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Changing the Structure of a Table

Impact on data

▲ Think carefully before you make structural changes or data may be lost!

Switch between object views

▲ Design View



Datasheet View

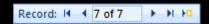
Default field values

▲ Change defaults by typing over them

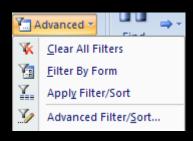


Managing Records

Navigation



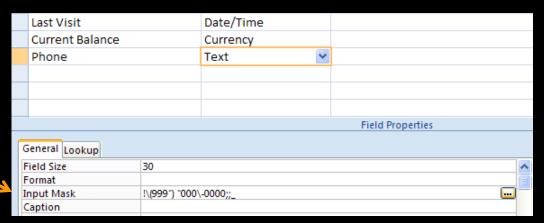
- Deleting Records
 - ▲ Single or multiple records
- Replacing Data
 - ▲ Replace or Replace All
- Filtering Records
 - ▲ By selection
 - ▲ By form
 - ▲ Filter





Using the Table Templates

- Access provides Table Templates with sample tables and fields
- Input Masks
 - Assist in entering formatted data
 - Force characters to appear in UPPERCASE
 - Set phone numbers with parentheses and dashes (555) 123-4567
 - ▲ Apply to queries, forms, and reports
 - ▲ Input Mask Wizard





Creating Validation Rules

Limit control data entered into fields

- ▲ Specify a range
- ▲ Specify a specific field
- Specify a default field
- Specify a collection of legal values
- ▲ Validation text

Wildcards

- ▲ Symbols that stand for other characters
 - ◆ Asterisk (*) Any number of characters
 - ◆ Question mark (?) A single character
 - ◆ Pound symbol (#) A single numeric value



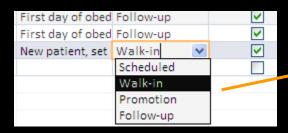
Entry must begin with two numbers, followed by "Cat," and the followed by any number of characters



Creating Validation Rules

Lookup Fields

▲ Allow users to pick from preset options



These are the only entries that can be entered into this field



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