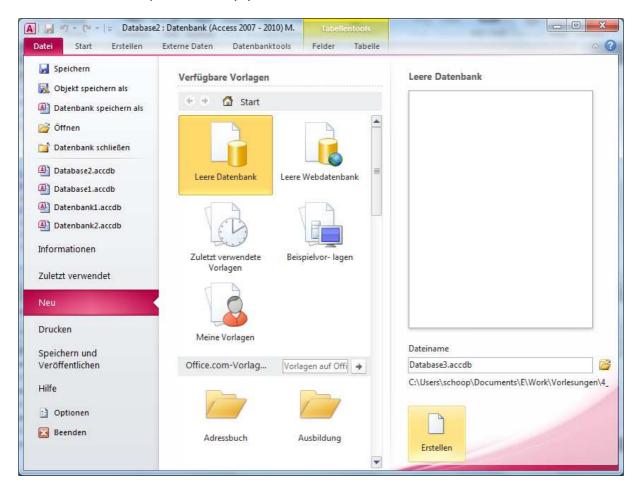
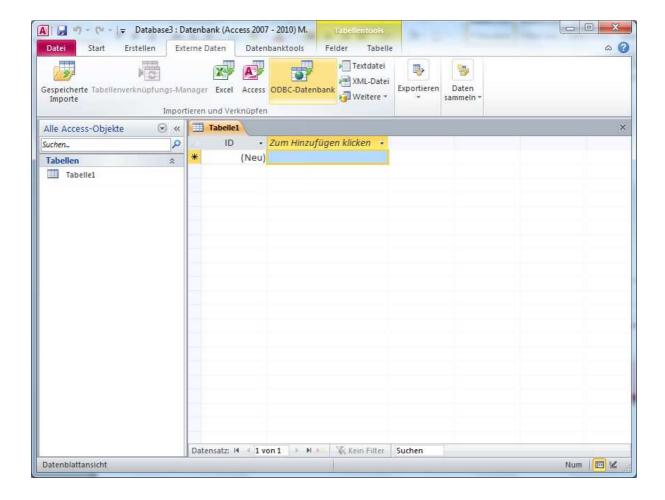
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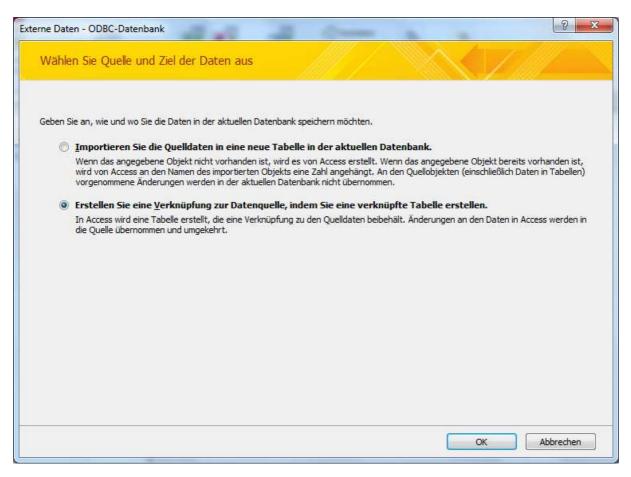
Start MS Access and open a new empty database.



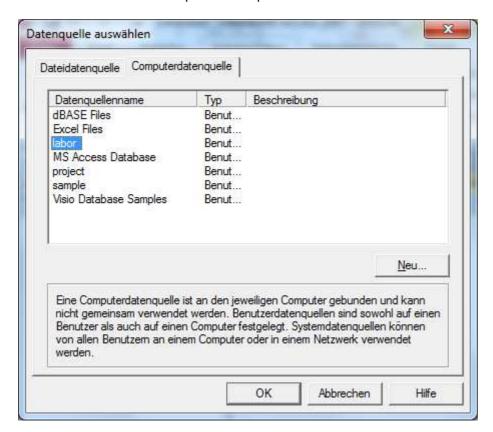
The database might contain just one empty table. We do not want to store any tables in Access only serves as the GUI to our database application in the IBM DB2 database. Therefore, "Externe Daten" \rightarrow "ODBC-Datenbank."



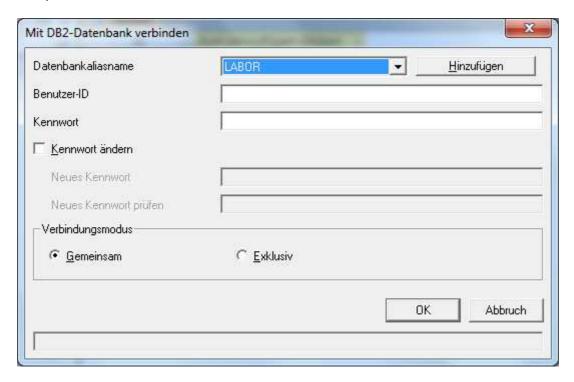
Choose "Erstellen Sie eine Verknüpfung ...".



