

FIT1013 Digital Futures: IT for Business

Week 11 : Database Queries

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On completion of your study this week, you should aim to:

- Create a query based on multiple tables
- Use a comparison operator in a query to match a range of values
- Use the And and Or logical operators in queries
- Create and format a calculated field in a query
- Perform calculations in a query using aggregate functions and record group calculations
- Use the Like, In, Not, and & operators in queries
- Create a parameter query
- Use query wizards to create a crosstab query, a find duplicates query, and a find unmatched query
- Create a top values query



Introduction to Queries

- Access provides powerful query capabilities that allow you to do the following:
 - Display selected fields and records from a table
 - Sort records
 - Perform calculations
 - Generate data for forms, reports, and other queries
 - Update data in the tables in a database
 - Find and display data from two or more tables
- The answer to a select query is returned in the form of a datasheet
 - The result of a query is also referred to as a recordset because the query produces a set of records that answers your question

Creating and Running a Query

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Access interface for creating a query. The 'Navigation Pane' on the left contains a list of fields from the 'Owner' table: OwnerID, FirstName, LastName, Phone, Address, City, State, Zip, and Email. The 'Field List' is resized to fit these fields. The 'Design Grid' at the bottom shows the first column with 'OwnerID' selected. The 'Field' row shows 'OwnerID', the 'Table' row shows 'Owner', and the 'Show' row has a checked box. The 'Criteria' row is empty. The status bar at the bottom says 'Ready'.

field list resized to display all the fields in the table

click the field selector to select a field's column

field added from field list to the first column in the design grid

indicates that the field will appear in the query datasheet

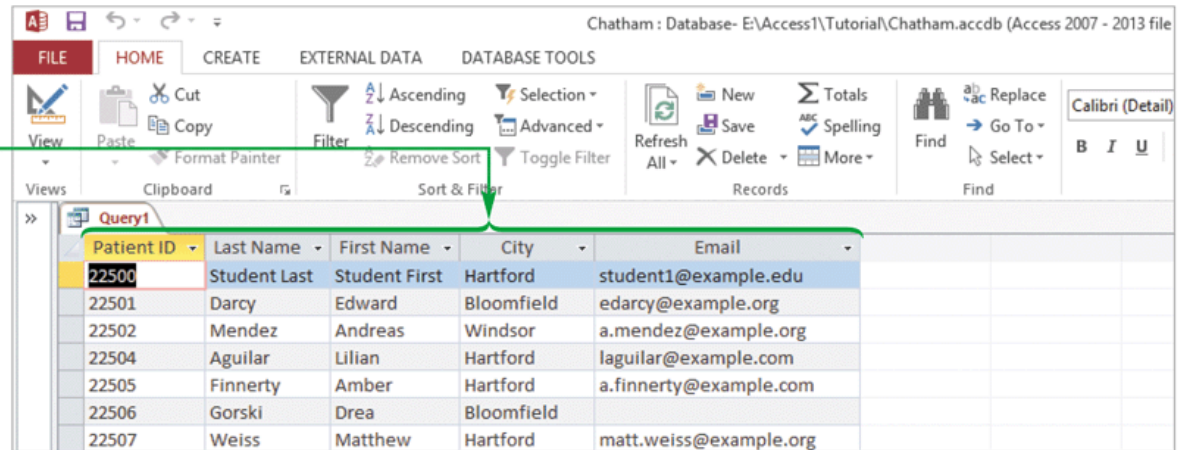
specifies the field is in the Owner table

Creating and Running a Query (Cont.)

Figure 3-8

Datasheet displayed after running the query

selected fields displayed



Chatham : Database- E:\Access1\Tutorial\Chatham.accdb (Access 2007 - 2013 file)

Patient ID	Last Name	First Name	City	Email
22500	Student Last	Student First	Hartford	student1@example.edu
22501	Darcy	Edward	Bloomfield	edarcy@example.org
22502	Mendez	Andreas	Windsor	a.mendez@example.org
22504	Aguilar	Lilian	Hartford	laguilar@example.com
22505	Finnerty	Amber	Hartford	a.finnerty@example.com
22506	Gorski	Drea	Bloomfield	
22507	Weiss	Matthew	Hartford	matt.weiss@example.org

Creating a Multitable Query

- A multitable query is a query based on more than one table
- If you want to create a query that retrieves data from multiple tables, the tables must have a common field

Figure 3-9

Datasheet for query based on the Patient and Visit tables

fields from the Patient table

fields from the Visit table

City	First Name	Last Name	Date of Visit	Reason/Diagnosis
Hartford	Student First	Student Last	11/17/2015	Migraine
Bloomfield	Edward	Darcy	11/30/2015	Influenza
Windsor	Andreas	Mendez	3/30/2016	Annual wellness visit
Hartford	Lilian	Aguilar	11/18/2015	Annual wellness visit
Hartford	Amber	Finnerty	1/26/2016	Annual wellness visit
Bloomfield	Drea	Gorski	4/1/2016	Fifth Disease
Bloomfield	Drea	Gorski	4/8/2016	Fifth Disease follow-up
Hartford	Matthew	Weiss	11/9/2015	Diabetes mellitus Type 2 - initial diagnosis
Hartford	Matthew	Weiss	2/9/2016	Diabetes mellitus Type 2 - serum glucose check
Hartford	Matthew	Weiss	4/7/2016	Diabetes mellitus Type 2 - serum glucose check
Hartford	Steve	Kervin	4/4/2016	Tinea pedis
Hartford	Steve	Kervin	4/18/2016	Tinea pedis follow-up
Hartford	Thomas	Booker	11/10/2015	Seborrheic dermatitis
Hartford	Thomas	Booker	3/1/2016	Seborrheic dermatitis follow-up
West Hartford	Daniel	Castro	12/3/2015	Annual wellness visit
West Hartford	Daniel	Castro	1/13/2016	Cardiac monitoring
Hartford	Lisa	Chang	1/5/2016	Annual wellness visit
Bloomfield	Troy	Smith	1/13/2016	Broken leg
Bloomfield	Troy	Smith	2/24/2016	Follow-up - cast removal
Hartford	Ian	Parker	12/15/2015	Influenza
Hartford	Ian	Parker	1/14/2016	Hypertension monitoring
Hartford	Susan	King	12/22/2015	COPD management visit
West Hartford	Henry	O'Brien	2/1/2016	Annual wellness visit
West Hartford	Henry	O'Brien	4/11/2016	Idiopathic abdominal pain
Hartford	Sera	Torres	4/1/2016	Conjunctivitis

Selection Criteria in Queries

When creating queries in Design view, you can enter criteria so that Access will display only selected records in the query results.

Field:	PatientID	LastName	FirstName	BirthDate	City
Table:	Patient	Patient	Patient	Patient	Patient
Sort:					
Show:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria:					"Bloomfield"
or:					

To define a condition for a field, you place the condition in the field's Criteria box in the design grid.

To tell Access which records you want to select, you must specify a condition as part of the query. A **condition** is a criterion, or rule, that determines which records are selected.

The results of a query containing selection criteria include only the records that meet the specified criteria.

Patient ID	Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth	City
22501	Darcy	Edward	7/15/1986	Bloomfield
22506	Gorski	Drea	2/19/2005	Bloomfield
22513	Srnilh	Truy	1/31/1996	Bloomfield
22521	Engber	Cathy	4/7/2006	Bloomfield
22522	Li	Siyang	7/25/1966	Bloomfield
22549	Fielder	Fam	12/6/1978	Bloomfield
22557	Kirk	Isobel	11/18/1965	Bloomfield

The results of this query show only patients from Bloomfield because the condition "Bloomfield" in the City field's Criteria box specifies that Access should select records only with City field values of Bloomfield. This type of condition is called an **exact match** because the value in the specified field must match the condition exactly in order for the record to be included in the query results.

Field:	InvoiceNum	InvoiceDate	InvoiceAmt	
Table:	Billing	Billing	Billing	
Sort:				
Show:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria:			> 250	
or:				

A condition usually consists of an operator, often a comparison operator, and a value. A **comparison operator** asks Access to compare the value in a field to the condition value and to select all the records for which the condition is true.

Invoice Num	Invoice Date	Invoice Amt
35815	11/16/2015	\$300.00
35900	01/20/2016	\$300.00
36002	03/15/2016	\$450.00
36074	04/12/2016	\$450.00
*		\$0.00

The results of this query show only those invoices with amounts greater than \$250 because the condition >250, which uses the greater than comparison operator, specifies that Access should select records only with InvoiceAmt field values over \$250.

Field:	VisitID	PatientID	VisitDate	Reason
Table:	Visit	Visit	Visit	Visit
Sort:				
Show:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria:			Between #12/1/2015# And #12/31/2015#	
or:				

Most comparison operators (such as Between...And...) ask Access to select records that match a range of values for the condition—in this case, all records with dates that fall within the range shown.

