You Can REALLY Do All That With Forms?

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Background:

➢ Access developer for over 25 years starting with Access 97

➢ MVP 2022 onwards

➢ Many years teaching in secondary schools including responsibility for data analysis

➢ Owner of Mendip Data Systems: info@mendipdatasystems.co.uk

❖ originally created to distribute commercial Access apps for schools

❖ over time, broader focus to creating apps for businesses & developers

➢ Website: https://isladogs.co.uk

❖ Access articles, example apps, sample code and security challenges

❖ commercial applications for schools, businesses and developers

➢ YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/@IsladogsOnAccess

➢ Regular contributor to many forums - user name: *isladogs*

➢ Co-chair of Europe chapter for AccessUserGroups.org

➢ Focus on stretching the boundaries of what can be achieved using Access

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* Topic inspired by 2001 article by Michael Kaplan: You Can Do That with Datasheets?

A Pinnacle Publication

Smart Access
Real Solutions for High-End Microsoft Access Developers

You Can Do That with Datasheets?

Michael Kaplan

Everyone who uses datasheets knows they're powerful, but very few people know all of the things you can do with them. Michael Kaplan pulls out a handful of tricks from the unlocked Access 97 wizards that can help you really get the best of these useful items.

Main Areas:

➢ Highlighting

➢ Enhance Datasheet Forms

➢ Enhance Continuous Forms

➢ Other / Miscellaneous

Add Highlighting

- ➢ current control

- ➢ selected control or column

- ➢ sorted & filtered columns

- ➢ current record

- ➢ entire form (dim background)

- ➢ required fields

- ➢ search results

Enhance Datasheet Forms

Add buttons / search etc

➤ as subform

➤ as <u>split form</u> (single form hidden)

Add security

➤ <u>protect data</u>

➤ <u>lock down database objects</u>

Enhance Continuous Forms

➢ selectively hide controls (Paint Me Transparent)

➢ add multiselect filter

➢ hide and restore columns

➢ freeze columns

➢ move and resize columns

➢ hide duplicate values in a column

Other / miscellaneous form features

- ➤ click me and I disappear

- ➤ dictation

- ➤ move and resize borderless form

- ➤ rounded corners

- ➤ gradient background fill

- ➤ stop forms opening from navigation pane

- ➤ animation, transparency & fade

- ➤ scrolling / flashing text

- ➤ control help text

- ➤ progress bar

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I am very pleased to have been invited to lead a presentation at the annual online **Access DevCon** conference for the fourth consecutive year.

Join me on Friday 19 April 2024 at **Access DevCon** when I will lead a presentation called **You Can REALLY Do All That With Forms?**

The topic title was inspired by an excellent article from 2006 by the late **Michael Kaplan** called **You Can Do That with Datasheets?**

I will be doing a whistle-stop tour through a wide ranging series of tips and tricks to enhance the functionality of your forms in Access.

The main part of the presentation will demonstrate how the functionality of **continuous forms** can be significantly extended to match or exceed that natively available in **datasheets.**

Most of the items to be covered have related articles elsewhere on this website, together with example apps containing all required code.
Many items also have accompanying videos on **YouTube** (with more videos to follow soon).