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These are crib notes. Every time I look something up more than once I try to add it to this document. Something simple.

1. MSAccess

1.1. Substring (MID)

The Microsoft Access Mid function extracts a substring from a string (starting at any position).

```
Mid ( text, start_position, [number_of_characters] )
```

<https://www.techonthenet.com/access/functions/string/mid.php>

1.2. Format values

The Format function does exactly the same thing as formatting a number or a date within a cell in a spreadsheet, except it does so from within the code itself. If you wish to display a number in a message box or on a user form, this function is very useful for making it readable, particularly if it is a large number

Examples

```
Format(1234567.89, "#,###.##")  
  
format(([On_Hand]-[Qty_Needed]), "#,##0[Black];(#,##0)[Red];0;0")  
  
sReturn = Format(sValueIS, "$###,###,###,##0[Black];($###,###,###,##0)[Red];;")
```

Table 1. Predefined Formats

Format Name	Description
General Number	Display the number as is.
Currency	Display the number with currency symbol. Use thousand separator. Enclose in brackets if negative. Display to two decimal places.
Fixed	Display at least one digit to the left and two digits to the right of the decimal point.
Standard	Display number with thousand separator. Display to two decimal places.
Percent	Display number multiplied by 100 with a percent sign (%) appended after. Display to two decimal places.
Scientific	Use standard scientific notation.
Yes/No	Display No if number is 0; otherwise, display Yes.
True/False	Display False if number is 0; otherwise, display True.
On/Off	Display Off if number is 0; otherwise, display On.

A number of characters can be used to define a user-defined format, as shown below. The format string can have up to four sections separated by semicolons (;). This is so different formats can be applied to different values, such as to positive and negative numbers. For example, you may wish to show brackets/parentheses around a negative value

Table 2. SectionDetail

Number of Sections	Formatting
One section only	Applies to all values
Two sections	First section for positive values, second section for negative values
Three sections	First section for positive values, second section for negative values, third section for zeros
Four sections	First section for positive values, second section for negative values, third section for zeros, fourth section for null values

Table 3. User-Defined Formats

Character	Description
Null String	No formatting.
0	Digit placeholder. Displays a digit or a zero. If there is a digit for that position, then it displays the digit; otherwise, it displays 0. If there are fewer digits than zeros, you will get leading or trailing zeros. If there are more digits after the decimal point than there are zeros, then the number is rounded to the number of decimal places shown by the zeros. If there are more digits before the decimal point than zeros, these will be displayed normally.
#	Digit placeholder. This displays a digit or nothing. It works the same as the preceding zero placeholder, except that leading and trailing zeros are not displayed. For example, 0.75 would be displayed using zero placeholders, but this would be .75 using # placeholders.
.Decimal point.	Only one permitted per format string. This character depends on the settings in the Windows Control Panel.
%	Percentage placeholder. Multiplies number by 100 and places % character where it appears in the format string.
,	Thousand separator. This is used if 0 or # placeholders are used and the format string contains a comma. One comma to the left of the decimal point means to round to the nearest thousand (e.g., 0,). Two adjacent commas to the left of the thousand separator indicate rounding to the nearest million (e.g., 0,,).
E- E+	Scientific format. This displays the number exponentially.
:	Time separator-used when formatting a time to split hours, minutes, and seconds.
/	Date separator-this is used when specifying a format for a date.
- + \$ ()	Displays a literal character. To display a character other than listed here, precede it with a backslash (\).

Table 4. Predefined Date and Time Formats

Format Name	Description
General Date	Display a date and/or time. For real numbers, display date and time. Integer numbers display time only. If there is no integer part, then display only time.
Long Date	Displays a long date as defined in the international settings of the Windows Control Panel.
Medium Date	Displays a date as defined in the short date settings of the Windows Control Panel, except it spells out the month abbreviation.
Short Date	Displays a short date as defined in the International settings of the Windows Control Panel.
Long Time	Displays a long time as defined in the International settings of the Windows Control Panel.
Medium Time	Displays time in a 12-hour format using hours, minutes, and seconds and the AM/PM format.
Short Time	Displays a time using 24-hour format (e.g., 18:10).