Visit ID	Patient ID	Date of Visit	Reason/Diagnosis
1550	22549	12/1/2015	Influenza
1552	22511	12/3/2015	Annual wellness visit
1555	22520	12/7/2015	Annual wellness visit
1557	22526	12/10/2015	Annual wellness visit
1560	22514	12/15/2015	Influenza
1562	22516	12/22/2015	COPD management visit

The results of this query show only those patient visits that took place in December 2015 because the condition in the VisitDate's Criteria box specifies that Access should select records only with a visit date between 12/1/2015 and 12/31/2015.

Defining Record Selection Criteria for Queries

- To tell Access which records you want to select, you must specify a condition as part of the query
 - A condition usually includes one of the comparison operators

Figure 3-16 Access comparison operators

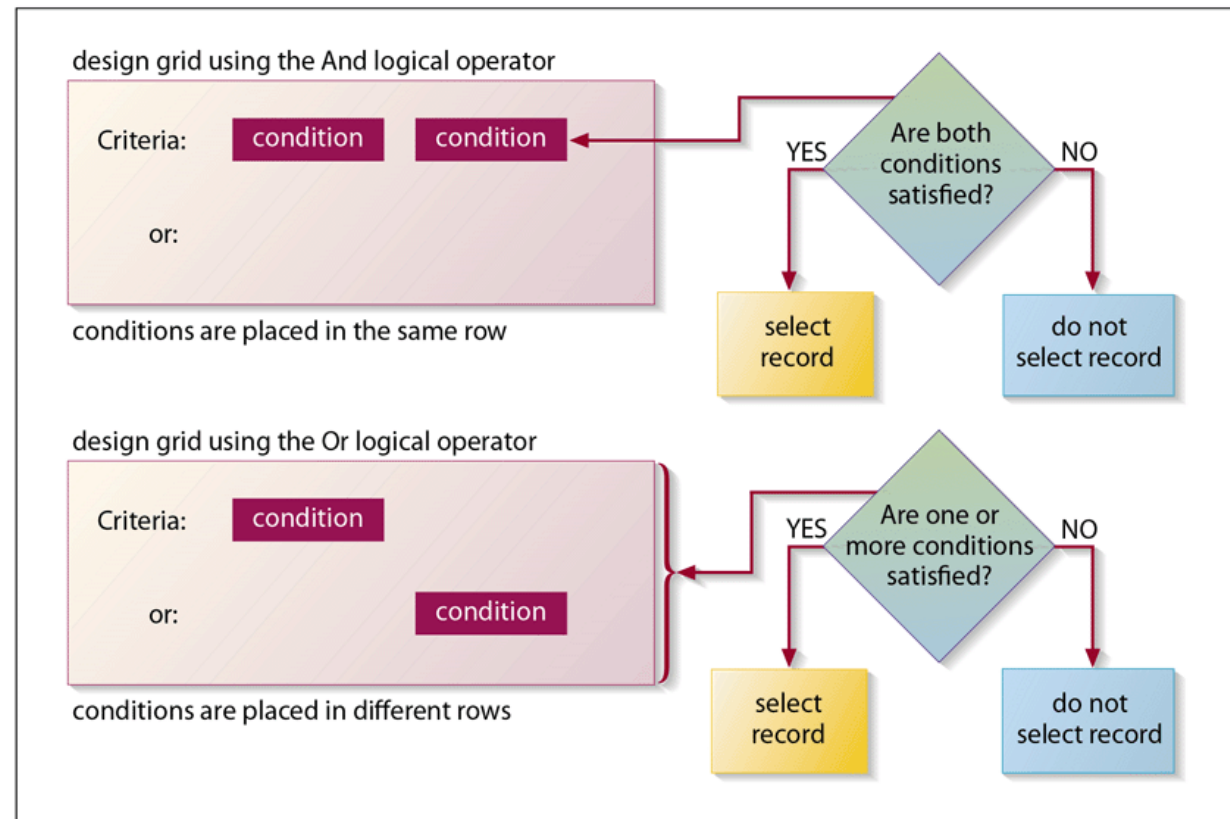
Operator	Meaning	Example
=	equal to (optional; default operator)	= "Hall"
<>	not equal to	<> "Hall"
<	less than	< #1/1/99#
<=	less than or equal to	<= 100
>	greater than	> "C400"
>=	greater than or equal to	>= 18.75
Between ... And ...	between two values (inclusive)	Between 50 And 325
In ()	in a list of values	In ("Hall", "Seeger")
Like	matches a pattern that includes wildcards	Like "706*"

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Defining Multiple Selection Criteria for Queries (Cont.)

Figure 3-26

Logical operators And and Or for multiple selection criteria



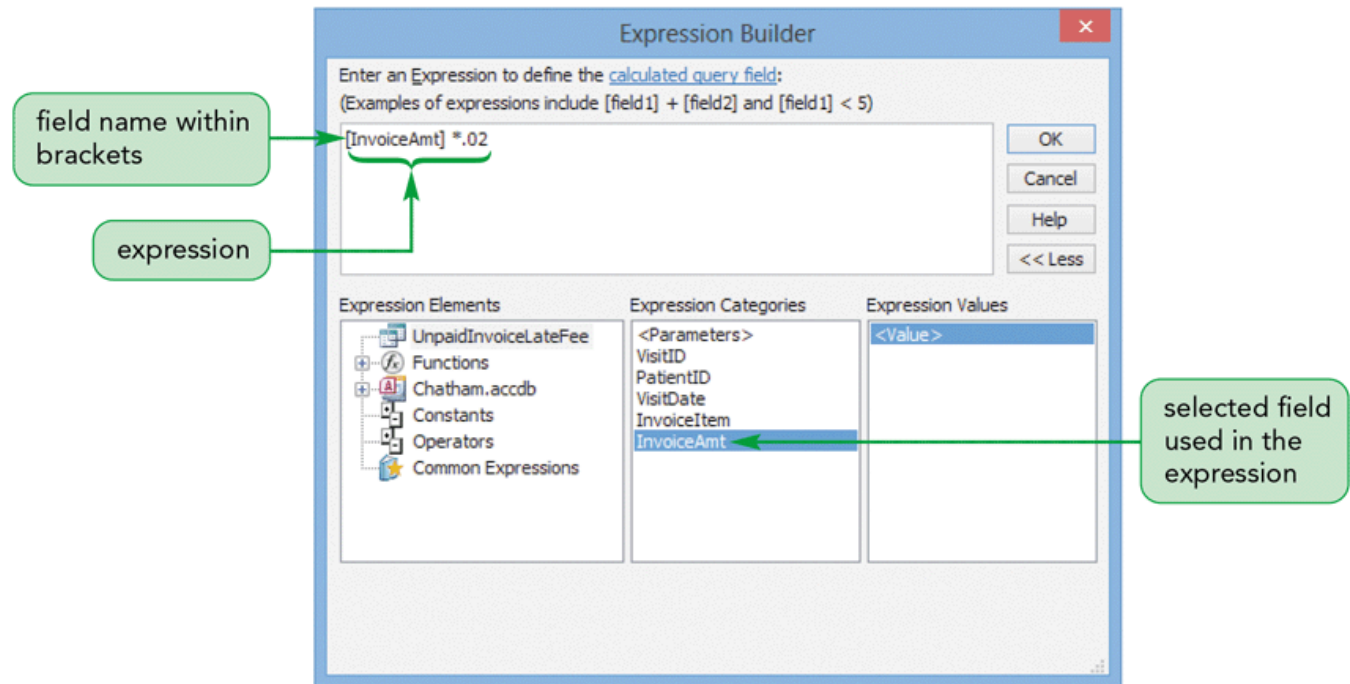
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Creating a Calculated Field

- Queries can perform calculations
 - Must define an **expression** containing a combination of database fields, constants, and operators
 - A **calculated field** is a field that displays the results of an expression but it does not exist in a database
 - The **Zoom box** is a dialog box that you can use to enter text, expressions, or other values
 - **Expression Builder** is an Access tool that makes it easy for you to create an expression
 - It contains a box for entering the expression, an option for displaying and choosing common operators, and one or more lists of expression elements, such as table and field names

Creating a Calculated Field (Cont.)