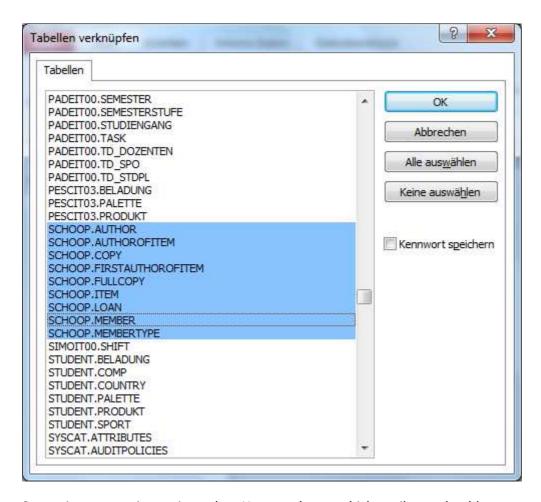
Choose "labor" as the "Computerdatenquelle".



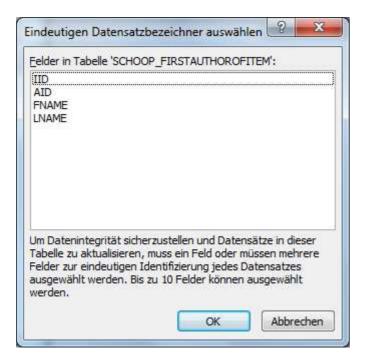
Accept the connection to the database.



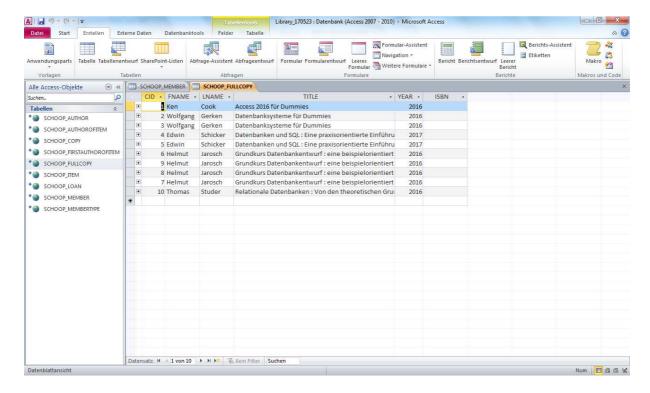
You are being offered all tables in the database. Choose the tables/views you need.



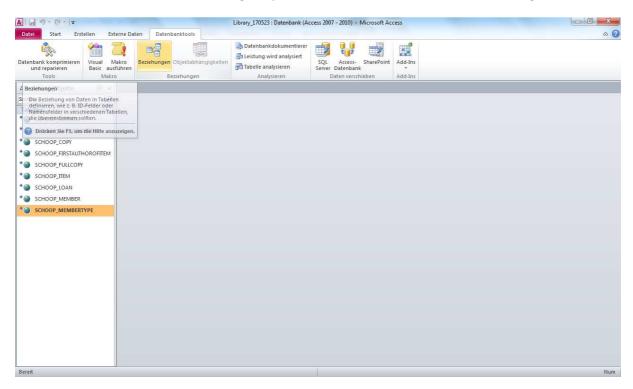
Some views may miss a primary key. You can choose which attributes should serve as primary key.



The tables and views are imported into Access (left panel). A double click will open the data view. You can now enter test data into your tables if necessary.



It is now time to reconstruct the foreign keys. Click on "Datenbanktools" \rightarrow "Beziehungen".

