Module 5

Using Databases

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- 1. Understanding Databases
- 2. Using the Application
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1. Understanding Databases

Database Organization

Relationships

Operation

Key Concepts

- □ Understand what a database is.
- □ Understand the difference between data and information.
- □ Understand how a database is organized in terms of tables, records and fields.
- ☐ Know some of the common uses of large-scale databases.

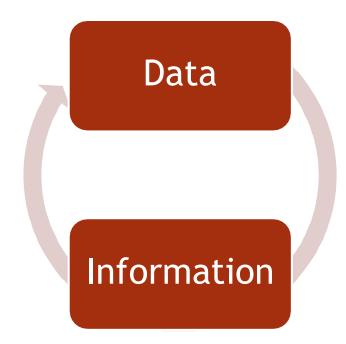
What is a database?

A database is defined as an organized collection of data (information).



Data & Information

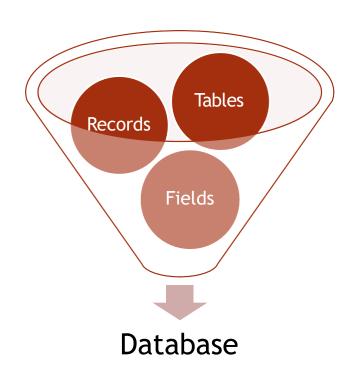
- Data is information converted into binary digital form.
- Information is facts or details about sb/sth.



File and Database Concepts

- A *database* is a collection of information
 - Databases are typically stored as computer files
- A structured file is similar to a card file or Rolodex because it uses a uniform format to store data for each person or thing in the file

Database Organization



A structured collection of related data about one or more subjects.

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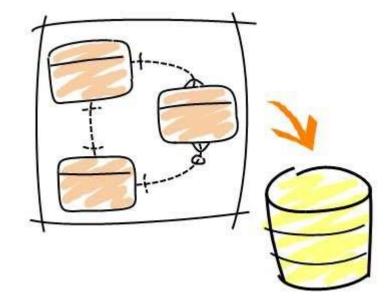
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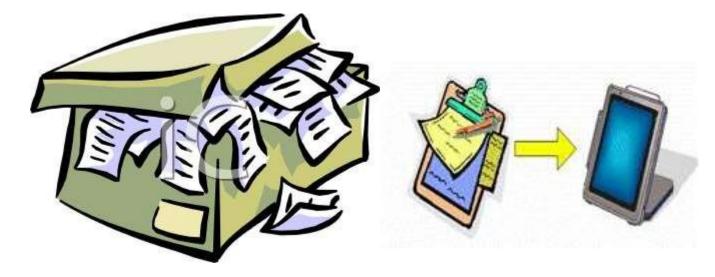
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Database Uses

- Airline booking systems.
- Government records.
- Bank account records.
- Hospital patient details.







Database Organization

- □ Understand that each table in a database should contain data related to a single subject type.
- □ Understand that each field in a table should contain only one element of data.
- □ Understand that field content is associated with an appropriate data.
- □ Understand that fields have associated field properties.
- Understand what a primary key is.
- □ Understand what an index is.

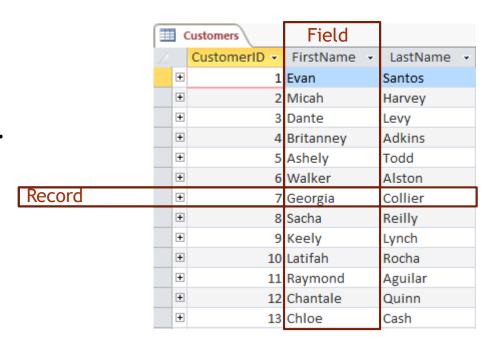
Table

- A table is a list of information organized into columns and rows.
- In the example of a client contact database, the table might list the names, addresses, phone numbers, company names, titles, and e-mail addresses of your clients.
- You can have numerous tables in your Access database.



Table Field

- Fields are the individual items that make up a record within your database.
- A *field* contains the smallest unit of meaningful information
 - Each field has a unique *field name* that describes its contents
- A field can be either variable length or fixed length.
- A record is a collection of information that relates to a particular item within your database table.



File and Database Concepts

Possible Tables in a School Database:

Student Information

ID Number
Last Name
First Name
Email
Address
City
Program
Sponsor ID Number

Financial Accounts

Student ID Number
Term Number
Cost Per Course
Number of Courses
Amount for Term
Amount Paid
Amount Owing

Sponsor Information

Sponsor ID Number
Company Name
Contact Last Name
Contact First Name
Email
Telephone
Fax Number
Address
City

Faculty Advisors

Student ID Number Instructor ID Number

Course Information

Course ID Number
PeopleSoft ID Number
Course Name
Instructor ID Number

Instructors

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First Name
Faculty
Email
Office Telephone

Basic Types

Format	Use to display
Text	Short, alphanumeric values, such as a last name or a street address.
Number	Numeric values, such as distances.
Currency	Monetary values.
Yes/No	Yes and No values and fields that contain only one of two values.
Date/Time	Date and Time values for the years 100 through 9999.
Attachment	Attached images, spreadsheet files, documents, charts, and other types of supported files to the records in your database, similar to attaching files to e-mail messages.
Hyperlink	Text or combinations of text and numbers stored as text and used as a hyperlink address.
Memo	Long blocks of text. A typical use of a Memo field would be a detailed product description.
Lookup	Displays either a list of values that is retrieved from a table or query, or a set of values that you specified when you created the field.

Field Properties

Property	Use
Filed Size	Field Size sets the maximum space available for any one value.
Caption	The label text that is displayed for this field by default in forms, reports, and queries. If this property is empty, the name of the field is used.
Required	Requires that data be entered in the field.
Format	choose a format that meets your specific needs.
Indexed	Yes (No duplicates) Creates a unique index on the field. Yes (Duplicates OK) Creates a non-unique index on the field. No Removes any index on the field.
Default Value	Automatically assigns the specified value to this field when a new record is added.
Validation Rule	Supplies an expression that must be true whenever you add or change the value in this field. Use in conjunction with the Validation Text property.
Validation Text	Enter a message to display when a value that is entered violates the expression in the Validation Rule property.