Figure 3-33 Completed expression for the calculated field



Using Aggregate Functions

- You can calculate statistical information, such as totals and averages, on the records displayed in a table datasheet or selected by a query
 - Use the Access **Aggregate functions** which perform arithmetic operations on selected records in a database

Figure 3-36 Frequently used aggregate functions

Aggregate Function	Determines	Data Types Supported
Average	Average of the field values for the selected records	AutoNumber, Currency, Date/Time, Number
Count	Number of records selected	AutoNumber, Currency, Date/Time, Long Text, Number, OLE Object, Short Text, Yes/No
Maximum	Highest field value for the selected records	AutoNumber, Currency, Date/Time, Number, Short Text
Minimum	Lowest field value for the selected records	AutoNumber, Currency, Date/Time, Number, Short Text
Sum	Total of the field values for the selected records	AutoNumber, Currency, Date/Time, Number

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Reviewing the Clinic Database

- The Navigation Pane displays the objects grouped by object type
 - Each object name has a prefix tag—a tbl prefix tag for tables, a qry prefix tag for queries, a frm prefix tag for forms, and a rpt prefix tag for reports
 - All three characters in each prefix tag are lower case. The word immediately after the three-character prefix begins with an upper case letter
 - Using object prefix tags, you can readily identify the object type, even when the objects have the same base name
 - Object names have no spaces, because other database management systems do not permit making it easy during conversions to those systems

Using Pattern Match in a Query

- A **pattern match** selects records with a value for the designated field that matches the pattern of a simple condition value
- The **Like comparison operator** selects records by matching field values to a specific pattern that includes one or more of these wildcard characters: asterisk (*), question mark (?), and number symbol (#)
 - The asterisk represents any string of characters, the question mark represents any single character, and the number symbol represents any single digit

Using Pattern Match in a Query (Cont.)

Figure 5-2

Record selection based on matching a specific pattern

Field:	PatientID	LastName	FirstName	Parent	BirthDate	Phone
Table:	tblPatient	tblPatient	tblPatient	tblPatient	tblPatient	tblPatient
Sort:						
Show:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria:						Like '860*'
or:						

pattern match selection criterion

Figure 5-3

tblPatient table records for area code 860

qry860AreaCode

Patient ID	Last Name	First Name	Parent	Date of Birth	Phone	Address	City	State	Zip	EmailAddress
22500	Student	Last		2/28/1994	8609382822	501 Perkins Dr	Hartford	CT	06120	student2@example.com
22501	Darcy	Edward		7/15/1986	8603053985	723 Oxford Ave	Bloomfield	CT	06002	edarcy@cengage.com
22502	Mendez	Andreas		3/1/1934	8605526893	57 Wallace Rd	Windsor	CT	06095	amendios@example.com
22504	Aguilar	Lilian		8/16/1938	8603745724	329 Fairchild Ave	Hartford	CT	06114	lagular@cengage.com
22505	Finnerty	Amber		5/7/1946	8602264930	37 Noyes Ct	Hartford	CT	06112	amberglo@example.com
22506	Gorski	Drea	Samson, Ma	2/19/2005	8603058394	83 Everett Ln	Bloomfield	CT	06002	
22507	Weiss	Matthew	Weiss, Jorda	6/7/1997	8604267492	38 German St	Hartford	CT	06106	matt.weiss@cengage.com
22509	Kervin	Steve		4/6/1993	8609380025	49 Davenport St	Hartford	CT	06120	skervin@example.com
22511	Castro	Daniel		9/23/1933	8606370430	61 Osmond Way	West Hartford	CT	06117	d_castro@cengage.com
22512	Chang	Lisa		10/5/1955	8602266034	731 Macon Rd	Hartford	CT	06112	lchang14@example.com
22513	Smith	Troy		1/31/1996	8603050384	16 Ravine Rd	Bloomfield	CT	06002	troysmith9@example.net
22514	Parker	Ian		6/3/1958	8609381873	12 Adelbert St	Hartford	CT	06120	ian_parker@example.com
22517	O'Brien	Henry		12/10/1940	8606379203	58 Redmond Dr	West Hartford	CT	06117	hobrien32@example.com
22518	Torres	Sera	Torres, Gina	4/9/2008	8609382098	27 Reno Dr	Hartford	CT	06120	serat483@cengage.com
22519	Belanger	Malcolm		10/17/1950	8606373927	723 Nicola Ave	West Hartford	CT	06117	
22520	Hallick	Davis		3/26/1944	8605524495	84 Churchill Pl	Windsor	CT	06095	dhallick@example.com
22521	Engber	Cathy	Engber, Jim	4/7/2006	8603053048	58 Deering Pl	Bloomfield	CT	06002	cengber2@cengage.com
22522	Li	Siyang		7/25/1986	8603056548	225 Krauss Rd	Bloomfield	CT	06002	lisiy3@example.com
22523	Fraser	Nancy		11/8/1977	8605527392	7 Quinn Dr	Windsor	CT	06095	
22526	Swenson	Lucia		5/1/1943	8602260293	83 Osage Ave	Hartford	CT	06112	
22527	Lee	Hwan		8/25/1987	8606613974	153 Agnes Ct	Hartford	CT	06105	hwan.lee@example.org
22529	Goldberg	Robert		5/30/1961	8605522873	92 Gaston Ave	Windsor	CT	06095	
22530	Jessica	Christina		2/28/1980	8603742987	74 Brayton Dr	Hartford	CT	06114	jesswallner@example.net
22534	Hawes	Susan		12/5/1941	8605525920	27 Tracey Ct	Windsor	CT	06095	crowblack@example.net
22535	Delgado	Alex		6/22/1945	8606617193	26 Edwin Ct	Hartford	CT	06105	susan.hawes4@example.com
22536	Caputo	Michael		7/16/1960	8605521739	48 Warwick St	Windsor	CT	06095	aidel642@cengage.com
				10/19/1998	8603749347	96 Vega Dr	Hartford	CT	06114	

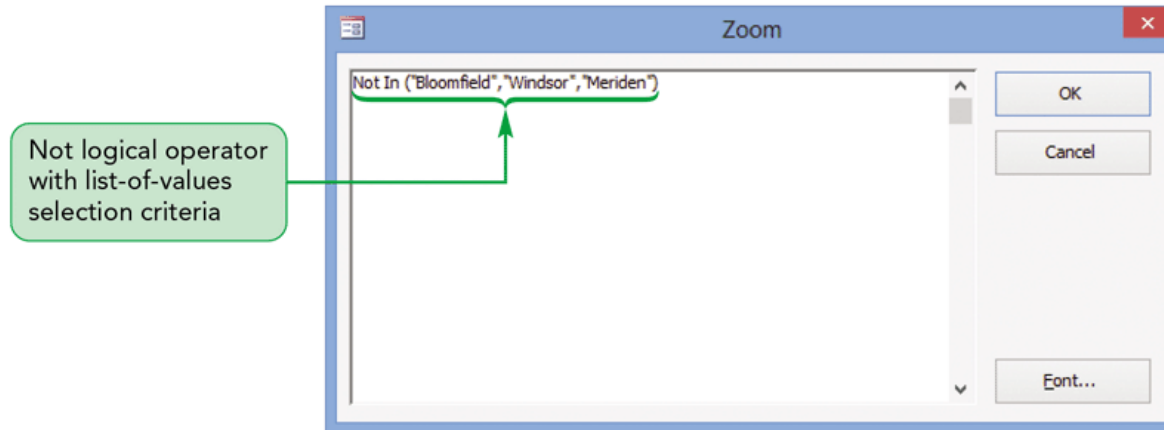
46 records total

scroll down to see more records that match the criteria

Using the Not Logical Operator in a Query

- The **Not logical operator** negates a criterion or selects records for which the designated field does not match the criterion

Figure 5-5 Record selection based on not matching a list of values



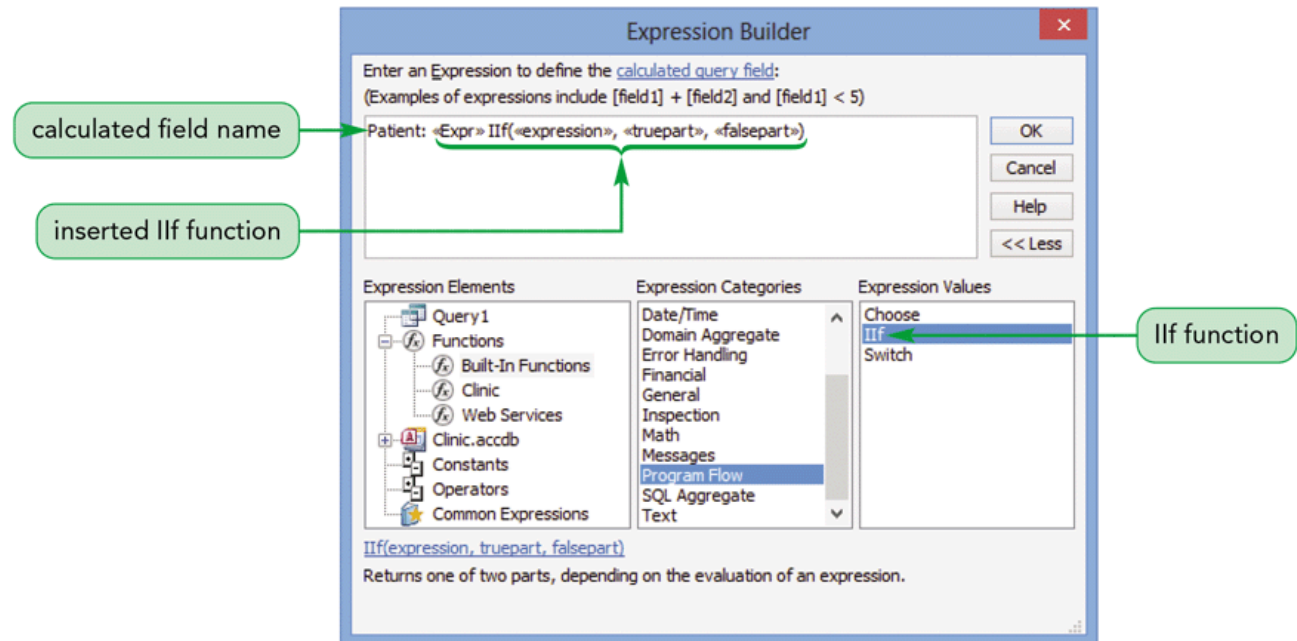
Assigning a Conditional Value to a Calculated Field (Cont.)

