



## Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 15, 2006

Time: 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM - Networking  
6:30 PM to approx. 8:30 PM - Main Meeting

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

Directions: [Microsoft Offices](#)  
DAAUG Website: [www.DAAUG.org](http://www.DAAUG.org)

## This Month's Presentation

### “The Secrets of Security”

**Presenter: Wendell Bell**

If you are building Access applications for anyone other than yourself, you really need to restrict users from things that can break the application, or even destroy it. This presentation will look at a number of features in Access that provide security, and also explore securing your back-end.

After spending 27 years in the telecommunications industry, Wendell Bell began a consulting practice based on Microsoft products in 1991. With the release of Access, he began focusing primarily on database applications, and currently supports several clients in the Denver area, as well as applications deployed in Washington State, Texas and Nebraska. He also serves as a moderator of the WOPR Lounge Access forum.

## Product Demonstration

### “Virtual Access: Part Deux”

**Presenter: Kevin Bell**

A.K.A. Virtual PC revisited... Now that Office 2007 (and in particular, Access 2007) is officially in a public Beta, it is a good time to revisit a product review from the past, Virtual PC. Virtual PC allows

you to run multiple “virtual” computers on a single host system, and is an ideal way to run multiple versions of Office, test installation routines, duplicate a client’s environment, and... test Beta software.

## **Next Month’s Topic** (7/20/2006)

### **“Normal Forms”**

**Presenter: Jim Pilcher**

## **A Message from the Prez**

### **“Are You ‘Committing Spreadsheet’?”**

When was the last time you looked at the “The Ten Commandments of Access” at <http://www.mvps.org/access/tencommandments.htm>? See Commandment #1.

I was at a new client’s office recently. This was someone that had been using Access for many years, someone that had started their database life with dBase II. Yet, when I look at their main table, I saw fields named Budget 2000, Budget 2001, Budget 2002, Budget 2003, Budget 2004, Budget 2005, Budget 2006, and Budget 2007. What’s wrong? Well the first and most obvious problem is the space in each of the names. However, not really a database design flaw or an act of “Spreadsheet”. Just breaking with most of the common naming conventions. What’s the big problem? Repeating fields. A violation of normal form one. They were “Committing Spreadsheet.” Every year they have to add a new field to accommodate a new year’s data. Bad. Very bad.

The sad part of this story is that after coaching them through making a budget table, they had no idea what a child table was or that we had made a one-to-many relationship. Or what a one-to-many relationship was. If they were new to Access or databases, I could have understood. But from someone that had been using Access for almost eleven years? I was speechless.

At the July 2006 meeting our Lab Director and past President, Jim Pilcher, will present “Normal Forms.” No, this is not a presentation about making and/or improving data entry forms. Jim will be talking about database normalization. This is an important topic that anyone using a database, whether it be Access or some other database product, must understand.

Come one, come all! Be prepared to learn, go forth, and “Commit Spreadsheet” no more.

In the meantime, be sure to come to the June 2006 meeting where Wendell Bell will reveal “The Secrets of Security” and Kevin Bell will present “Virtual Access: Part Deux.”

**Your President,**

**M.L. "Sco" Scofield**

## **Welcome New, Renewing, and Returning Members**

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## Last Month's Giveaway Winners

Mark Evans - Nightlight  
Paul Schnitzler - 256 MG Jump Drive  
Danny Lesandrini - Durapro Flashlight  
Ted Shinn - Scofield Business Services 25% Discount Coupon  
Mike Nindorf - Soft Pro \$20 Certificate  
John Pirnat - Introducing MS Visual Basic 2005 for Developers  
George Mosteller - Introducing MS Visual Basic 2005 for Developers  
Clark Anderson - Introducing MS ASP.net 2.0  
Eric Blommel - MS Office System 2003 Inside Out  
Carolyn Johnson - Programming MS Office Access 2003

## DAAUG Library

### “Want to Use the DAAUG Library but You Don’t Know How?”

The Denver Area Access Users Group has a library of learning materials and you are welcome to use it for free, as part of your DAAUG membership. If you know of a specific learning resource that would benefit you but it’s not in the Library, you may also make a request to get that item and we will see what we can do to get it for you.