Primary Key

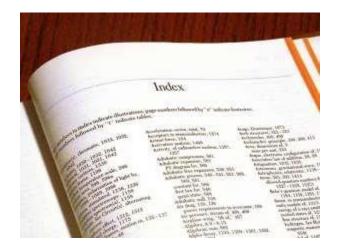
- A primary key field is one that uniquely identifies each individual record in a table.
- When choosing a primary key, keep the following rules in mind:
 - The primary key values must be unique.
 - A primary key value can't be null. Within this context, null means an empty field.
 - The primary key must exist when the record is created and stored.



- 1. Primary key
- 2. Foreign key (key in another table)

Indexed Field

- You can use an index to help Access find and sort records faster.
- An index stores the location of records based on the field or fields that are part of the index.
- A database index is, after all, very much like the index at the end of a book: it occupies its own space, it is highly redundant, and it refers to the actual information stored in a different place.



Relationships

- Understand that the main purpose of relating tables in a database.
- Understand how a relationship is built.
- □ Understand the importance of maintaining the integrity of relationships between tables.
- Understand the cardinality of relationships

Purpose of Relationships

• The main purpose of relating tables in a database is to minimize duplication of data.



Relationship Establishment

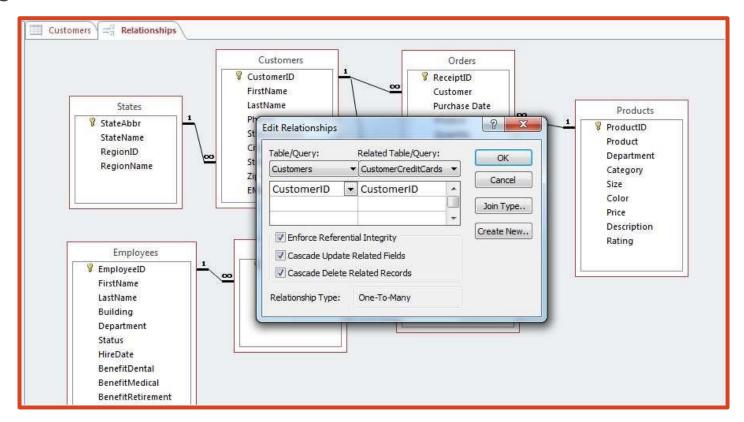
A relationship is built by matching a unique field in one table with a field in

another table.

Employee_ID	First_Name	Last_Name	Hire_Date	Manager	Department_ID
37	Frances	Newton	14-SEP-2005		
1234	Donald	Newton	24-SEP-2006	28	10
7895	Matthew	Michaels	16-MAY-2007	28	10
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Relationships Integrity

 Referential integrity rules keep database users from accidentally breaking the mapping between related columns.



Cardinality

- Cardinality refers to the number of associations that can exist between two record types
- A *one-to-one relationship* means that a record in one record type is related to only one record in another record type
- Example:
 - A single grade report is related to only one student.
- When one record is related to many records in another table, the relationship is referred to as a *one-to-many relationship*
 - Example:
 - Instructor records to student advisees

Cardinality

 A many-to-many relationship means that one record in a particular record type can be related to many records in another record type, and vice versa

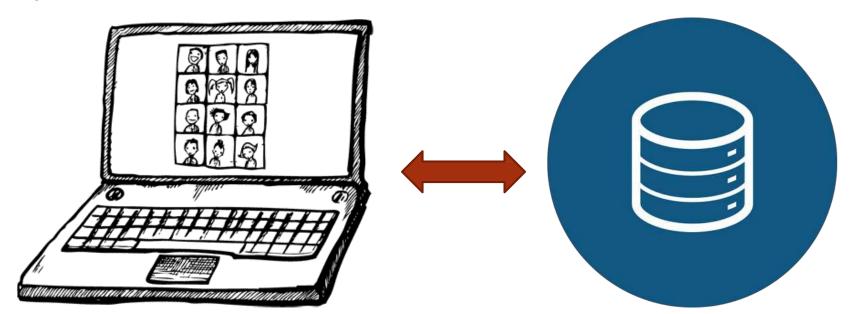
- Example:
 - Student records to course enrollment

Operations

- □ Define which various functions that allow management of a database.
- □ Classify three main functional groups which are related to the database.

Operation

- Professional databases are designed and created by database specialists.
- Data entry, data maintenance and information retrieval are carried out by users.
- A database administrator provides access to specific data for appropriate users.
- Database administrator is responsible for recovery of a database after a crash or major errors.



2. Using the Application

Working with Databases

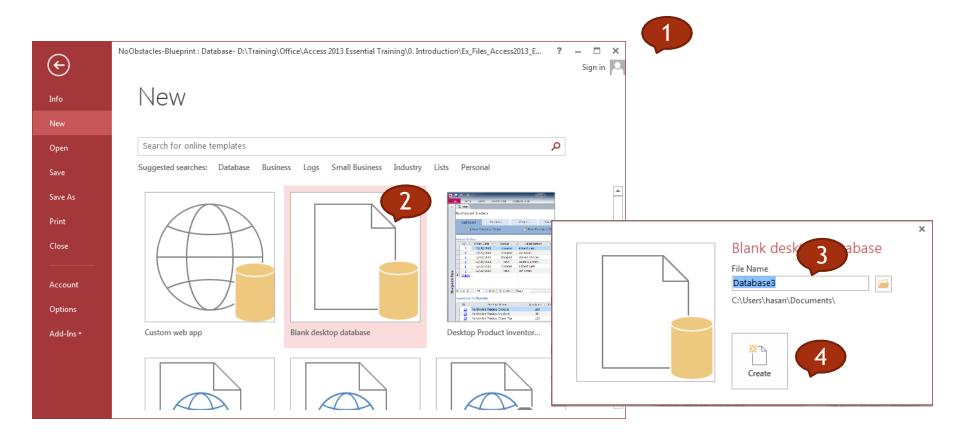
Common Tasks

Working with Databases

- Open, close a database application.
- Open, close a database.
- Create a new database and save to a location on a drive.
- ☐ Use available Help functions.