- The **If (Immediate If)** function assigns one value to a calculated field or control if a condition is true, and a second value if the condition is false
 - The **If function** has three parts: a condition that is true or false, the result when the condition is true, and the result when the condition is false
 - Each part of the If function is separated by a comma
 - The **IsNull function** tests a field value or an expression for a null value; if the field value or expression is null, the result is true; otherwise, the result is false

Assigning a Conditional Value to a Calculated Field

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Figure 5-8 IIf function inserted for the calculated field



Assigning a Conditional Value to a Calculated Field

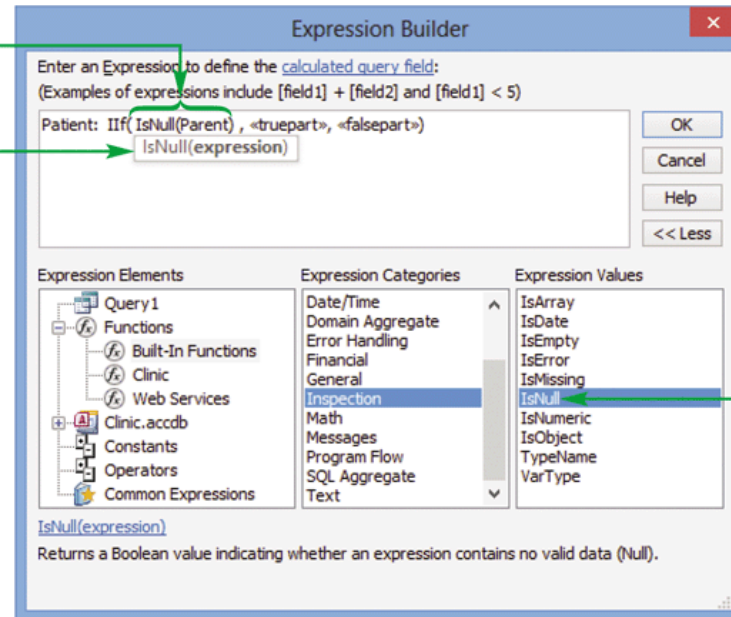
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Figure 5-9

After entering the condition for the calculated field's If function

condition for
the If function

ScreenTip for the
IsNull function

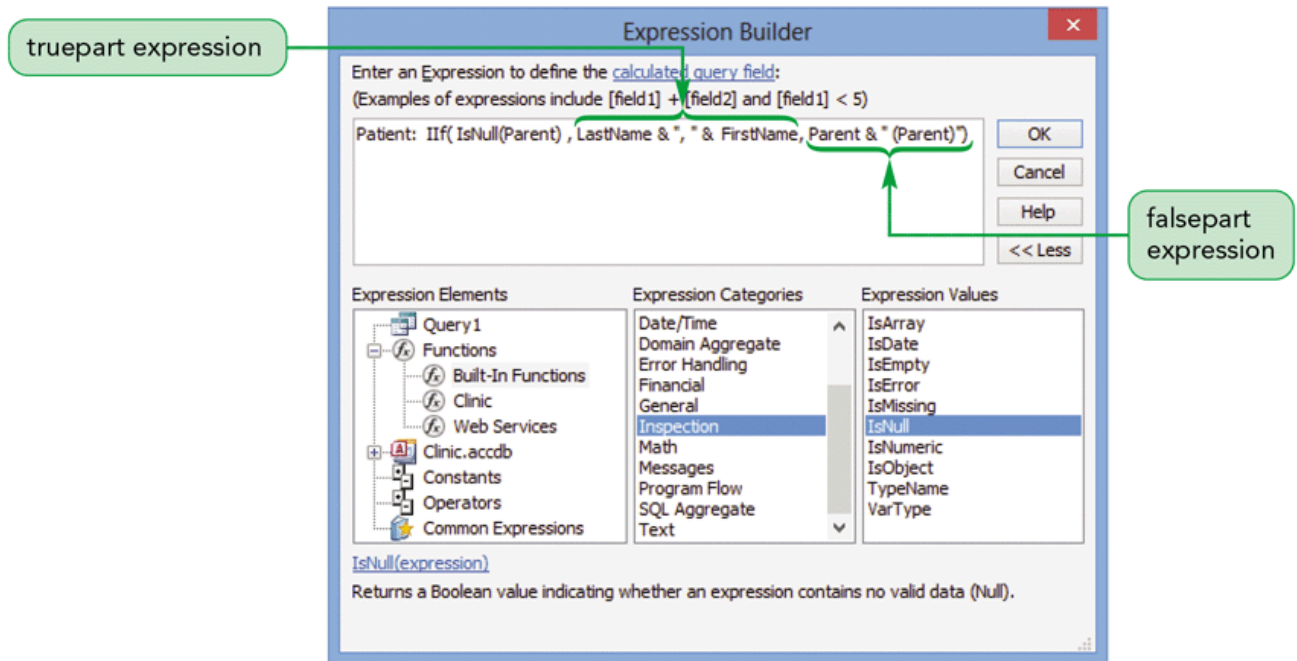


IsNull
function

Assigning a Conditional Value to a Calculated Field

(Cont.)

Figure 5-10 Completed calculated field



Creating a Parameter Query

- A **parameter query** displays a dialog box that prompts the user to enter one or more criteria values when the query is run
 - The value entered into the prompt causes the query to select only those records with field value from the table

Figure 5-13 Specifying the prompt for the parameter query

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Access dialog box for specifying criteria for a parameter query. The dialog box has a table with columns: PatientID, LastName, FirstName, Parent, BirthDate, Phone, Address, City, State, and Zip. The City column has a criteria entry '[Type the city:]' with a green arrow pointing to it from a text box labeled 'prompt text enclosed in brackets'.

Field:	Patient: If(IsNull(ParentID))	PatientID	LastName	FirstName	Parent	BirthDate	Phone	Address	City	State	Zip
Table:		tblPatient	tblPatient	tblPatient	tblPatient	tblPatient	tblPatient	tblPatient	tblPatient	tblPatient	tblPatient
Sort:											
Show:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria:									[Type the city:]		
or:											

Creating a Parameter Query (Cont.)

Figure 5-14 Enter Parameter Value dialog box

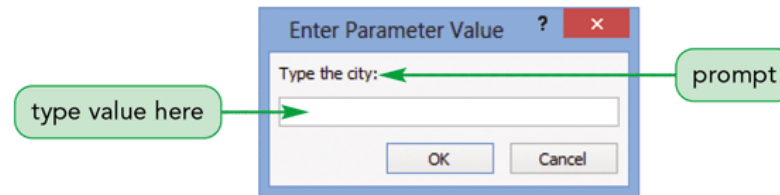


Figure 5-15 Results of the parameter query

Waterbury patients selected

Patient	Patient ID	Last Name	First Name	Parent	Date of Birth	Phone	Address	City	State	Zip	EmailAddress
Garrett, Ashley	22552	Garrett	Ashley		3/24/1989	4755528429	372 Higbee Ct	Waterbury	CT	06704	agarrett@example.org
Rodriguez, Maria	22525	Rodriguez	Maria		2/11/1936	4755529023	624 Noyes St	Waterbury	CT	06704	marodrig13@example.net

Advanced Query Wizards

A find duplicates query is a select query that finds duplicate records in a table or query.

A find unmatched query is a select query that finds all records in a table or query that have no related records in a second table or query.

A crosstab query uses aggregate functions such as Sum and Count to perform arithmetic operations on selected records.

A simple query selects records from one of more tables that satisfy criteria.

The 'New Query' dialog box is shown with the 'Find Unmatched Query Wizard' selected. The wizard options are: Simple Query Wizard, Crosstab Query Wizard, Find Duplicates Query Wizard, and Find Unmatched Query Wizard. The 'Find Unmatched Query Wizard' is highlighted with a green arrow pointing to it from the text box on the right.

The 'Find Unmatched Query Wizard' dialog box is shown. It asks 'What piece of information is in both tables?' and provides an example: 'For example, a Customers and an Orders table may both have a CustomerID field. Matching fields may have different names.' It then asks 'Select the matching field in each table and then click the <=> button.' The 'Fields in 'tblVisit'' list contains: VisitID, PatientID, VisitDate, Reason, WalkIn. The 'Fields in 'tblBilling'' list contains: InvoiceNum, VisitID, InvoiceDate, InvoiceAmt, InvoiceItemID, InvoicePaid, Insurance. The 'Matching fields:' section shows 'VisitID <=> VisitID' with a green arrow pointing to it from the text box on the right.

