



Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 21st, 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

This Month's Presentation

“Simple Approaches to Building Dashboards into Your Applications”

Presenter: David Nealey

Access allows developers to create dashboards that give database users greater insight into their data. Functionality built into Access allows developers to create the same look and feel that they get using expensive third-party programs. This presentation will describe how a customized Access application was built using colored text boxes and a set of gauges to help students prepare for a national test.

Our presenter, David Nealey, owns WordSmart Business Services, a local small business. He has developed Access applications for proposal development, project management, membership management, software requirements analysis, and test preparation. David also serves as Vice President of Marketing for a GIS consulting company in Parker where uses his applications to pursue new business and efficiently perform projects.

“Let’s Build an Application from Scratch - Part 2”

Presenters: Jim Pilcher and Patrick Headley

The continuation of the "Video Library" database started at the November meeting.

Short Demonstration

None. There will be two medium length presentations this month.

Next Month’s Topic (March 20th, 2008)

To be announced.

If **you** are interested in presenting to the group, please contact Mark Trevithick at vicepresident@daaug.org.

From the Prez

Hello fellow members of the Denver Area Access User Group. It feels good to be back in the president’s seat after two years as your lab director. After revitalizing our monthly lab sessions, I hope to bring some fresh approaches, topics, and ideas to the group in 2008. The first big change, thanks to Sco, is the addition of the North Lab each month. Occurring the day after the South Lab, your board of directors is offering you a second opportunity to examine your Access problems in-depth with the help of the DAAUG gurus. Watch the lab notices for time and location of both sessions.

This year we will begin looking more at Access 2007. Developers have resisted this version of Access, but it is inevitable that we must learn about it. Undoubtedly Microsoft is working on the next version of Access, and it will be based upon changes made in 2007. We can’t keep our collective heads in the sand forever. Although we won’t abandon the earlier versions of Access, expect more discussion of the new features in Access 2007.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at this month’s meeting and labs! It’s good to be wearing the president’s cap again. Oh, and there *will* be pizza!

**Your President,
Jim Pilcher**

New and Returning Members

The Denver Area Access Users Group gives thanks to our new and renewing members for supporting our user group.

Aaron Kogan
Christiaan Dismuke
Steve Goodwin
J K August
George Mosteller
Julie Graham
Art Bailey
Duane Hanstein
Patrick Headley
Mike Nindorf

Access/VBA Tip of the Month

“Eliminate Screen Flicker on Access Forms”

As many of you may have discovered while using Access 2003, moving the mouse over a tab control can make the screen flicker. This truly annoying behavior happens only when you have Windows XP themes active (right click on your desktop and choose Properties to investigate Windows themes) *and* you have unattached labels on the page(s) of your tab control. Now, *there's* an intuitive combination, right? (smile)

There are three solutions to this problem:

Install Service Pack 3 for Office 2003 (see the Member to Member section). Microsoft claims this behavior is fixed in that update. Just be aware that Office 2003 SP3 introduces its share of bugs.

Attach all labels on a tab control to a text box or other control that accepts attached labels. How do you do that? Select the label, cut, select the target parent control, paste. It's that simple.

If you cannot find a suitable parent control to which you can attach the label, convert the label to a text box and make the control source of the new text box the same as the caption of the old label.

I mentioned this problem to one developer, and he suggested I change the setting for *Use Windows Themed Controls on Forms* under Tools | Options | Forms/Reports in Access 2003. I tried that, but it has no effect on this problem. You *must* install SP3 for Office 2003 or make the mechanical adjustments that I mention above in order to be rid of the problem.

Until next time, happy computing!

Your President, 2000-2005, 2008

Jim Pilcher

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Last Month's Prize Winners

Wiley Book - Ed Bade

\$20 SoftPro Certificate - Mark Trevithick

Flashlight - Bruce Handley

Can of Compressed Air - Art Bailey

Pro Storage - Alan Shrater

Performance Toolkit - Phil Ferraro

MS Access 2007 for Dummies - David Nealey

Mastering SQL Server 2005 - Aaron Kogan

Hunting Security Bugs - Steve Goodwin

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.

Denver Visual Studio User Group

As a service to our sister group...

Monday, February 25th, 2008 (4th Monday each month)

Networking & Refreshments 5:30 p.m., Meeting 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Microsoft, Desert Mountain (Denver)

Topic to be announced. Please visit the Denver Visual Studio User Group Website at the link below to see the topic when it's posted.

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 Microsoft Access related. Send your listings to 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.

Be sure to ask for the special DAAUG member discount.

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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. 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.

Access 2003 Post-Service Pack 3 Hotfix Package

Microsoft has released a post-Service Pack 3 hotfix package for Access 2003. It fixes several issues including the empty combobox and listbox problem. You can find a description of the issues this hotfix solves and a link to download it at <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/945674/>.

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

Please visit www.DAAUG.org for the latest news, consultant lists, officer email addresses and more.

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