Create a new database

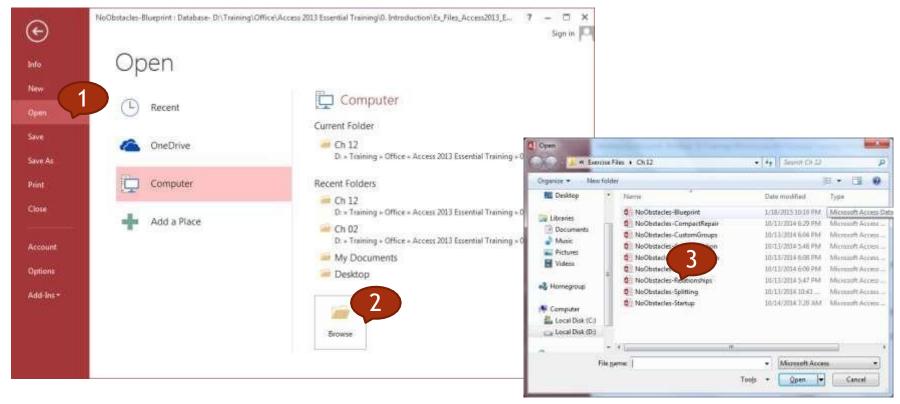
- 1. Start Access.
- 2. On the **New** tab in Backstage view, click **Blank Database** or **Blank Web Database**.
- 3. On the right, type a name for your database in the **File Name** box.
- 4. Click Create.



Open an existing database

- 1. On the File tab, click Open.
- Click a shortcut in the Open dialog box — or, in the Look in box, click the drive or folder that contains the database that you want.

3. In the folder list, double-click folders until you open the folder that contains the database.



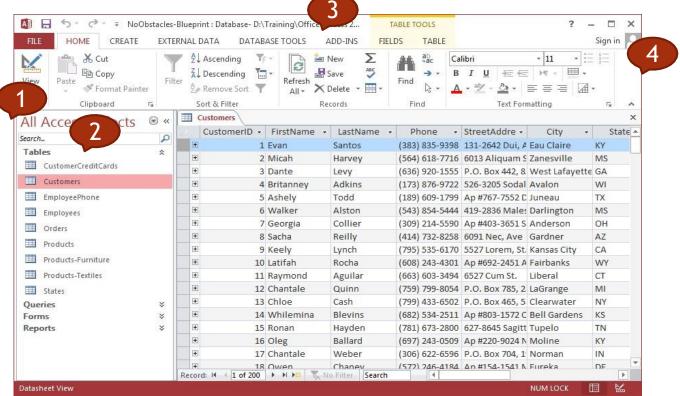
Common Tasks

- Open, save and close a table, query, form, report.
- Switch between view modes in a table, query, form, report.
- □ Delete a table, query, form, report.
- Navigate between records in a table, query, form.
- □ Sort records in a table, form, query output

Open/Save/Close a database object

- Once you have your database open, go to the target object you want to deal with (Customers table, for instance)
- Double-Click the table name to open and view its content.

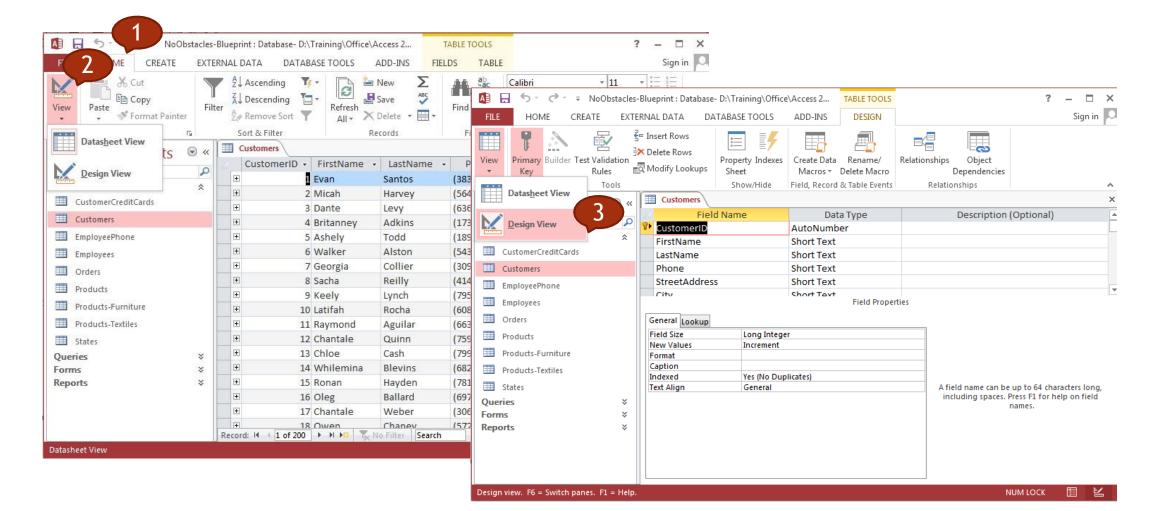
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- 4. Close the table by Clicking on the close button in the upper right corner.