This find unmatched query will find all records that do not have matching records in both the tblVisit and tblBilling tables.

The tblVisit and tblBilling tables are joined on the VisitID field.

This list contains the remaining fields in the tblVisit table that will not be considered for duplicate values.

The selected field (InvoiceAmt) is used in the calculations for each column and row intersection.

This option determines whether to display an overall totals column in the crosstab query.

The crosstab query will display one column for the paid invoices and a second column for the unpaid invoices.

The crosstab query will display one row for each unique City field value.

The 'Crosstab Query Wizard' dialog box is shown. It asks 'What number do you want calculated for each column and row intersection?' and provides an example: 'For example, you could calculate the sum of the field Order Amount for each employee (column) by country and region (row).' The 'Fields:' list contains: LastName, FirstName, InvoiceAmt. The 'Functions:' list contains: Avg, Count, First, Last, Max, Min, StDev, Sum, Var. The 'Sum' function is selected with a green arrow pointing to it from the text box on the right. The 'Do you want to summarize each row?' checkbox is checked. The 'Sample:' section shows a table with columns: City, InvoicePaid1, InvoicePaid2, InvoicePaid3. The rows are: City1, City2, City3, City4. The 'InvoicePaid1' column contains the value 'Sum(InvoiceAmt)'.

The 'Find Duplicates Query Wizard' dialog box is shown. It asks 'Which fields might contain duplicate information?' and provides an example: 'For example, if you are looking for cities with more than one customer, you would choose City and Region fields here.' The 'Available fields:' list contains: VisitID, PatientID, Reason, WalkIn. The 'Duplicate-value fields:' list contains: VisitDate. The 'VisitDate' field is selected with a green arrow pointing to it from the text box on the right.

This find duplicates query will find records that have the same VisitDate field value.

Creating a Crosstab Query

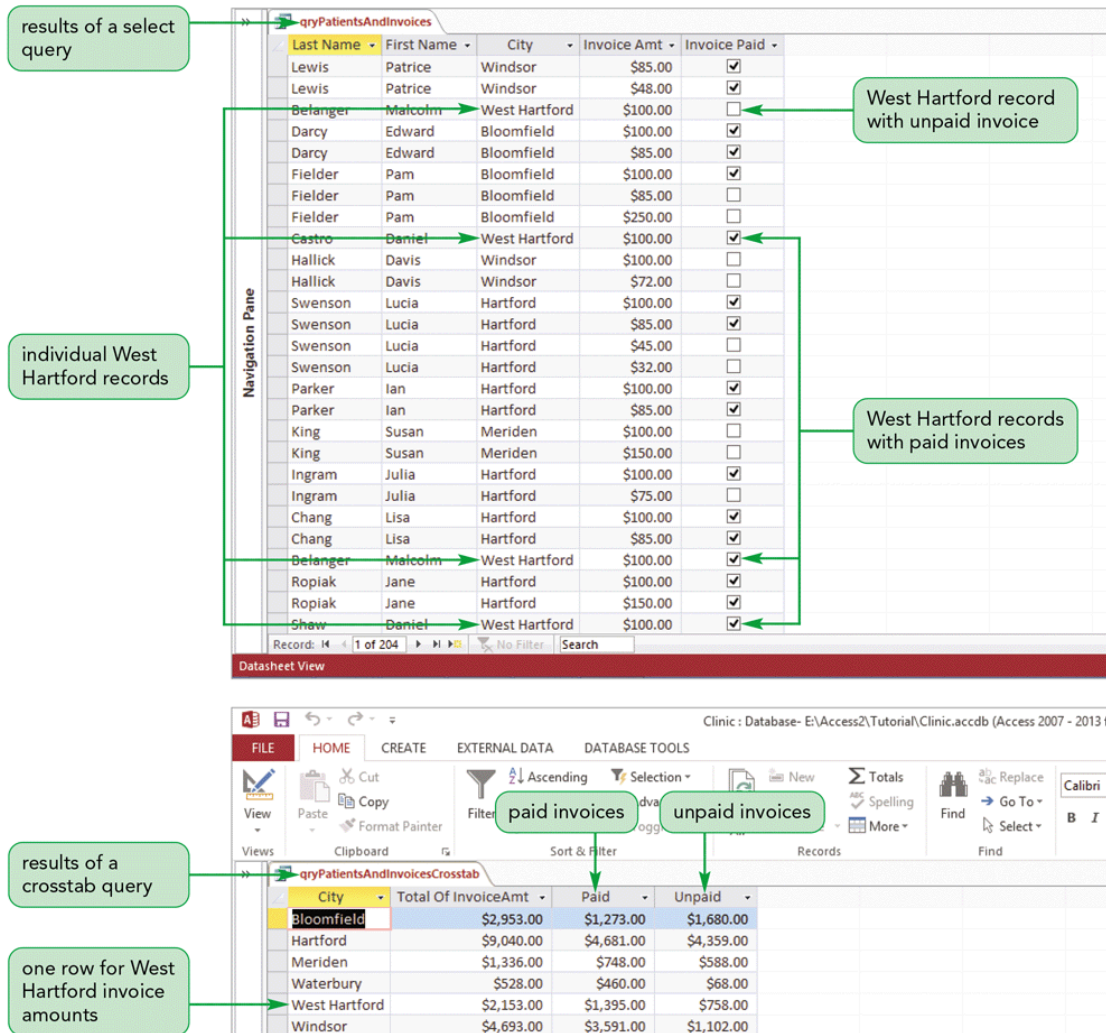
Figure 5-17 Aggregate functions used in crosstab queries

Aggregate Function	Definition
Avg	Average of the field values
Count	Number of the nonnull field values
First	First field value
Last	Last field value
Max	Highest field value
Min	Lowest field value
StDev	Standard deviation of the field values
Sum	Total of the field values
Var	Variance of the field values

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Creating a Crosstab Query (Cont.)

Figure 5-18 Comparing a select query to a crosstab query



Creating a Crosstab Query (Cont.)

- The quickest way to create a crosstab query is to use the **Crosstab Query Wizard**

Figure 5-19 Choosing the query for the crosstab query

Which table or query contains the fields you want for the crosstab query results?

Query: qry860AreaCode
Query: qryJanuaryOrWalkin
Query: qryLargeInvoiceAmounts
Query: qryNonSicomfield WindsorMeridenPatients
Query: qryPatientsAndInvoices
Query: qryPatientsByCityParameter
Query: qryPatientsByName
Query: qryVisitsAndInvoices

To include fields from more than one table, create a query containing all the fields you need and then use this query to make the crosstab query.

View
☐ Tables ☒ Queries ☐ Both

Sample:

	Header1	Header2	Header3
TOTAL			

Cancel < Back Next > Finish

Figure 5-20 Completed crosstab query design

What number do you want calculated for each column and row intersection?

For example, you could calculate the sum of the field Order Amount for each employee (column) by country and region (row).

Do you want to summarize each row?
☒ Yes, include row sums.

Fields:
LastName
FirstName
InvoiceAmt

Functions:
Avg
Count
First
Last
Max
Min
StdDev
Sum
Var

Sample:

City	InvoicePaid1	InvoicePaid2	InvoicePaid3
City1	Sum(InvoiceAmt)		
City2			
City3			
City4			

City field values in rows

selected field for crosstab calculation

Sum aggregate function selected

InvoicePaid field values in columns

option to display an overall totals column in the crosstab query

Cancel < Back Next > Finish

Creating a Crosstab Query (Cont.)

