



Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 16th, 2006

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

This Month's Presentation

"Word Automation from Access"

Presenter: Alan Ruff

How to build Word template forms, automate customer statements, and avoid Word automation pitfalls.

Alan Ruff is a Microsoft Access Developer and IT Administrator Consultant in the Denver area. He has worked with Microsoft Access since the early 1990's and has an emphasis in Accounting. He currently has his own consulting business named "Ruff Group" which serves Denver area clients.

"A Variable Declaration Review and Class Module Properties"

Presenter: M.L. "Sco" Scofield

During the July 2006 Report Tip presentation it became clear that the group needed a refresher on variable declaration, variable scope, and how to create class module properties. Do you know that Public doesn't always mean global? Do you know that

you don't always need Property Let and Property Get to create class properties? This is a "back-to-the-basics" presentation of information that every VBA programmer needs to understand cold.

Our presenter, Sco Scofield, is a Microsoft Access trainer and consultant in Denver, Colorado. He is an active member and the current President of our group. Sco is also a frequent speaker at our group. He has been using Access since version 1.0. Sco spends a large amount of his time as an instructor training all levels of Access from the introductory level all the way through advanced programming. He is a "Microsoft Certified Solution Developer," a "Microsoft Certified Professional," and is A+ certified. Sco was awarded the prestigious "Microsoft MVP" award from 10/1/2001 through 10/31/2005 in recognition of the time that he spent helping Access users in the Access newsgroups on the Internet.

See Sco's company profile on our DAAUG web site Consultants list at www.daaug.org/consultants.asp and on his web site at www.ScoBiz.com.

Product Demonstration

Due to the change in this month's meeting format, there will be no product demonstration.

Next Month's Topic (*December 21st, 2006*)

“A Tour of a “Completed” Application”

Presenter: Kevin Bell

The holiday party is next month so, instead of a full presentation, Kevin will provide a shortened presentation as part of the overall entertainment.

If you are interested in presenting to the group, please contact Kevin Bell at vicepresident@daaug.org.

Holiday Party Preparation

“Help Create a Fun Night for All”

Next month is the Annual DAAUG Holiday Party. We hope you will come join the food, fun and camaraderie.

Last year, DAAUG provided the entrée and members/attendees provided chips, salads, deserts, drinks and eating utensils. Since that was so successful last year we

would like to ask for your assistance again this year. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting. You may also talk to Mychele Aberle or one of your DAAUG Board members for assistance.

A Message from the Prez

“Are You Ready?”

We've had several sneak peaks and demos of Access 2007 over the past year. How many of you have actually gotten the Office 2007 beta and put it on one of your machines? Don't have a spare machine? Afraid to put beta software on your only computer? Here's your chance to have the best of both worlds. Now you can test drive thirteen of the Office 2007 programs, including Access, without having to install beta software on your machine. Go to <http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/help/HA101687261033.aspx> and click on the "Test Drive Microsoft Office" button. You will be taken through loading the "Citrix Browser Plug-in" if it is not already installed on your computer. Once it is installed, all you have to do is log in with your Microsoft Passport and you'll be able to run any of thirteen different Office 2007 programs from a Microsoft server without installing them on your computer. If you have never run Remote Desktop, a Terminal Services session, or a Citrix session, you are missing out on using some truly cool technology.

Windows Vista is also just around the corner. Is your computer ready? Microsoft has a program called "Windows Vista Upgrade Advisor." You can download a copy at <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsvista/getready/upgradeadvisor/default.msp>. Run this program and it will give you a detailed report on your computer and what, if anything, you need to make your computer ready to run Windows Vista.

We've just finished our political elections and guess what. Our DAAUG elections are just around the corner. Have you thought about giving back to your group by serving as an officer? We have seven positions and the term is only one year. Check out the descriptions on our website at <http://www.daaug.org/officers.asp>. There will be more information in the December newsletter.

Remember, this month's meeting will be at the new Microsoft office. It's just a couple of blocks from their old office. There is small map on our home page (<http://www.daaug.org/>) that shows both offices and a link to a larger map to the new office. I've already attended a user group meeting at the new office and the facilities are very nice.

See you next week.

Your President,

M.L. "Sco" Scofield

Welcome New, Renewing, and Returning Members

Dale Tweden
Jim Hutto

Last Month's Giveaway Winners

MS DataWarehouse Toolkit - Eric Blommel
Beginning SQL Server 2005 Programming - Alan Ruff
MS Access Application Development - Bill Morrill
Mastering Visual Basic 2005 - Ted Shinn
\$20 Soft Pro Certificate - Galen Moore
MS Access 2005 Desktop Developer's Handbook - Barg Hagerman
Durapro Flashlight - Bruce Handley
256 Jump Drive - Dale Tweden
Disco Night Light - David Nealey

Access Tip of the Month

“Mysterious Access Application Behavior”

I was updating a client's Access application yesterday and was reminded of an issue that was a real head-scratcher when I first ran across it. In this tip I will describe the problem and then give you a couple strategies to avoid seeing the problem in your own development projects.

The situation was this. Some of my clients, including the one I was working for yesterday, still use Access 2000 but I do most of my development work in Access 2003. Being aware of the issues with the Access 2003 file format I knew to use the Access 2000 file format. Knowing that there are new features in Access 2003 that don't exist in Access 2000 I also knew to avoid using those features. But the thing that made me scratch my head occurred a while back when a different client said that they clicked on a button on a form and nothing happened. Sure enough, when I had the client show me the problem it was true. They were clicking on a button that I knew to be working in the development database but it did nothing in the production environment. It acted the way a command button does when you first place it on a form but you haven't added any macro or VBA code to the Click Event.

Upon further investigation I discovered that there was an error in the VB code for the Click Event that was related to a specific set of circumstances that I didn't originally take into account. The strange thing though, was that no error message was presented, even though error trapping was in place.

Based on the lack of feedback from the application, it wasn't immediately obvious to me that the lack of an error message was due to developing in Access 2003 but using an older version of Access for the production environment. In fact, the first thing that came to mind was the possibility of a bug in Access 2000. So, the first thing I did was to make sure Access 2000 had all of the updates installed. Since that didn't solve the problem I did some additional testing and developed the following strategies to prevent future problems:

- 1) It is always best to develop the application on the same Access version that the production machines use. It's also best to keep every workstation running a particular Access application on the same Access version. This is not a new idea. If you attended DAAUG meetings for any length of time you've certainly heard this before.
- 2) If you don't have the option to keep everything on the same Access version, always compile the application on the oldest Access version in use before deploying it. Since implementing this strategy I have yet to see a problem like I did going the other direction.

By implementing these two strategies in your own development work I hope you will avoid the mysterious behaviors in your Access applications that I experienced.

Patrick Headley,
Communications Director

Denver Visual Studio User Group

As a service to our sister group...

Please check the Denver Visual Studio User Group Website in the coming days for their next meeting date and subject.

The Denver Visual Studio User Group does not hold a meeting in December.

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

Be sure to ask for the special DAAUG member discount.

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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.

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.

A Message from the Editor

“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) or our President, Sco Scofield (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 with "DAAUG Article" in the subject line.

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