Switch Views

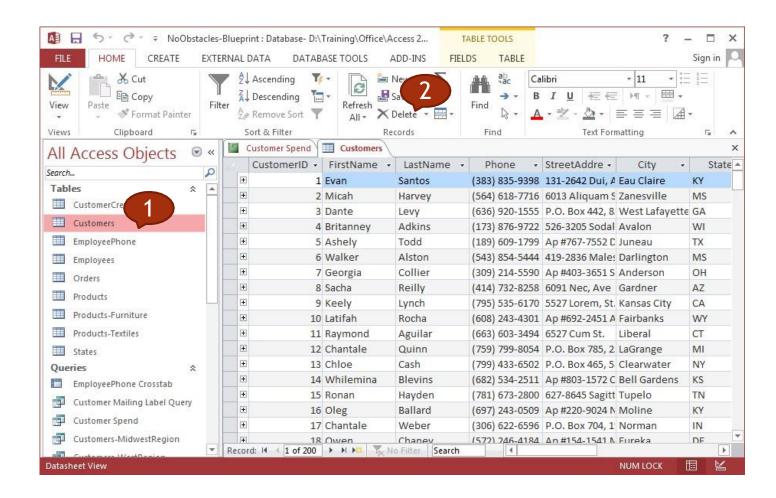
- 2. Click the bottom half of the View button.
- Click the **Home** tab on the Ribbon.

 3. Click Datasheet/**Design View**.



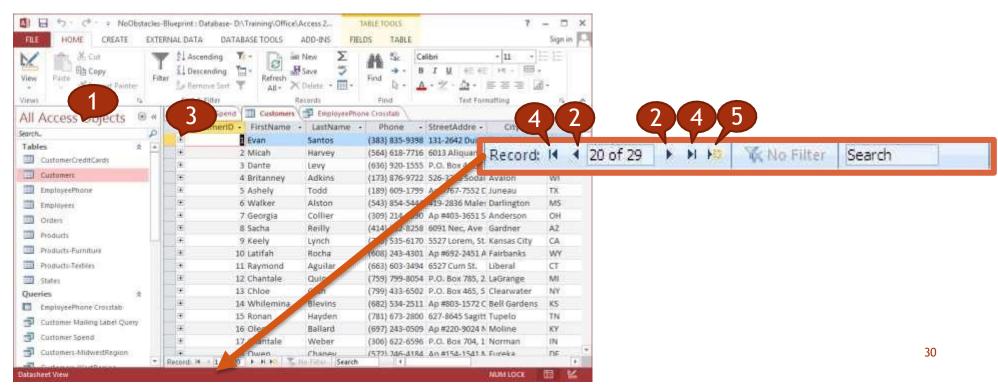
Delete database objects

- 1. Click the database object you want to remove to select.
- 2. Click the Delete Button from the Home Ribbon.



Navigate Records

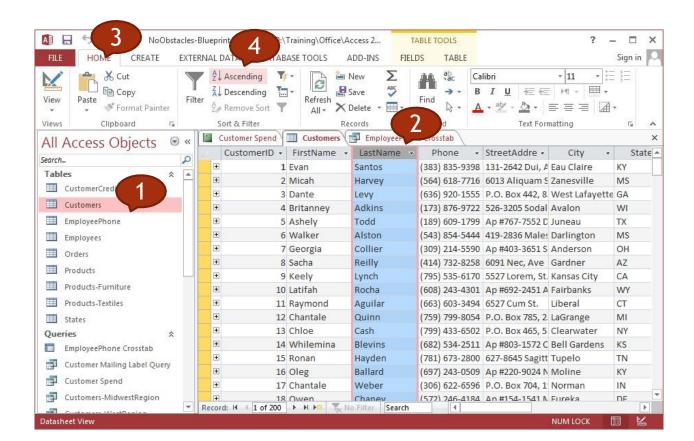
- 1. In the Navigation pane, doubleclick the table/Query/form whose records you want to navigate.
- 2. Click Previous Record (1) or Next Record (1) to move back or forward by one record.
- 3. Access displays the previous or next record in the database.
- 4. Click First Record (or Last Record (navigate to the first or last record in the table.
- 5. Click New (Blank) Record (to start a new, blank record.



Sort Records

- 1. Open the table you want to sort.
- Position your mouse pointer over the column header for the field by which you want to sort.
- 3. Click the **Home** tab on the Ribbon.

- 4. Click a sort button.
 - Click Ascending to sort the records in ascending order.
 - Click **Descending** to sort the records in descending order.



3. Tables



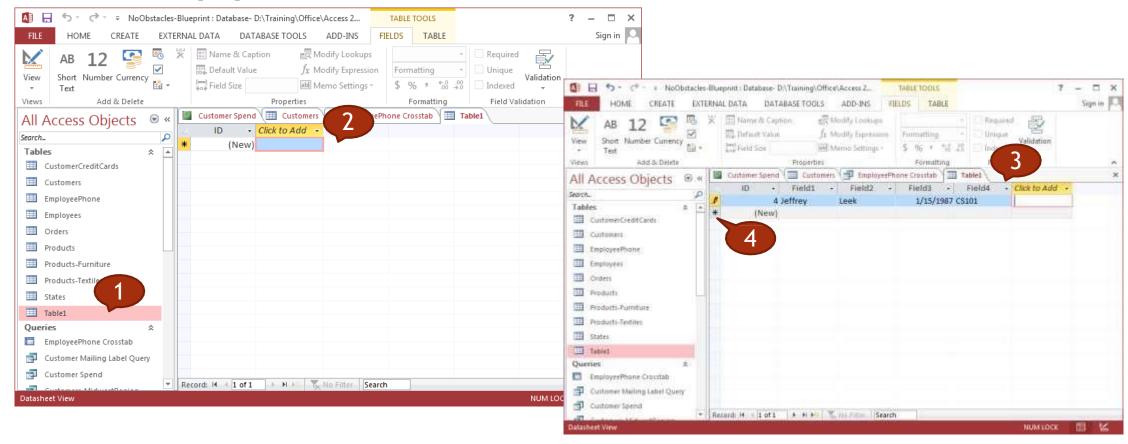
Records

- □ Add, delete records in a table.
- □ Add, modify, delete data in a record.

Add/Delete Records

- 1. In the Navigation pane, doubleclick the table to which you want to add a record.
- 2. Type the desired data in the selected cell.
 - Press [Tab]

- 3. Repeat Step 2 until you have filled the entire row.
- 4. Press [Enter] to move to the next row, or record.