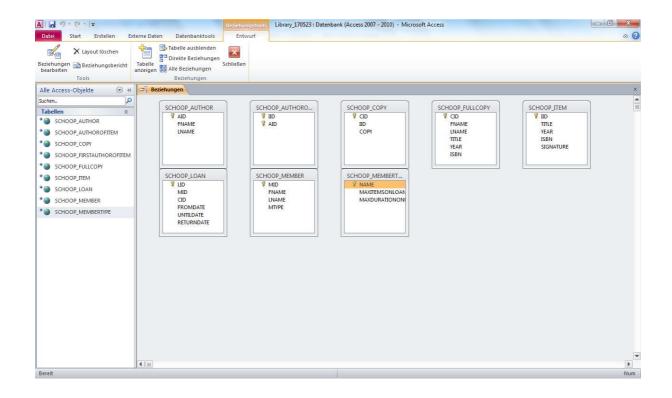


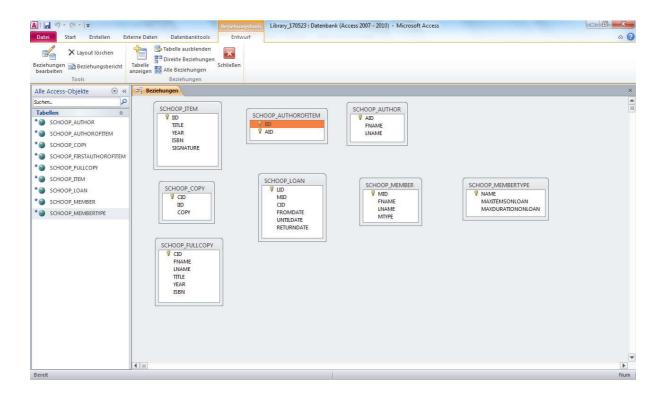
You are asked which tables/views you want to have in your overview. Choose the ones you need.





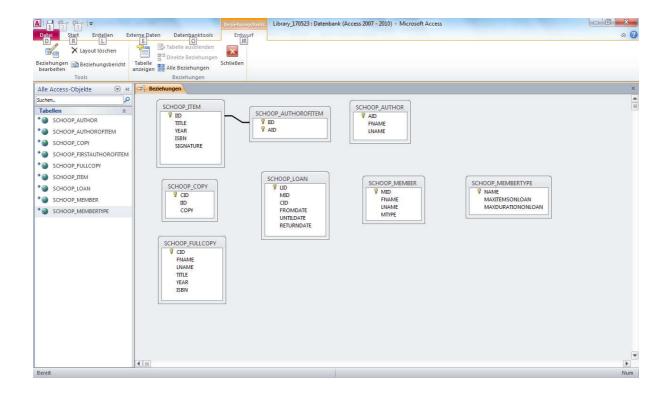
Rearrange the tables to your liking. Then click on a foreign key and keeping the button pressed link it to the correct primary key.

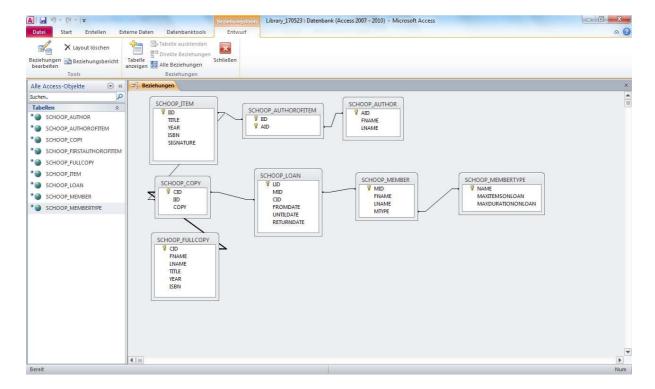




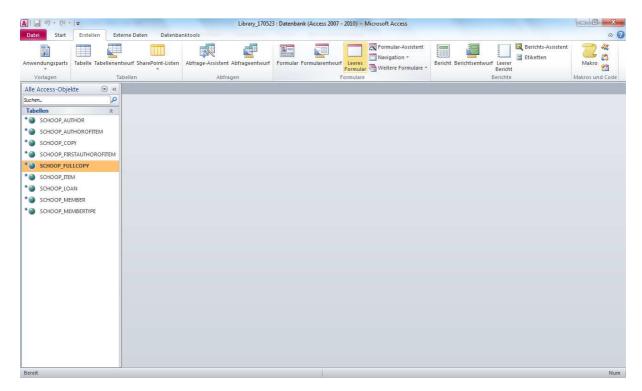
You are asked if the relation is correct. You can change the attributes when necessary.