<https://sourcedaddy.com/ms-access/format-function.html>

1.3. Hide second column in Combo box

In Visual Basic, the ColumnWidth property setting is an Integer value that represents the column width in twips. You can specify a width or use one of the following predefined settings.



When you use a 0 as a ColumnWidth, that column is not available in vba.

Table 5. Special ColumnWidth Values

Setting	Description
0	Hides the column.
1	(Default) Sizes the column to the default width.

The Alternative method which allows the column to be used is setting the first column's width to something like 5"

1.4. Refresh form with new QueryDef SQL

You can't requery, you have to refresh the subform's source object:

```
MySubformControl.SourceObject = ""
MySubformControl.SourceObject = "Query.MyQuery"
```

1.5. Convert expression to data type (C)

The function name determines the return type as shown in the following:

Function	Return Type	Range for expression argument
CBool	Boolean	Any valid string or numeric expression.
CByte	Byte	0 to 255.
CCur	Currency	-922,337,203,685,477.5808 to 922,337,203,685,477.5807.
CDate	Date	Any valid date expression.
CDbl	Double	-1.79769313486231E308 to -4.94065645841247E-324 for negative values; 4.94065645841247E-324 to 1.79769313486232E308 for positive values.
CDec	Decimal	+/-79,228,162,514,264,337,593,543,950,335 for zero-scaled numbers, that is, numbers with no decimal places. For numbers with 28 decimal places, the range is +/- 7.9228162514264337593543950335. The smallest possible non-zero number is 0.00000000000000000000000000000001.
CInt	Integer	-32,768 to 32,767; fractions are rounded.
CLng	Long	-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647; fractions are rounded.
CSng	Single	-3.402823E38 to -1.401298E-45 for negative values; 1.401298E-45 to 3.402823E38 for positive values.
CStr	String	Returns for CStr depend on the expression argument.
CVar	Variant	Same range as Double for numerics. Same range as String for non-numerics.

1.6. Creating User Properties (Tables / Queries)

You can create user-defined properties for persistent DAO objects, such as tables and queries. You can't create properties for nonpersistent objects, such as recordsets. To create a user-defined property, you must first create the property, using the Database's CreateProperty method. You then append the property using the Properties collection's Append method. That's all there is to it.

Using the example of a field's Description property, the following code demonstrates just how easy it is:

```

Public Sub SetFieldDescription(strTableName As String, _
    strFieldName As String, _
    varValue As Variant, _
)
    Dim dbs As DAO.Database
    Dim prop As DAO.Property
    Set dbs = CurrentDb

    'Create the property
    Set prop = dbs.CreateProperty("Description", dbText, varValue)

    'Append the property to the object Properties collection
    dbs(strTableName)(strFieldName).Properties.Append prop
    Debug.Print dbs(strTableName)(strFieldName).Properties("Description")

    'Clean up
    Set prop = Nothing
    Set dbs = Nothing
End Sub

```

<https://sourcedaddy.com/ms-access/setting-and-retrieving-built-in-object-properties.html>

1.7. Turn off datasheet Sort/Filter

On design view go to the properties page. Under the "Other" or "All" tab find Shortcut Menu. Change that property from Yes to No and save. Be warned though that this will disable all shortcuts for the form and not just the drop down filter/sort menus on column headings in datasheet view.

1.8. Requery a form from another form

```

e.dirty = false
Forms!frmLegacy.Requery

```

Source: <http://www.utteraccess.com/forum/Requery-Form-Form-t2001669.html>

1.9. Relinking table VBA


```

Function ReLinkTable(strTable As String, strPath As String) As Boolean
' Comments: Re-links the named table to the named path
' Params : strTable      Table name of the linked table
' strPath : full path name of the database containing the real table
' Returns : True if successful, False otherwise

Dim fOK As Boolean
Dim dbs As DAO.Database
Dim tdf As DAO.TableDef
Dim strPrefix As String
Dim strNewConnect As String

fOK = False

On Error GoTo PROC_ERR

Set dbs = CurrentDb()
Set tdf = dbs.TableDefs(strTable)

strPrefix = Left$(tdf.Connect, InStr(tdf.Connect, "="))
strNewConnect = strPrefix & strPath

tdf.Connect = strNewConnect
tdf.RefreshLink

fOK = True

PROC_EXIT:
dbs.Close
ReLinkTable = fOK
Exit Function

PROC_ERR:
Resume PROC_EXIT
End Function

```

<http://www.fmsinc.com/microsoftaccess/databasesplitter/>

1.10. Sort Hidden properties of datasheet

The properties in Access related to datasheet.