Add/Delete Records

- If the table is still in design view, click View/Datasheet View. If it's closed, double-click the table in the Database window.
- 1. Once the table is in Datasheet view mode, you can add a new record.

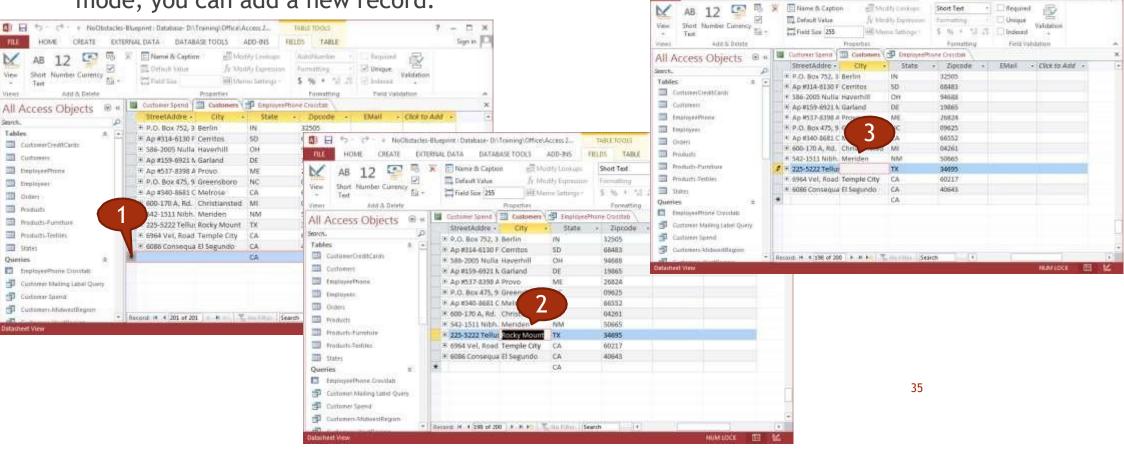
2. To modify a value, select the appropriate field and replace the value.

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To delete a value, select it and press Delete.

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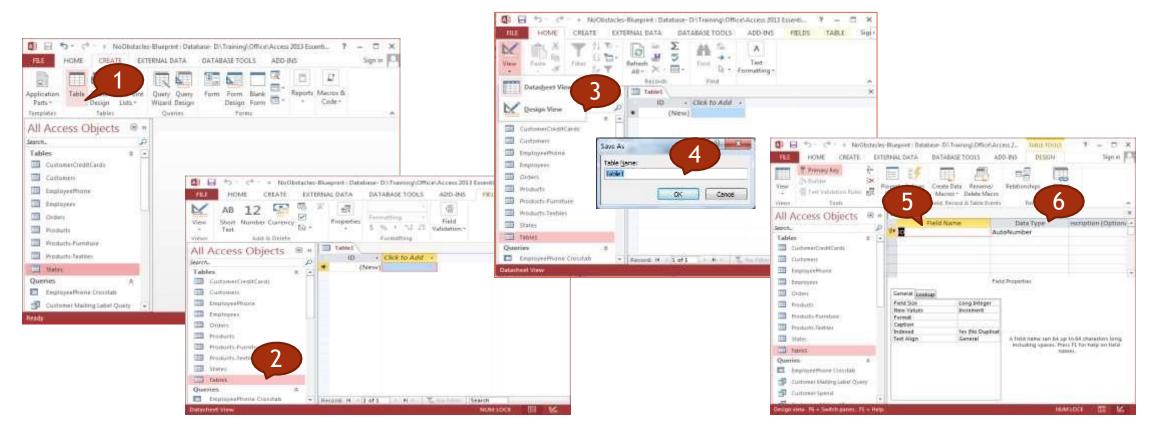
Design

- Create and name a table and specify fields with their data types
- Apply field property settings
- ☐ Create a validation rule
- Understand consequences of changing data types, field properties in a table.
- Set a field as a primary key.
- Index a field
- Add a field to an existing table.
- Change width of columns in a table.

Create a table with fields

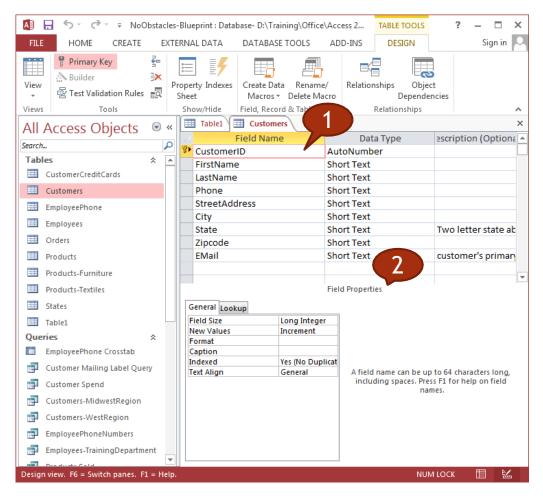
- 1. On the **Create** tab, in the **Tables** group, click **Table**.
- 2. A new table is inserted in the database and the table opens in Datasheet view.
- 3. On the **Home** tab, in the **Views** group, click **View**, and then click **Design View**.

- 4. Give a name to the table and save its current structure.
- 5. In the **Field Name** column, enter the name of the field that you want to create.
- 6. In the **Data Type** column, select the appropriate type for the corresponding field.