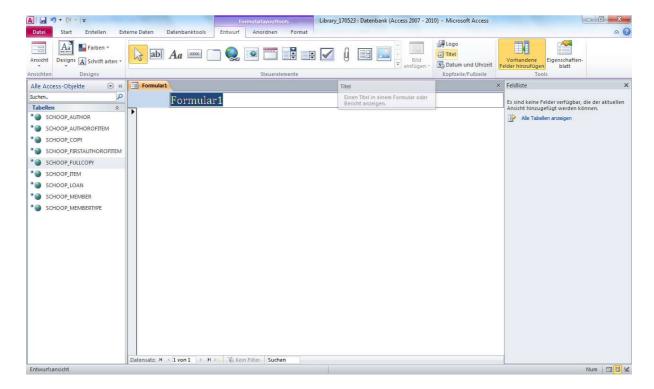




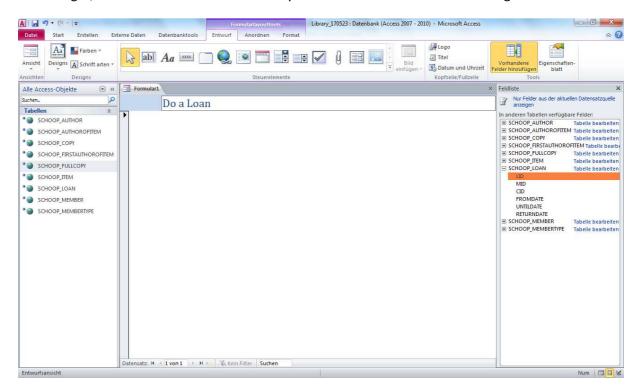
It's time to start with the GUI. Click on "Erstellen" → "Leeres Formular".



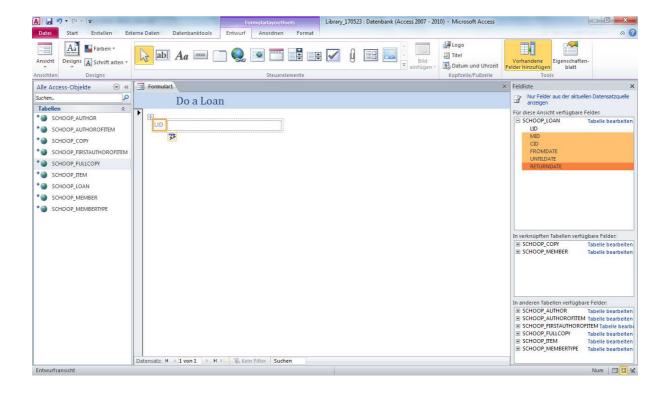
You get an empty formular. You can add a title (as well as a logo).

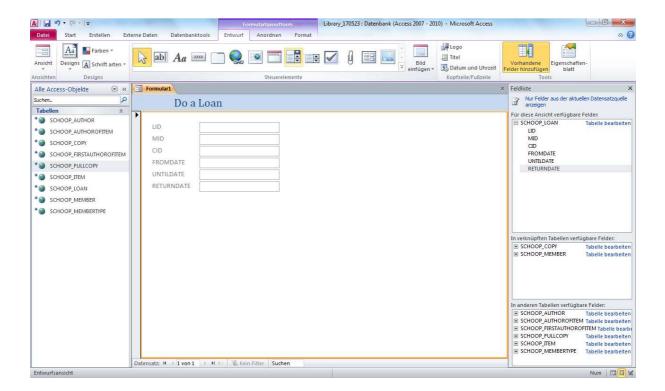


On the right, choose a table and an attribute you want to see in the formular. Drag it into the form.

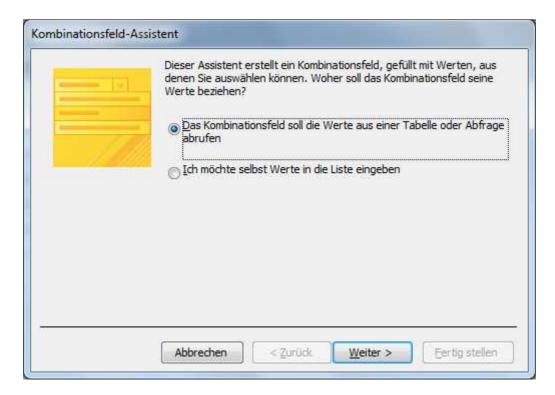


Once you have dragged one attribute in, the table and its attributes appear on the right on top. Now you can drag all other attributes of the table into the form.

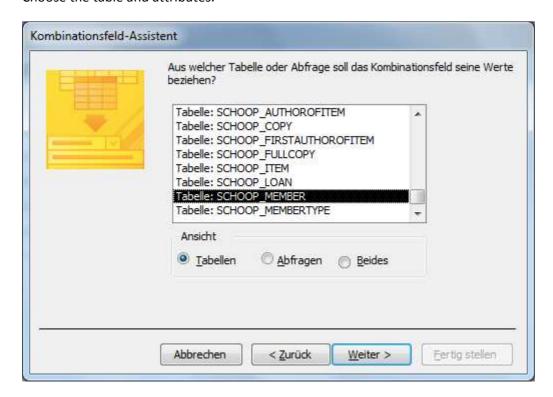


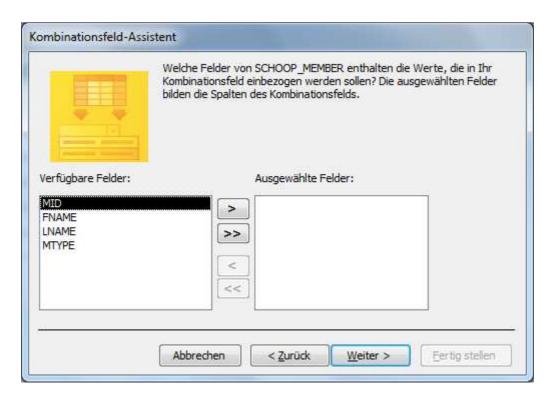


In order to reference data from other tables, one can use "Kombinationsfeld". After you have dragged it into the form, choose a table's contents as its content.