Table 6. Hidden Properties

Property	Meaning and Usage
ColumnHidden	Exists on columns in the datasheet, controls whether the column is visible or not.
ColumnWidth	Exists on columns in the datasheet, controls the width of the column.

Property	Meaning and Usage
DatasheetBackColor	Exists on the datasheet itself, specifies the background color for the whole datasheet.
DatasheetCellsEffect	Exists on the datasheet itself, handles whether special effects are used for the cells (flat, raised, or sunken are the only effects supported).
DatasheetFontHeight	Exists on the datasheet itself, this unfortunately named property specifies the font size.
DatasheetFontItalic	Exists on the datasheet itself, controls whether all of the text is italic.
DatasheetFontName	Exists on the datasheet itself, controls the name of the font.
DatasheetFontUnderline	Exists on the datasheet itself, controls whether all of the text is underlined.
DatasheetFontWeight	Exists on the datasheet itself, controls whether the text is bolded.
DatasheetForeColor	Exists on the datasheet itself, specifies the foreground color for the whole datasheet.
DatasheetGridlinesBehavior	Exists on the datasheet itself, controls which gridlines will be displayed (if any).
DatasheetGridlinesColor	Exists on the datasheet itself, specifies the color of the gridlines.
FrozenColumns	Exists on the datasheet itself, specifies how many columns have been frozen by the user (discussed later in the article).
ShowGrid	Exists on the datasheet itself, but has been superseded by the DatasheetGridlinesBehavior property.
SubdatasheetExpanded	Exists on the datasheet itself, specifies whether all subdatasheets should be expanded. (Access 2000 only)
SubdatasheetHeight	Exists on the datasheet itself, specifies the number of records to display for subdatasheets (a scrollbar appears if there are more records than this property allows). (Access 2000 only)
SubdatasheetName	Exists on the datasheet itself, specifies the name of the table's subdatasheet. (Access 2000 only)
TabularCharSet	Exists on the datasheet itself, and is hidden. It specifies the font character set and can often cause bad things to happen if it's set to an incorrect value. It's best not to set it, or to set it to 1 (which uses the DEFAULT_CHARSET for the machine).

With the exception of the Subdatasheet properties, you have no direct design-time access to these properties: None of these properties show up in the datasheet property sheet. As a result, they can only be set at runtime from VBA code in order to make changes. Interestingly, none of the properties are exposed by ADO or ADOX, so if you want to change them, you'll have to use DAO.

While you can't access these properties through property sheets, many of them can be set in the user interface. They are, for example, what's changed when you set the font of a datasheet from the Format menu. For full control over the datasheet, though, you'll want to explicitly set the properties

in code and save the object when you're done.

It's worth noting that a datasheet is a form it says so right in the object browser. The object browser considers the datasheet columns to be the controls on the form. As a result, a datasheet can consist of any control that can be displayed, which means all TextBox, ComboBox, and CheckBox controls.

Source: [https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/previous-versions/office/developer/office-2003/aa217449\(v=office.11\)?redirectedfrom=MSDN](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/previous-versions/office/developer/office-2003/aa217449(v=office.11)?redirectedfrom=MSDN)

1.11. Change Hide / Show of a field on datasheet

The code to show and hide the columns is in a routine called ShowHideColumn.

```
Private Function ShowHideColumn()  
    Dim sfrm As SubForm  
    Dim ctl As Control  
    Dim stCtl As String  
  
    Set sfrm = Me.sfrmHideShowColumns  
    For Each ctl In Me.Controls  
        If TypeOf ctl Is Access.CheckBox Then  
            stCtl = "tb" & Mid$(ctl.Name, 3)  
            sfrm.Form(stCtl).ColumnHidden = _  
                Not ctl.Value  
        End If  
    Next ctl  
End Function
```