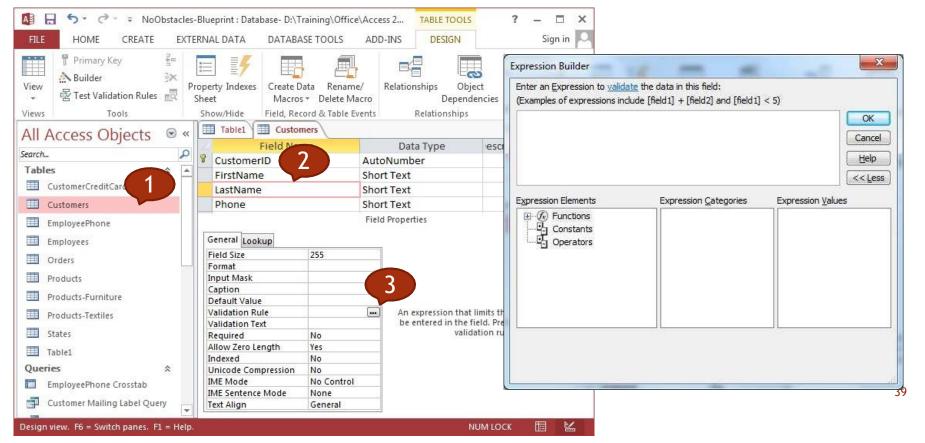
Apply field property settings

- In the table design grid, select the field for 2. In the **Field Properties** pane, enter the settings which you want to set properties. Access displays the properties for this field in the Field Properties pane.
 - that you want for each property, or press F6 and then use the arrow keys to select a property.



Create a validation rule

- 1. In the Navigation Pane, right-click the table that you want to change, and then click **Design View**.
- 2. In the **Field Name** column, select the field that you want to change.
- In the lower section of the table designer, on the General tab, select the Validation Rule property box, and then enter your validation rule.



Examples of Validation Rules

Validation rule	Validation text
<>0	Enter a nonzero value.
>=0	You must enter a positive number.
0 or >100	Value must be either 0 or greater than 100.
BETWEEN 0 AND 1	Enter a value with a percent sign.
<#01/01/2007#	Enter a date before 2007.
>=#01/01/2007# AND <#01/01/2008#	Date must occur in 2007.
IN (" Tokyo", "Paris", "Moscow ")	Tests for values equal to existing members in a list.
IS NOT NULL	Forces users to enter values in the field.

Consequences of changing data types, field properties

 You can change most data types when a field contains data.

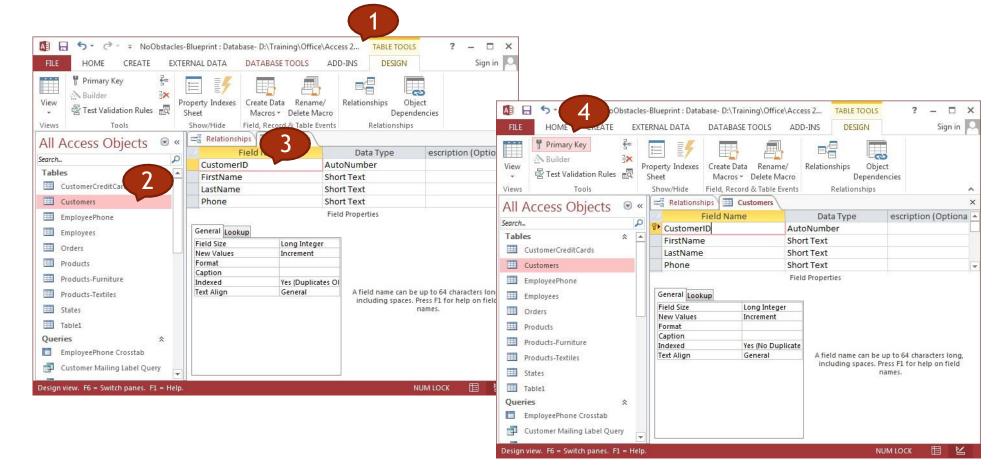
 Access might truncate or delete some data, or it may not allow the conversion at all.

Examples of Restrictions on changing data types

Convert to this type	From this type	Changes or restrictions
Text	Memo	Access deletes all but the first 255 characters.
Number	Text	Text must consist of numbers and valid currency and decimal separators.
Date/Time	Text	Original text must be a recognizable date or date-time combination. For example, 18-Jan-2006.

Set a field as a primary key

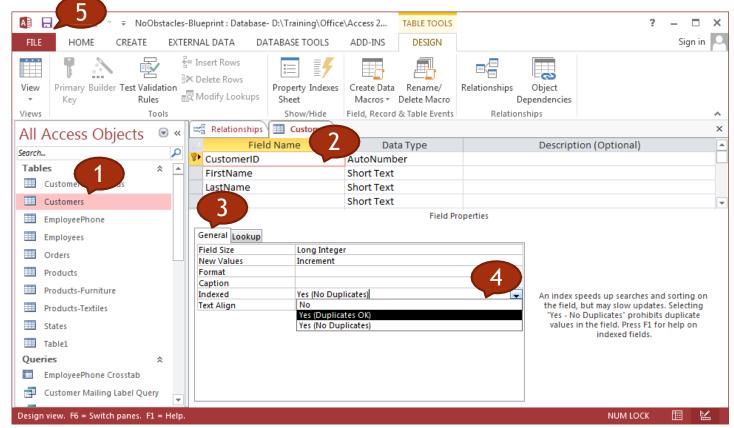
- 1. Open the database that you want to modify.
- 2. In the Navigation Pane, right click the table in which you want to set the primary key and, on the shortcut menu, click **Design View**.
- 3. Select the field or fields that you want to use as the primary key.
- 4. On the **Design** tab, in the **Tools** group, click **Primary Key**.



Index a field

- In the Navigation Pane, right-click the
 name of the table that you want to create
 the index in, and then click **Design**View on the shortcut menu.
- 2. Click the **Field Name** for the field that you want to index.