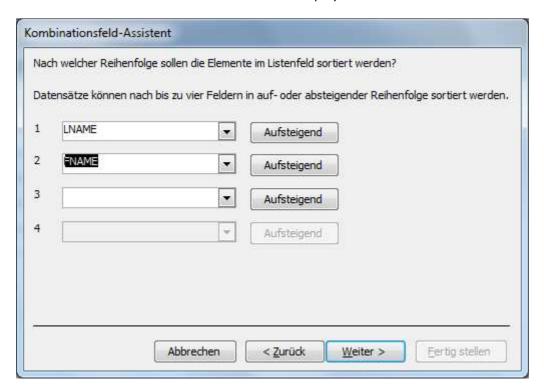


Choose the table and attributes.

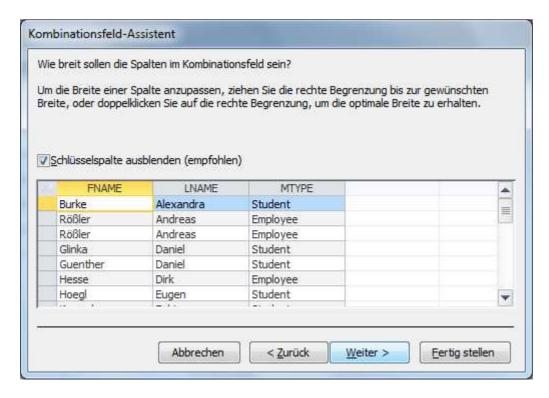




You can choose in which order the data will be displayed.



You get a preview in which you can change the widths of the columns.



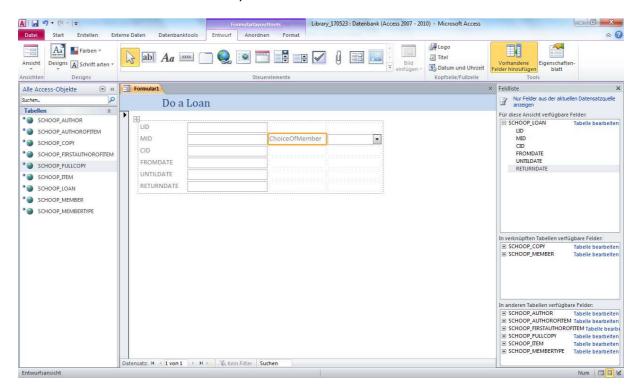
You get the chance to link an attribute from your "Kombinationsfeld" to one other attribute in the form.



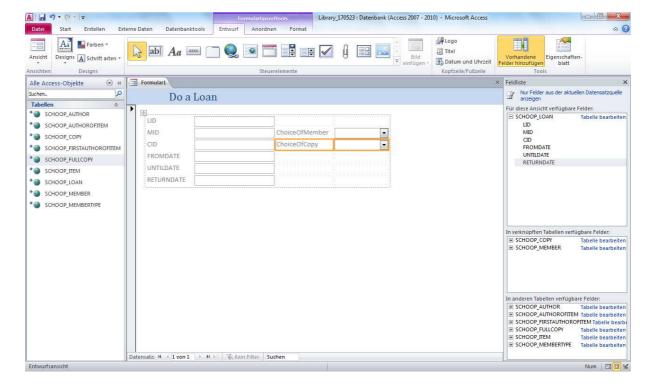
Choose a sensible text for your field.



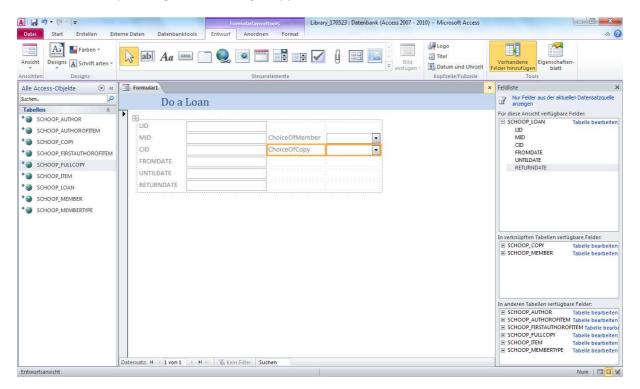
This is how it looks like in the form layouter.