Figure 5-21 Crosstab query recordset

unpaid invoices by city

paid invoices by city

City	Total Of InvoiceAmt	-1	0
Bloomfield	\$2,953.00	\$1,273.00	\$1,680.00
Hartford	\$9,040.00	\$4,681.00	\$4,359.00
Meriden	\$1,336.00	\$748.00	\$588.00
Waterbury	\$528.00	\$460.00	\$68.00
West Hartford	\$2,153.00	\$1,395.00	\$758.00
Windsor	\$4,693.00	\$3,591.00	\$1,102.00

Figure 5-22 Crosstab query in the design grid

produces row headings

produces column headings

produces total values

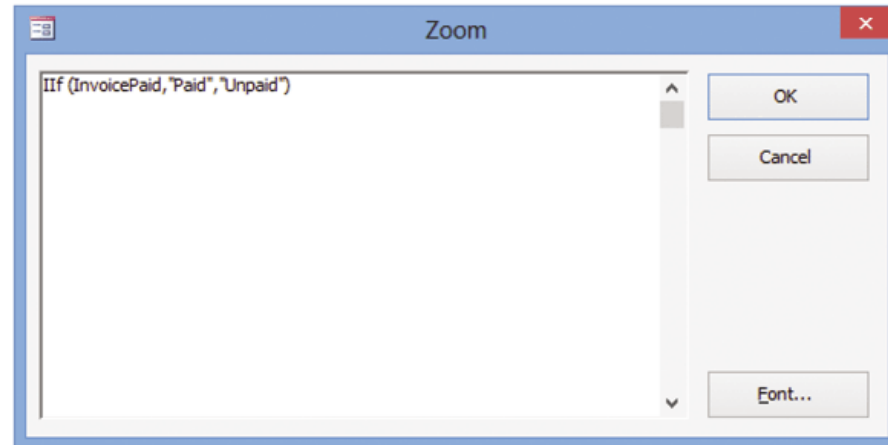
produces grand total column heading and values

Field:	[City]	[InvoicePaid]	[InvoiceAmt]	Total Of InvoiceAmt: [InvoiceAmt]
Table:	qryPatientsAndInvoices	qryPatientsAndInvoices	qryPatientsAndInvoices	qryPatientsAndInvoices
Total:	Group By	Group By	Sum	Sum
Crosstab:	Row Heading	Column Heading	Value	Row Heading
Sort:				
Criteria:				
or:				

Form View

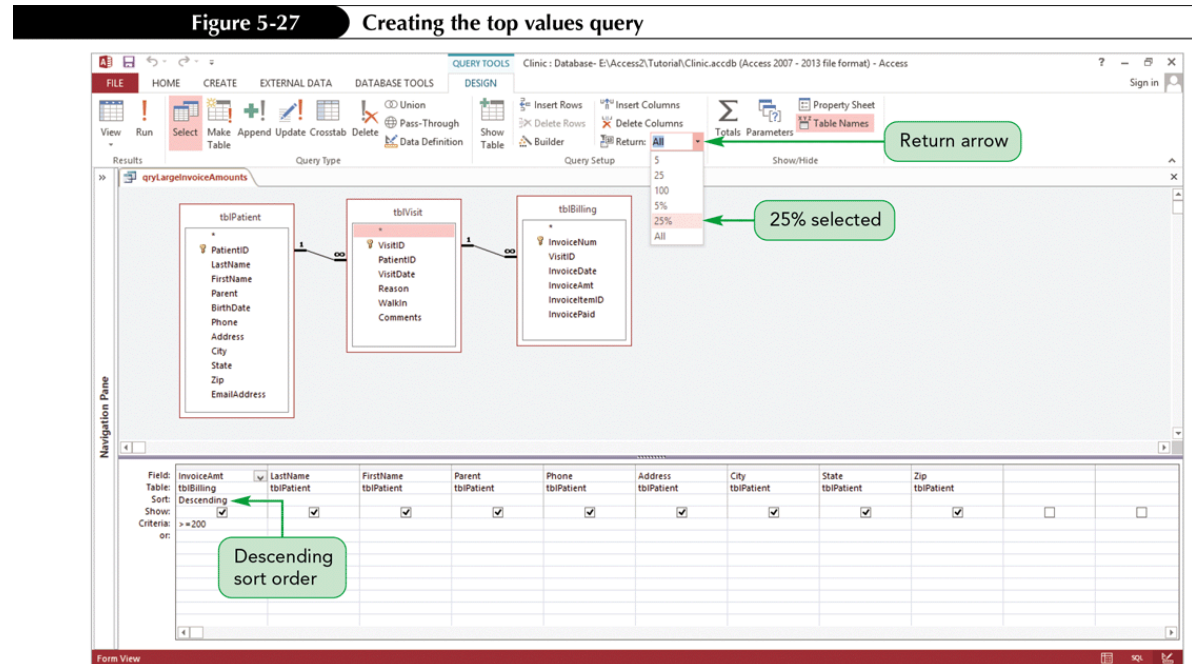
Creating a Crosstab Query (Cont.)

Figure 5-23 IIf function for the crosstab query column headings



Creating a Top Values Query

- Users might want to limit the number to a more manageable size by displaying, for example, just the first 10 records
 - The **Top Values property** for a query lets you limit the number of records in the query results



Creating a Top Values Query (Cont.)

Figure 5-28 Top values query recordset

Access 2013 ribbon interface showing the recordset for the query qryLargeInvoiceAmounts. The ribbon includes FILE, HOME, CREATE, EXTERNAL DATA, and DATABASE TOOLS. The HOME ribbon is active, showing options like View, Paste, Copy, Filter, Sort & Filter, Records, and Find. The recordset is displayed in a table view with columns: Invoice Amt, Last Name, First Name, Parent, Phone, Address, City, State, and Zip.

Invoice Amt	Last Name	First Name	Parent	Phone	Address	City	State	Zip
\$450.00	Caputo	Michael		8603749347	96 Vega Dr	Hartford	CT	06114
\$450.00	Taylor	Jerome		8602262037	598 Belleflower Ave	Hartford	CT	06112
\$300.00	Smith	Troy		8603050384	16 Ravine Rd	Bloomfield	CT	06002
\$300.00	Ingram	Julia		8606614937	834 Kiefer Rd	Hartford	CT	06105
*								

Lookup Fields and Input Masks

The tblInvoiceItem query supplies the field values for the lookup field in the tblBilling table. A **lookup field** lets the user select a value from a list of possible values to enter data into the field.

tblInvoiceItem	
Invoice Item ID	Invoice Item
DG111	Lab work
DG115	Lab work - culture
DG118	Lab work - glycated hemoglobin (A1C)
DG119	Lab work - urine glucose
DG225	Lab - culture
DG287	Lab - serum glucose
DG424	EKG with interpretation
DG532	Radiograph
OST145	Bone setting and cast
OST150	Cast of fracture

The tblBilling table contains the lookup field.

tblBilling						
Invoice Num	Visit ID	Invoice Date	Invoice Amt	Invoice Item	Invoice Paid	Insurance
35801	1527	11/10/2015	\$100.00	Office visit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00
35802	1528	11/10/2015	\$100.00	Lab - culture	DG225	\$0.00
35803	1528	11/10/2015	\$45.00	Lab - serum glucose	DG287	\$0.00
35804	1528	11/13/2015	\$238.00	EKG with interpretation	DG424	\$0.00
35805	1528	11/13/2015	\$48.00	Radiograph	DG532	\$0.00
35808	1530	11/12/2015	\$100.00	Bone setting and cast	OST145	\$0.00
35809	1530	11/12/2015	\$85.00	Cast of fracture	OST150	\$0.00
35810	1530	11/12/2015	\$65.00	Cast removal	OST158	\$0.00
35811	1530	11/13/2015	\$48.00	Pharmacy	PRM712	\$0.00
35813	1535	11/13/2015	\$100.00	Office visit	REP001	\$0.00
35814	1535	11/13/2015	\$45.00	IM injection	REP139	\$0.00
35815	1535	11/16/2015	\$300.00	Physical therapy	REP187	\$0.00
35816	1535	11/16/2015	\$250.00	Phlebotomy	REP298	\$0.00
35818	1536	11/18/2015	\$100.00	Influenza vaccine	REP725	\$0.00
35819	1536	11/18/2015	\$65.00	Respiratory therapy	REP752	\$100.00
35821	1538	11/18/2015	\$100.00	Surgery	SUR001	\$0.00
35822	1538	11/18/2015	\$125.00	Suture removal	SUR145	\$0.00
35825	1539	11/19/2015	\$100.00	Pharmacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0.00
				Office visit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$0.00

Values in the lookup field appear in alphabetical order, sorted by Invoice Item.

Only the InvoiceItemID values are stored in the InvoiceItemID field in the tblBilling table even though the user also sees the InvoiceItem values in the datasheet.

The tblPatient table contains the field that displays values with an input mask. An **input mask** is a predefined format that is used to enter and display data in a field.

tblPatient		
Field Name	Data Type	Primary key
PatientID	Short Text	Primary key
LastName	Short Text	
FirstName	Short Text	
Parent	Short Text	Parent or Guardian
BirthDate	Date/Time	
Phone	Short Text	
Address	Short Text	
City	Short Text	
State	Short Text	
Zip	Short Text	
EmailAddress	Short Text	

The Phone field uses an input mask to format displayed field values.

You can create an input mask for any field with the Short Text or Number data type.

The 9 character in an input mask indicates a digit or space in the field value whose entry is optional.

The \ indicates that the character that follows is a literal display character.

The character after the ; indicates what character to display as the user is entering data. In this case the _ will be displayed.

Field Properties	
General	Lookup
Field Size	14
Format	
Input Mask	999\,-000,-0000;_
Caption	
Default Value	
Validation Rule	
Validation Text	
Required	No
Allow Zero Length	Yes
Indexed	No
Unicode Compression	No
IME Mode	No Control
IME Sentence Mode	None
Text Align	General

The 0 character in an input mask indicates that only a digit can be entered and the entry is mandatory.

Creating a Lookup Field (Cont.)