To request an item for check-out from our Library, perform the following steps:

- 1) Go to [www.daaug.org](http://www.daaug.org).
- 2) Click on the Library link.
- 3) Browse through the list of items in our library. If you want to know more about a particular item, click on the Info link next to the item. The item description will open in a separate browser window.
- 4) When you find the item you want, make note of the title, author and deposit amount. Then, click the Librarian’s hyperlink that’s just above the item list. This will open a new email where you may complete your request to our Librarian, [Mark Evans](mailto:Mark.Evans@daaug.org).
- 5) Mark will bring your requested item to the next main meeting for you to check-out. Please bring a check for the deposit amount made payable to DAAUG. Your check will be held per the rules outlined at the top of the Library Web page.

## Access Tip of the Month

### “Dealing with those Pesky Properties”

So you have this wonderful Access database with 50+ forms. One day you find that many of these excellent forms open with the design properties window laid on top. Why does this happen to you? It’s because you left the form property “Allow Design Changes” set to “All Views” instead of “Design View Only.” Now, I understand that it’s going to be tedious to open each and every form to reset this

annoying property (Why did Microsoft include it anyway?). So I've written a little piece of code that does it for you. It will fix every form in your database. I guarantee it.

```
Dim obj as Object

For Each obj In CurrentProject.AllForms
    DoCmd.OpenForm obj.Name, acDesign, , , acFormPropertySettings, acHidden
    With Forms(obj.Name)
        .AllowDesignChanges = False
    End With
    DoCmd.Close acForm, obj.Name, acSaveYes
Next obj
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This code works in MDB as well as ADP files. Do NOT try to run it in an MDE or an ADE file. It won't work. Do you know why?

I leave it to the reader to extrapolate from this example how he might extend this code to encompass reports and many other form/report properties he might like to set globally and automatically. Happy coding,

**Your Lab Director,**

**Jim Pilcher**

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

## Denver Visual Studio User Group

As a service to our sister group...

Date: Monday, June 26, 2006  
Time: 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM  
Location: Microsoft Rocky Mountain Office

### “Atlas - Microsoft's AJAX Implementation

Presenter: Dave Milner

"Atlas" is a free framework for building a new generation of richer, more interactive, highly personalized standards based Web applications using AJAX, or Asynchronous Javascript and XML. Microsoft's ASP.NET team has dedicated resources to providing tools and features within ASP.NET and plug-ins to Visual Studio 2005 to help make AJAX easier for the .NET developer. This initiative is "Atlas". Come and discuss "Atlas." We will delve into the latest "Atlas" release made available to the public, the April Community Technology Preview. We'll cover the tools and look at some codebase and examples of how to integrate "Atlas" into new and existing ASP.NET applications.

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 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](mailto:Communications@daaug.org) with "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.

### *Database Consulting from Linx Consulting, Inc.*

[Linx Consulting, Inc.](http://www.linxco-inc.com) offers database application development for small to medium sized organizations. For more information on how we may serve you, please visit our Website at [www.linxco-inc.com](http://www.linxco-inc.com). The Website has been redesigned with a new, consistent look and new "Of Interest" items have been added. The entire site contains examples of what we can do for your database application or Website. Please take a look.

## 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).

## A Message from the Editor

### **"Wanted – New DAAUG Logo"**

Your DAAUG Board of Directors is considering a new or additional logo for the Denver Area Access Users Group. The current logo is the one you saw at the top of this newsletter. We like this logo but it looks best as a header. We would like a logo that anyone would recognize at any size or any location in a document. A suggestion that I came up with was a dog (get it, DAAUG), similar to the one that walks across the screen on my Website at [www.linx-co.com](http://www.linx-co.com). However, the logo doesn't have to be a dog or any animal. It should be easy to fit into a small rectangle and it should be easily resized. If you have a good idea for a new DAAUG logo and/or if you are an artistic person who would like to help your group, please reply with an email to [communications@daaug.org](mailto:communications@daaug.org) or talk to Patrick Headley or another board member at the next meeting.

## “Presentations and Presenters”

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, Kevin Bell ([vicepresident@daaug.org](mailto:vicepresident@daaug.org)) or our 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.

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

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