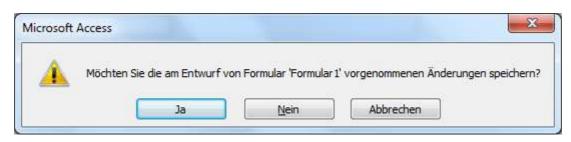
A second one has been added.



Close the form by clicking on the X in right upper corner of the form.



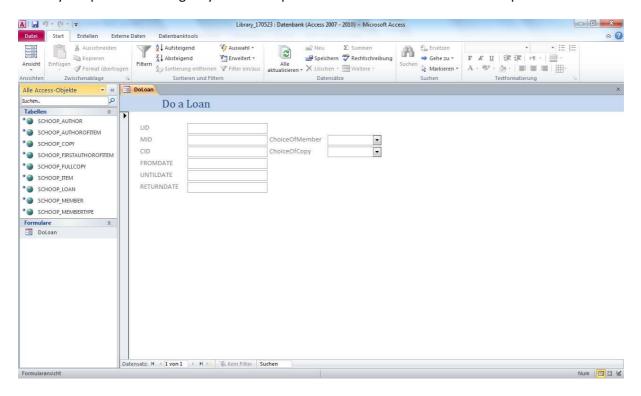
Safe the form ...



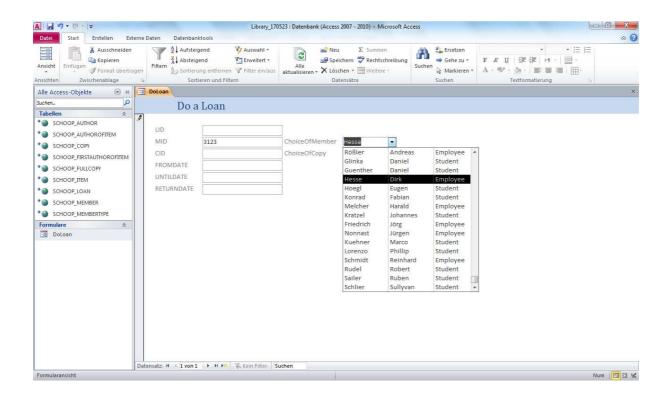
... and give it a sensible name.

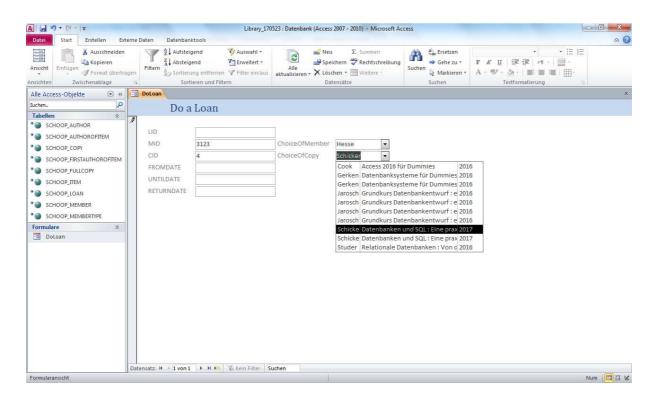


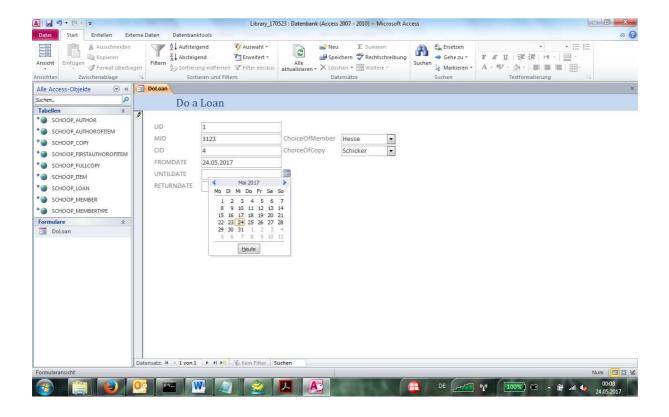
When you open the form again you are in input mode. You can used the form to input data.