1.12. Select Case (If-Then-Else)

The Microsoft Access Case statement can only be used in VBA code. It has the functionality of an IF-THEN-ELSE statement.

```
Select Case test_expression
```

```
    Case condition_1
```

```
        result_1
```

```
    Case condition_2
```

```
        result_2
```

```
    ...
```

```
    Case condition_n
```

```
        result_n
```

```
[ Case Else
```

```
    result_else ]
```

```
End Select
```

Source: <https://www.techonthenet.com/access/functions/advanced/case.php>

1.13. Access columns of Combo control

Use 0 to refer to the first column, 1 to refer to the second column, and so on. Use 0 to refer to the first row, 1 to refer to the second row, and so on. For example, in a list box containing a column of customer IDs and a column of customer names, you could refer to the customer name in the second column (1) and fifth (4) row as:

If the user has made no selection when you refer to a column in a combo box or list box, the Column property setting will be Null. You can use the IsNull function to determine if a selection has been made

```
Forms!Contacts!Customers.Column(1, 4)
```

```
'*--- Empty combo selection
```

```
If IsNull(Forms!Customers!Country)
```

```
    Then MsgBox "No selection."
```

```
End If
```

1.14. Set Filter on Subform from Main Form

```
'*--- lstBoxSheets is the subForm
```

```
Me.LstBoxSheets.Form.Filter = "prjCategory='General'"
```

```
Me.LstBoxSheets.Form.FilterOn = True
```

1.15. Reset query Column Order setting

So, when you open a query in Datasheet view, and the column order has not been messed with and saved, the column order displayed is determined by the OrdinalPosition and the value of that

property corresponds to the order in which your columns appear in the query design grid (OrdinalPosition is 0 based, so 0 is the first column).

Then ... when you move the column while viewing the query in Datasheet view, and subsequently save that change in the column order, Access creates the ColumnOrder property for each of the columns in the query. This property is not visible in the query design grid, but is definately there.

```
Public Sub ResetColumnOrder(strQueryName)
    Dim fld As DAO.Field
    Dim qdf As DAO.QueryDef

    Set qdf = CurrentDb.QueryDefs(strQueryName)

    For Each fld In qdf.Fields
        On Error Resume Next
        fld.Properties.Delete "ColumnOrder"
    Next fld

End Sub
```

1.16. Open Dynaset, change SQL

1.17. Open recordset, add row

```
Dim dbCurrent As Database
Dim rsNotes As Recordset
Dim sSQL As String

sSQL = "Select * from PrePos where PostType = 'Help';"
Set dbCurrent = CurrentDb
Set rsNotes = dbCurrent.OpenRecordset(sSQL, dbOpenDynaset, dbSeeChanges)
With rsNotes
    If .EOF Then
        .AddNew
        ![PostIMMTable] = gsNewTableName
        ![PostIMMField] = gsNewFieldName
        ![PostPtype] = gsPtype
        ![Notes] = Me.txtNotes
        ![UpdatedDate] = Now()
        ![UpdatedBy] = gsUserName
        .Update
        .Close
    End If
End With
Set rsNotes = Nothing
Set dbCurrent = Nothing
```

1.18. Select Cased Statement (VBA)

```
Select Case test_expression

    Case condition_1
        result_1
    Case condition_2
        result_2
    ...
    Case condition_n
        result_n

[ Case Else
    result_else ]

End Select
```

2. MySQL

2.1. Like with Join

```
SELECT table1.*, table2.z
FROM table1
INNER JOIN table2
    ON table2.name LIKE CONCAT('%', table1.name, '%')
AND table1.year = table2.year
```

2.2. Update with Where

```
UPDATE table_name
SET column1 = value1, column2 = value2, ...
WHERE condition;
```

2.3. Count Distinct

You can use the DISTINCT clause within the COUNT function. For example, the SQL statement below returns the number of unique departments where at least one employee makes over \$55,000 / year.

```
SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT department) AS "Unique departments"
FROM employees
WHERE salary > 55000;
```

2.4. Count nulls

```
select sum(case when FirstName IS NULL then 1 else 0 end) as NUMBER_OF_NULL_VALUE from DemoTable;
```