Figure 5-32

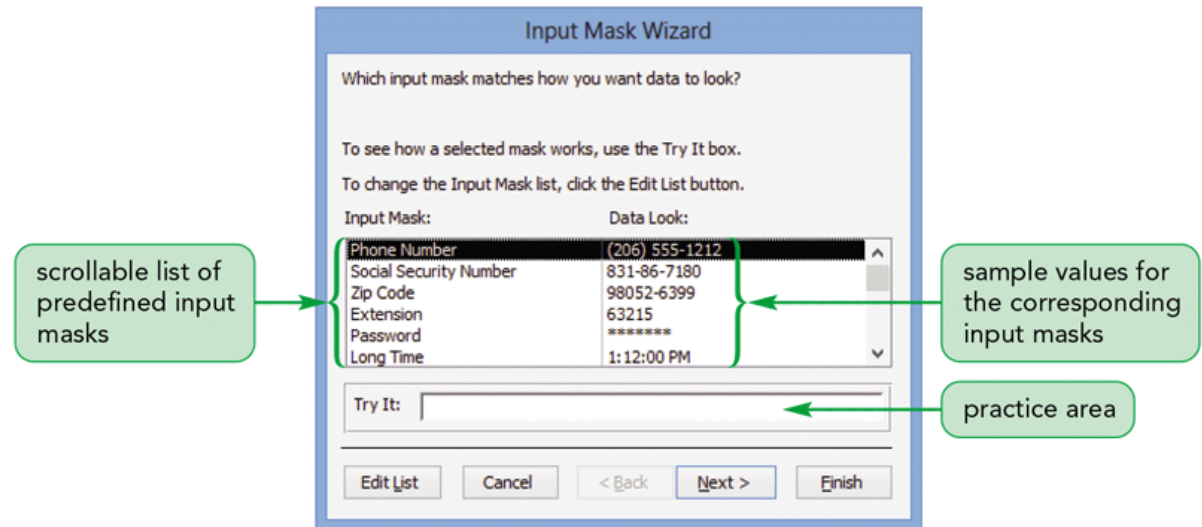
List of InvoiceItem and InvoiceItemID field values

scrollable list of values
for the lookup field

tblBilling						
Invoice Num	Visit ID	Invoice Date	Invoice Amt	Invoice Item	Invoice Paid	Click to Add
35839	1544	11/30/2015	\$85.00	Pharmacy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
35840	1544	11/30/2015	\$48.00	IM injection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
35844	1548	12/01/2015	\$100.00	Office visit	<input type="checkbox"/>	
35847	1549	12/01/2015	\$100.00	Office visit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
35848	1549	12/01/2015	\$85.00	Pharmacy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
35850	1550	12/02/2015	\$100.00	Office visit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
35851	1550	12/02/2015	\$85.00	Pharmacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	
35852	1550	12/04/2015	\$250.00	Radiograph	<input type="checkbox"/>	
35854	1552	12/04/2015	\$100.00	Office visit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
35857	1555	12/08/2015	\$100.00	Lab - culture	DG225	
35858	1555	12/08/2015	\$72.00	Lab - serum glucose	DG287	
35860	1557	12/11/2015	\$100.00	EKG with interpretation	DG424	
35861	1557	12/11/2015	\$85.00	Radiograph	DG532	
35862	1557	12/11/2015	\$45.00	Bone setting and cast	OST145	
35863	1557	12/14/2015	\$32.00	Cast of fracture	OST150	
35865	1560	12/16/2015	\$100.00	Cast removal	OST158	
35866	1560	12/16/2015	\$85.00	Pharmacy	PRM712	
35868	1562	12/23/2015	\$100.00	Office visit	REP001	
35869	1562	12/28/2015	\$150.00	IM injection	REP139	
35872	1563	01/05/2016	\$100.00	Physical therapy	REP187	
35873	1563	01/05/2016	\$75.00	Phlebotomy	REP298	
35875	1564	01/06/2016	\$100.00	Influenza vaccine	REP725	
35876	1564	01/06/2016	\$85.00	Respiratory therapy	REP752	
35879	1567	01/11/2016	\$100.00	Surgery	SUR001	
35880	1569	01/12/2016	\$100.00	Suture removal	SUR145	
35881	1569	01/15/2016	\$150.00	Office visit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
35884	1570	01/12/2016	\$100.00	Respiratory therapy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
				Office visit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

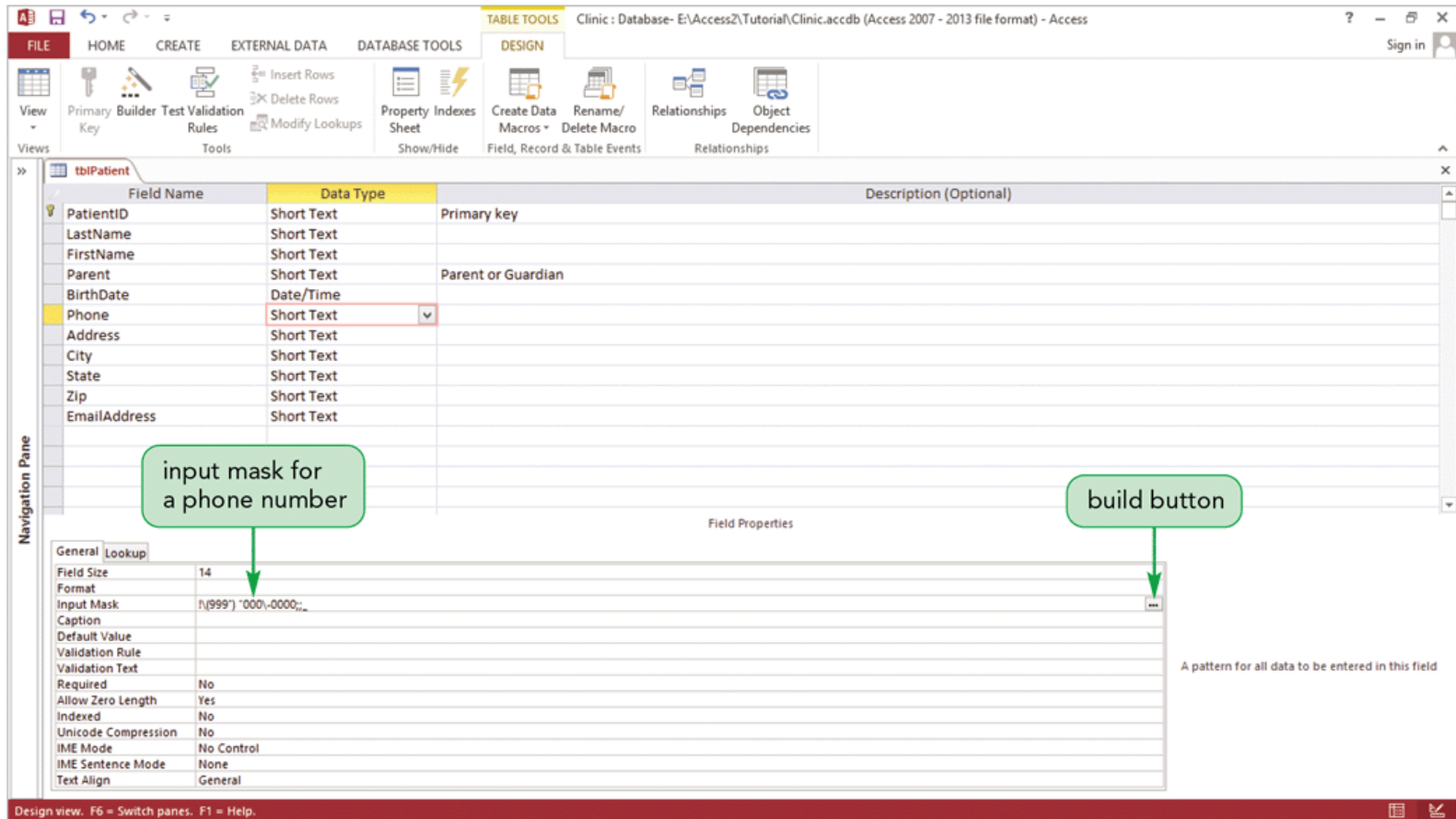
Using the Input Mask Wizard (Cont.)

Figure 5-33 Input Mask Wizard dialog box



Using the Input Mask Wizard (Cont.)

Figure 5-34 Phone number input mask created by the Input Mask Wizard



Using the Input Mask Wizard (Cont.)

Figure 5-36

Property Update Options button menu

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Access design view for a table named 'tblPatient'. The 'Phone' field is selected, and its 'Input Mask' property is highlighted. A context menu is open, showing options for updating the input mask. A green callout box points to the 'Input Mask' property with the text 'Property Update Options button'.