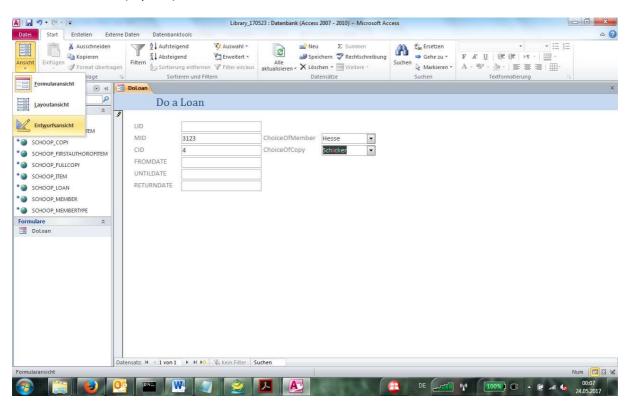
The choice from the "Kombinationsfeld" is reflected in the linked attaribute.

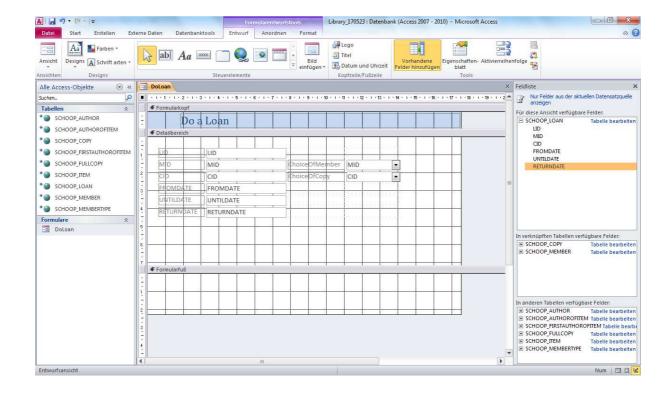




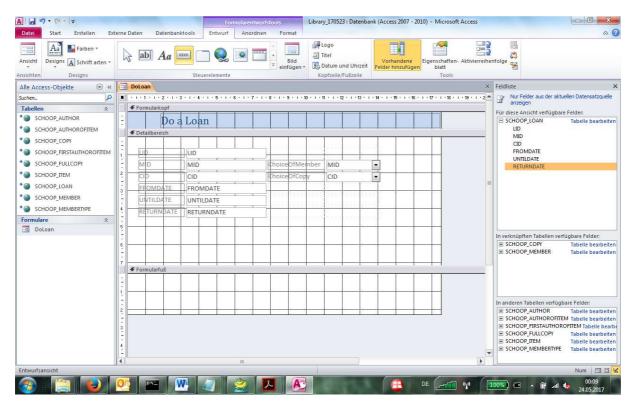


Unfortunately, you have to type in a lot of data. Therefore, let's automate some of it. Open the "Entwurfsansicht" (top left).

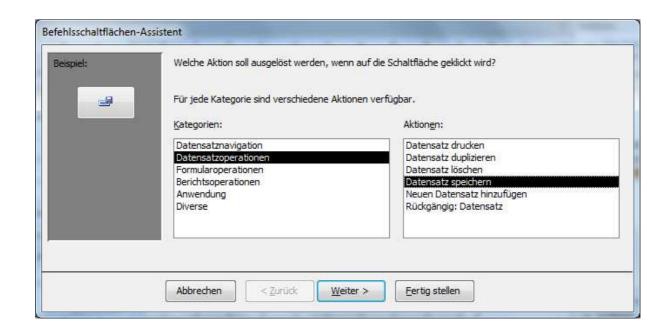


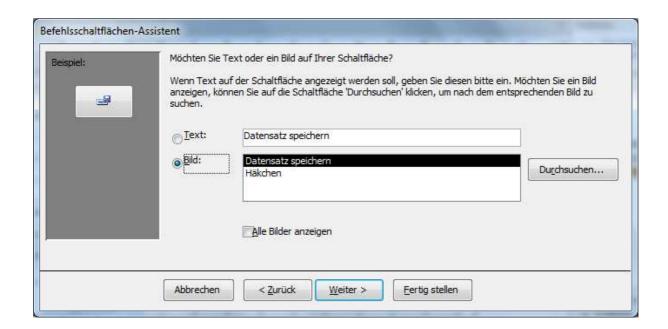


Select a "Schaltfläche" (button) and drag it into the form.



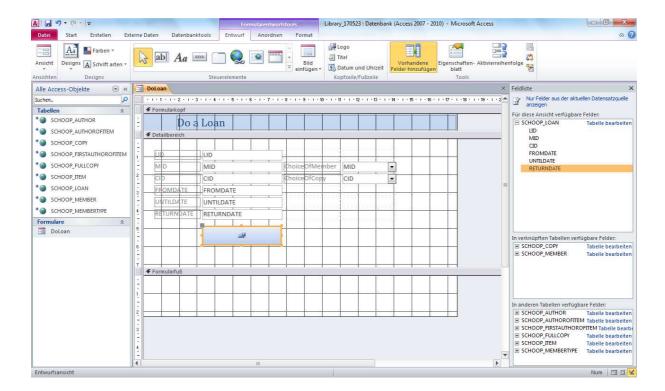
Choose the function of the button.