Source: <https://www.tutorialspoint.com/how-to-count-null-values-in-mysql>

3. SQL Server

3.1. Concat

```
CONCAT(string1, string2, ....., string_n)
```

3.2. Cast Number into string

```
CAST(expression AS datatype(length))
```

Table 7. Parameter Values

Value	Description
expression	Required. The value to convert
datatype	Required. The datatype to convert expression to. Can be one of the following: bigint, int, smallint, tinyint, bit, decimal, numeric, money, smallmoney, float, real, datetime, smalldatetime, char, varchar, text, nchar, nvarchar, ntext, binary, varbinary, or image
(Length)	Optional. The length of the resulting data type (for char, varchar, nchar, nvarchar, binary and varbinary) Technical Details

3.3. Find string within a string

```
SELECT CHARINDEX('t', 'Customer') AS MatchPosition;
```

3.4. Create Table Select

The SELECT INTO statement copies data from one table into a new table.

```
SELECT *  
INTO newtable [IN externaldb]  
FROM oldtable  
WHERE condition;
```

Practical Example

```
select distinct FieldName  
    into New_DealPathway_B2  
from dbo.Pre_Migration_Guide
```

3.5. IF then else

```
IF Boolean_expression  
    { sql_statement | statement_block }  
[ ELSE  
    { sql_statement | statement_block } ]
```

3.6. Immediat If (IIF)

```
IIF(condition, value_if_true, value_if_false)
```

3.7. Variables


```

-- Declare a variable with a data type
DECLARE @model_year SMALLINT;

-- Set a variable to a value
SET @model_year = 2018;

-- Use variable in query
SELECT
    product_name,
    model_year,
    list_price
FROM
    production.products
WHERE
    model_year = @model_year
ORDER BY
    product_name;

-- Set Variable in query
SELECT
    @product_name = product_name,
    @list_price = list_price
FROM
    production.products
WHERE
    product_id = 100;

```

3.8. Substring (Substr)

```

SELECT
    email,
    SUBSTRING(
        email,
        CHARINDEX('@', email)+1,
        LEN(email)-CHARINDEX('@', email)
    ) domain
FROM
    sales.customers
ORDER BY
    email;

```

3.9. Update with a Join

```

UPDATE
    t1
SET
    t1.c1 = t2.c2,
    t1.c2 = expression,
    ...
FROM
    t1
    [INNER | LEFT] JOIN t2 ON join_predicate
WHERE
    where_predicate;

```

3.10. Charindex (InStr)

```

SELECT
    email,
    SUBSTRING(
        email,
        CHARINDEX('@', email)+1,
        LEN(email)-CHARINDEX('@', email)
    ) domain
FROM
    sales.customers
ORDER BY
    email;

```

3.11. Len (Length) of string

```

SELECT
    email,
    SUBSTRING(
        email,
        CHARINDEX('@', email)+1,
        LEN(email)-CHARINDEX('@', email)
    ) domain
FROM
    sales.customers
ORDER BY
    email;

```

3.12. Copy Table

The SELECT INTO statement copies data from one table into a new table.

```
SELECT *
INTO newtable [IN externaldb]
FROM oldtable
WHERE condition;
```

Source: https://www.w3schools.com/sql/sql_select_into.asp

https://www.w3schools.com/sql/sql_select_into.asp

3.13. Parameters in SP

Create a query to repeatedly get the data for different sales people, you could instead parameterize the query and turn it into a stored procedure like:

```
create procedure getSalesperson
@sp varchar(25)
as
select SalesPerson, Mon, amount
from SalesData
where SalesPerson = @sp;
Go

-- Run the SP
declare @sp varchar(25)
set @sp = 'Jack'
exec getSalesperson @sp
```

<https://www.mssqltips.com/sqlservertip/2981/using-parameters-for-sql-server-queries-and-stored-procedures/>

4. SQLite

5. Powershell

5.1. Extract x Top rows of text file

```
get-content input.txt|select-object -first 10 >output.txt
```

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/28908638/extract-only-the-first-10-lines-of-a-csv-file-in-powershell>

6. Document History

Table 8. Document History

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