Field Name	Data Type	Primary key
PatientID	Short Text	Primary key
LastName	Short Text	
FirstName	Short Text	
Parent	Short Text	Parent or Guardian
BirthDate	Date/Time	
Phone	Short Text	
Address	Short Text	
City	Short Text	
State	Short Text	
Zip	Short Text	
EmailAddress	Short Text	

Field Properties

General Lookup

Field Size: 14

Format:

Input Mask: 9999-0000-0000;*

Update Input Mask everywhere Phone is used

Help on propagating field properties

Required: No

Allow Zero Length: Yes

Indexed: No

Unicode Compression: No

IME Mode: No Control

IME Sentence Mode: None

Text Align: General

Design view. F6 = Switch panes. F1 = Help.

Identifying Object Dependencies

- An **object dependency** exists between two objects when a change to the properties of data in one object affects the properties of data in the other object
 - Dependencies between Access objects, such as tables, queries, and forms, can occur as relationships or using a query to obtain values from more than one table.
 - Any form or report that uses fields from a query is directly dependent on the query and is indirectly dependent on the tables that provide the data to the query
- The **Object Dependencies pane** displays a collapsible list of the dependencies among the objects in an Access database

Identifying Object Dependencies (Cont.)

Figure 5-39 After opening the Object Dependencies pane

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Access interface with the **tblPatient** table selected in the Navigation Pane. The **Object Dependencies** pane is open on the right, showing the following structure:

- Table: **tblPatient** (Refresh)
- ☒ Objects that depend on me
- ☐ Objects that I depend on
- Tables**
 - tblVisit
- Queries**
 - qry860AreaCode
 - qryJanuaryOrWalkin
 - qryLargeInvoiceAmounts
 - qryNonBloomfieldWindsorMeridenPatients
 - qryPatientsAndInvoices
 - qryPatientsByCityParameter
 - qryPatientsByName
- Forms**
 - frmPatient
- Reports**
 - None
- Ignored Objects**
 - Unsupported Objects
 - Query: qryDuplicateVisitDates
- Help**
 - WARNING: Some objects were ignored
 - Things that cause dependencies

Annotations in the image include:

- A green callout bubble pointing to the top edge of the **Object Dependencies** pane with the text: "drag this edge to the left".
- A green callout bubble pointing to the **Object Dependencies** pane with the text: "Object Dependencies box".
- A green callout bubble pointing to the bottom of the **Object Dependencies** pane with the text: "warning messages and help".

Defining Data Validation Rules (Cont.)

■ Defining Table Validation Rules

- To make sure that the value a user enters is not larger than the maximum field value, you can create a **table validation rule**
- Use the Validation Rule and Validation Text properties and set these properties for the table instead of for an individual field
- Use a table validation rule because this validation involves multiple fields
- A field validation rule is used when the validation involves a restriction for only the selected field, and does not depend on other fields

Defining Data Validation Rules

Figure 5-40

Validation properties for the InvoiceAmt field

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Access Design view for the **tblBilling** table. The **Navigation Pane** on the left lists the fields: InvoiceNum, VisitID, InvoiceDate, InvoiceAmt, InvoiceItemID, InvoicePaid, and Insurance. The **InvoiceAmt** field is selected, indicated by a green arrow and the label "current field".

The **Field Properties** pane on the right shows the **General** tab. The **Validation Rule** is set to **> 10**, and the **Validation Text** is **Invoice amounts must be greater than 10**. A green arrow points to the Validation Rule property with the label "validation properties".

Field Name	Data Type	Primary key
InvoiceNum	Short Text	Primary key
VisitID	Short Text	Foreign key
InvoiceDate	Date/Time	
InvoiceAmt	Currency	
InvoiceItemID	Short Text	
InvoicePaid	Yes/No	
Insurance	Currency	

Field Properties	
General	
Format	Currency
Decimal Places	2
Input Mask	
Caption	Invoice Amt
Default Value	
Validation Rule	> 10
Validation Text	Invoice amounts must be greater than 10
Required	No
Indexed	No
Text Align	General

Design view. F6 = Switch panes. F1 = Help.

Defining Data Validation Rules (Cont.)

Figure 5-41 Setting table validation properties

drag the edge to the left to widen the Property Sheet

properties for the table

validation properties

Field Name	Data Type	Description (Optional)
InvoiceNum	Short Text	Primary key
VisitID	Short Text	Foreign key
InvoiceDate	Date/Time	
InvoiceAmt	Currency	
InvoiceItemID	Short Text	
InvoicePaid	Yes/No	
Insurance	Currency	

Property Sheet
Selection type: Table Properties

General

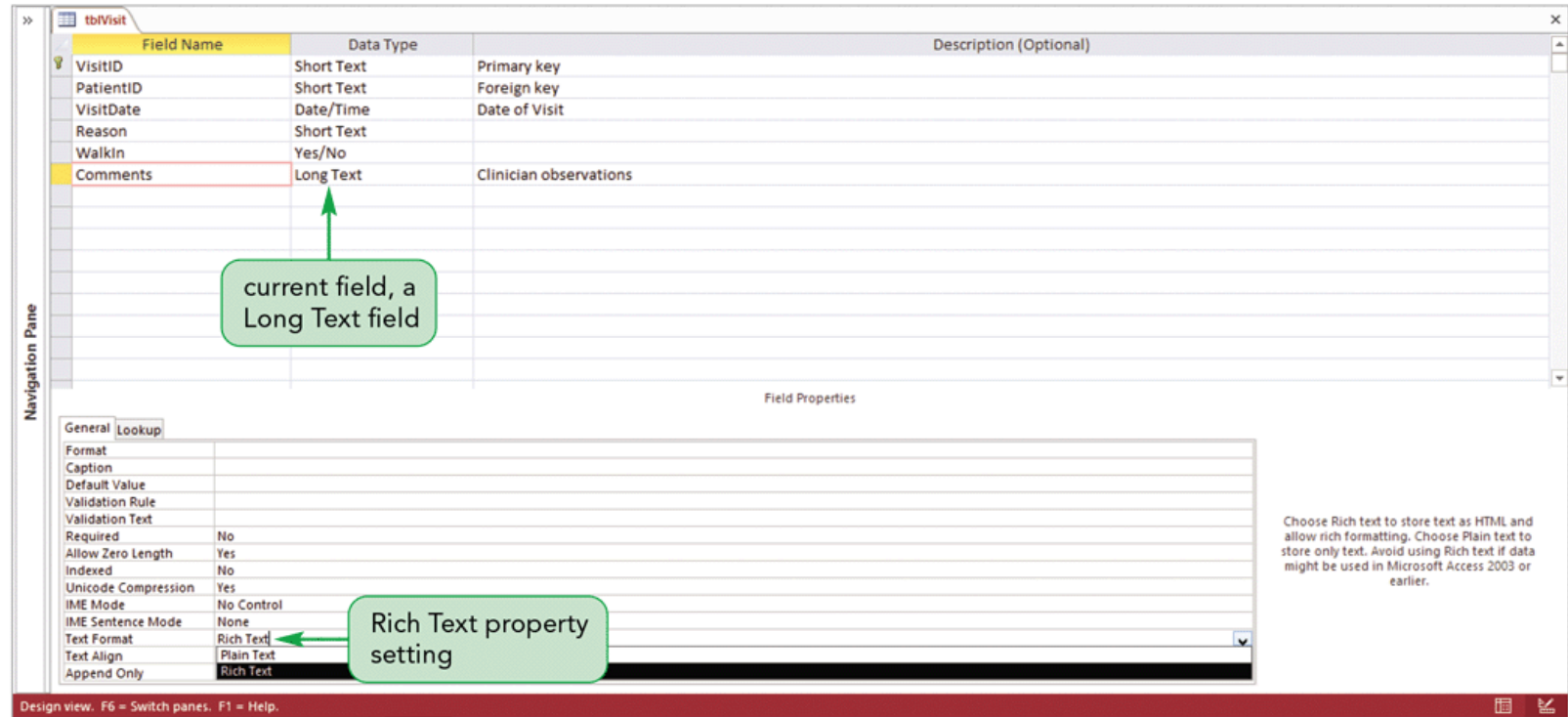
Subdatasheet Expanded	No
Subdatasheet Height	0"
Orientation	Left-to-Right
Description	
Default View	Datasheet
Validation Rule	[Insurance] <= [InvoiceAmt]
Validation Text	Insurance coverage cannot be larger than the invoice amount
Filter	
Order By	
Subdatasheet Name	[Auto]
Link Child Fields	
Link Master Fields	
Filter On Load	No
Order By On Load	Yes
Order By On	0

Working with Long Text Fields

- Use a Long Text field to store long comments and explanations
- Short Text fields are limited to 255 characters, but Long Text fields can hold up to 65,535 characters
 - Short Text fields limit you to plain text with no special formatting
 - Long Text fields store plain text similar to Short Text fields or to store rich text, which you can selectively format with options such as bold, italic, and different fonts and colors

Working with Long Text Fields (Cont.)

Figure 5-43 Viewing the properties for a Long Text field



Summary

- Create different types of queries based on multiple tables
- Use operators in queries
- Create and format a calculated field in a query
- Perform calculations in a query

Homework

- Go through Access Modules 3 and 5
- Read Resources in Moodle