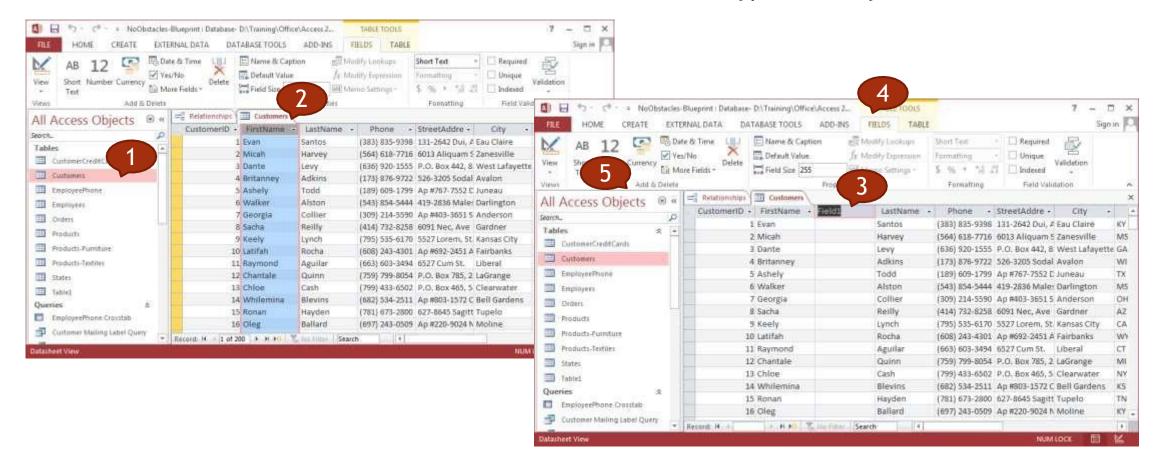
- 3. Under Field Properties, click the General tab.
 - In the **Indexed** property, click **Yes (Duplicates OK)** if you want to allow duplicates, or **Yes (No Duplicates)** to create a unique index.
- 5. To save your changes, click **Save** on the **Quick Access Toolbar**, or press CTRL+S.



Add a field to an existing table

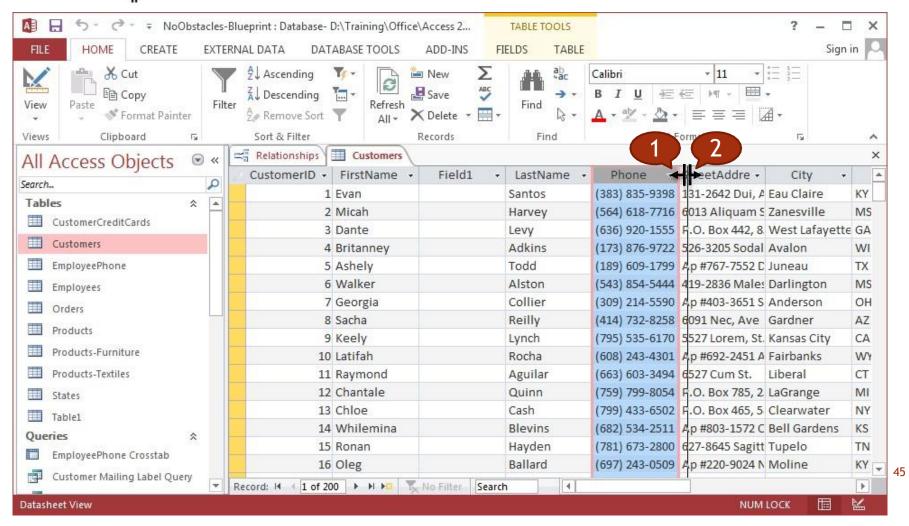
- 1. Double-click to open the table to which you want to add a field in Datasheet view.
- 2. Click the column heading to the left of where you want to insert a new field.

- 3. Access adds the column for the new field to the right of the column you select.
- 4. Click the Fields tab.
- 5. In the Add & Delete group, click the button for the type of field you want to add.



Change width of columns

- 1. Rest the cursor on right side of the column boundary you want to move until it becomes a resize cursor +||+
- 2. Drag the boundary until the column is the width you want.



4. Retrieving Information

Main Operations

Queries

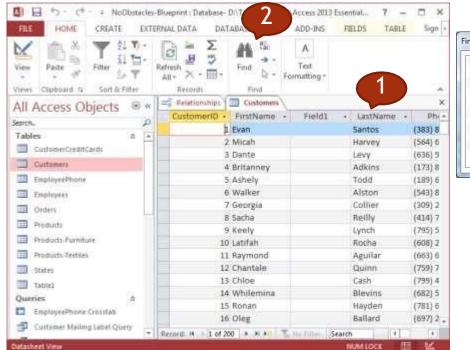
Main Operations

- □ Use the search command for a specific word, number, date in a field.
- Apply a filter to a table, form.
- Remove the application of a filter from a table, form.

Use the search command

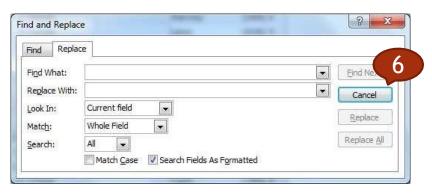
- 1. Open the table or form, and then click the field 4. that you want to search.
- On the Home tab, in the Find group, click Find, or press CTRL+F.
 - ☐ The **Find and Replace** dialog box appears, with the **Find** tab selected.
- 3. In the **Find What** box, type the value for which you want to search.

- To change the field that you want to search or to search the entire underlying table, click the appropriate option in the **Look In** list.
- 5. In the **Search** list, select **All**, and then click **Find Next**.
- 6. When the item for which you are searching is highlighted, click **Cancel** in the **Find and Replace** dialog box to close the dialog box. Records that match your conditions are highlighted



