the name you want, such as Accounting, Search Forms, Order Entry, etc. Now, all you have to do to add items to your custom group is display it in the database window, click and drag onto the top of your group name. Bang! You now have a shortcut to that object inserted into your group. One of my databases has over 550 queries in it. By creating custom groups I have reduced the length of related lists to no more than about 40 entries. It's a real time saver.

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.

Denver Visual Studio User Group

As a service to our sister group...

Date: Monday, August 22, 2005

Time: 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Location: Microsoft Rocky Mountain Office

"CSLA .Net in Action - A Time Saving Application Framework for your C# or VB.Net Development Projects"

Doing software development without using a standardized underlying application framework is akin to solely using "The New Yankee Workshop" craftsmanship techniques to build your new home. You'd be able to do that for sure if you have all the right skills and as a plus you would need no electricity. But at what cost and at what timeframe to completion? If you are part of a large development team or are even a lone developer, and you are producing business applications (and others), to be highly productive you absolutely need to be using a reusable and solid application development framework.

Consider a full featured solid application framework that enables you (and your team) to focus not on plumbing goo, but on business requirements. Consider CSLA.Net * -- a brilliantly architected application development framework that your object oriented projects (and your customers) will love you for.

We'll take a quick look at a production application based on CSLA.Net. This Denver Water business workflow application has thin-client and thick-client user interfaces that are both driven by the exact same CSLA.Net based business logic and data layers. We'll also review the framework's architecture. Then to really spice things up, we'll build a small CSLA.Net application so that you'll see first hand how it all comes together. You'll also hear about issues we faced during development, and how we resolved them (and why I wish we are already on .Net 2.0). And you'll see an example of an extension to the security infrastructure that's built-in to .Net, for the purpose of simplifying GUI coding when different business rules exist for various user roles

Presenter: Roy Ogborn

For our complete agenda and e-mail, join the Denver Visual Studio Users Group™ at www.DenverVisualStudio.net.

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
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The Children's Hospital - Denver
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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 Microsoft Access MVP 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.

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A Message from the Editor

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.

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