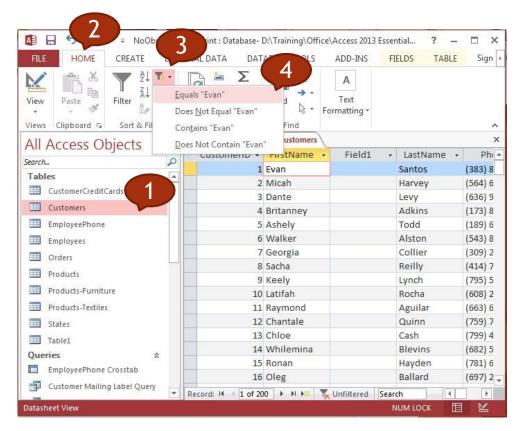




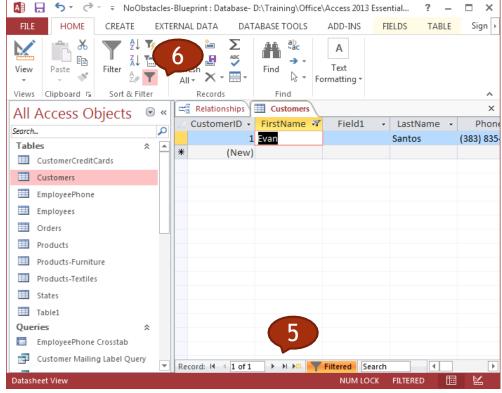


Apply a simple filter

- 1. In the Navigation pane, double-click the table/form you want to use to filter records.
- Click in the Home tab.
- Click the Selection Button.

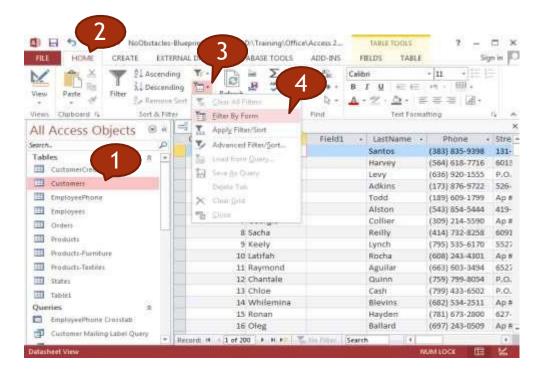


- 4. Click a criterion.
- You can use the navigation buttons < | < > and > |to view the filtered records.
- 6. To remove the filter, you can click the Toggle Filter button.

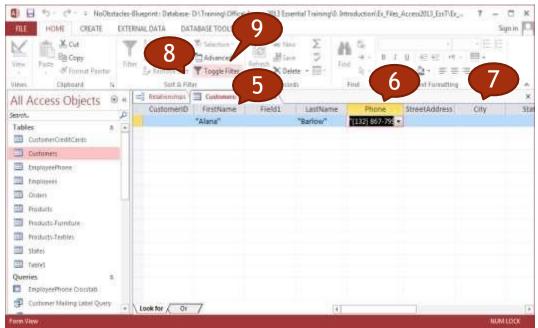


Filter by Form

- 1. In the Navigation pane, double-click the table/form you want to use to sort records.
- Click in the Home tab.
- Click the Advanced Button.
- 4. Click Filter By Form.



- 5. Click in the field by which you want to filer.
- 6. Click the v that appears and choose a criterion.
- 7. Repeat steps 5 and 6 to add more criteria to the filter
- 8. Click the Toggle Filter button to filter the records.
- Click the Toggle Filter button again to remove the filter.

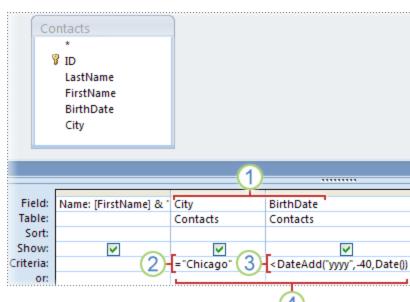


Queries

- □ Understand that a query is used to extract and analyze data.
- □ Create a named single table query using specific search criteria.
- □ Create a named two-table query using specific search criteria.
- Add criteria to a query.
- □ Add criteria to a query using logical operators
- ☐ Use a wildcard in a query
- □ Edit a query: add, modify, remove criteria.
- □ Edit a query: add, remove, move, hide, unhide fields.
- □ Run a query.

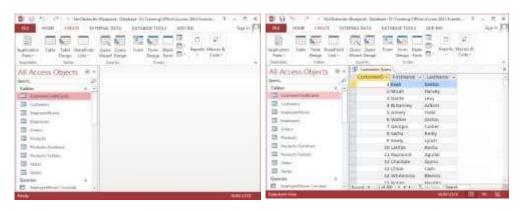
Query Overview

- A select query is a database object that shows information in Datasheet view.
- A query does not store data, it displays data that is stored in tables.
- A query can show data from one or more tables, from other queries, or from a combination of the two.
- A query lets you:
 - Uiew data only from the fields you are interested in viewing.
 - Combine data from several data sources.
 - Use expressions as fields.
 - View records that meet criteria that you specify.

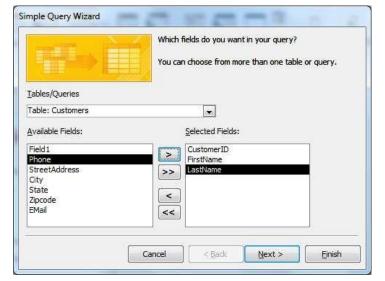


Use the query wizard

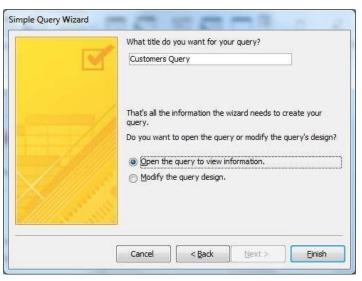
- On the **Create** tab, in the **Other** group, click **Query Wizard**.
- In the **New Query** dialog box, click **Simple Query Wizard**, and then click **OK**.



- Next, you add fields.
 - For each field, perform these two steps:
 - Under Tables/Queries, click the table or query that contains the field.
 - Under Available Fields, double-click the field to add it to the Selected Fields list.
 - When you have added all the fields that you want, click Next.







Add criteria to the query

- If necessary, double-click the query in the Navigation pane that you want to modify to open it.
- Click the Home tab.
- Click the bottom half of the View button
- Click Design View

- Click the Criteria box for the field you want to use as a criterion and type the data that you want to view.
- Click the bottom half of the View button
- Click Datasheet View

5. Objects



6. Outputs

Reports, Data Export

Printing