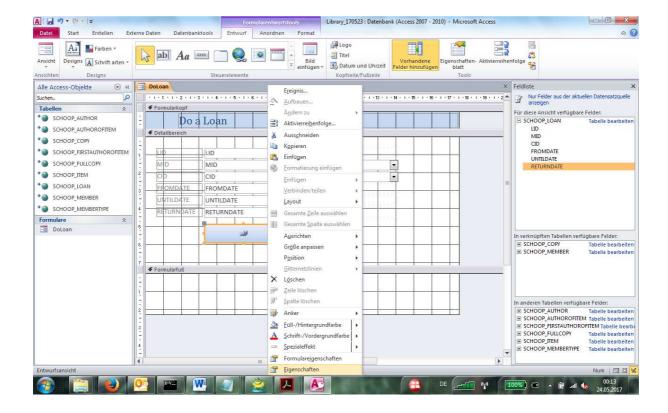


Give the button a sensible name.

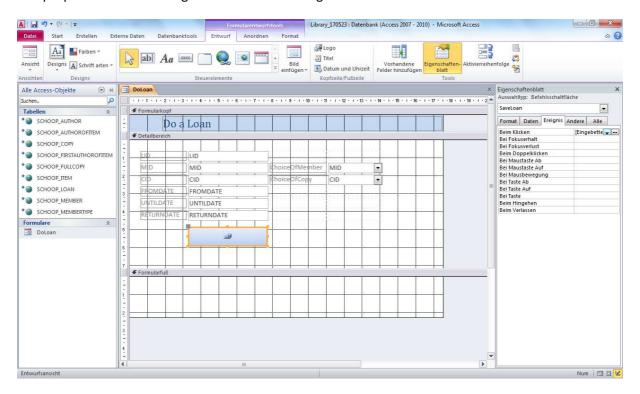




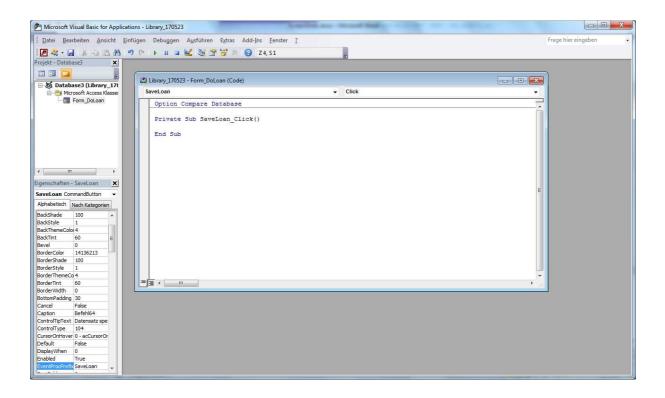
Open the properties ("Eigenschaften") of the button.



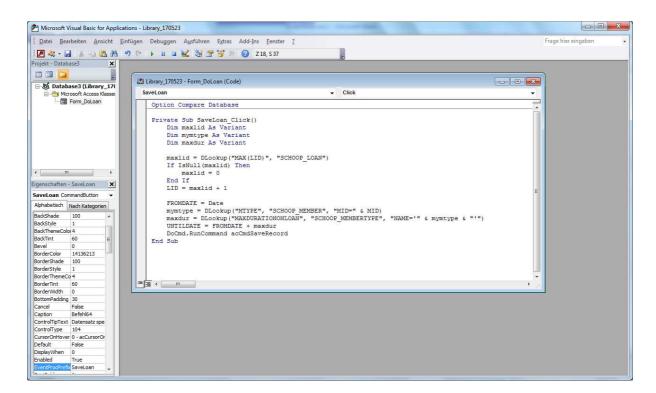
The properties are on the right. Go to the tab "Eregnis".



Change property "Beim Klicken" to "Ereignisprozedur" and click on the three dots. A VBA editor opens.



Add your code.



Here is the code:

Private Sub Befehl72_Click()

Dim maxlid As Variant

Dim mymtype As Variant

Dim maxdur As Variant

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maxlid = DLookup("MAX(LID)", "SCHOOP_LOAN")

If IsNull(maxlid) Then

maxlid = 0

End If

LID = maxlid + 1

FROMDATE = Date

mymtype = DLookup("MTYPE", "SCHOOP_MEMBER", "MID=" & MID)

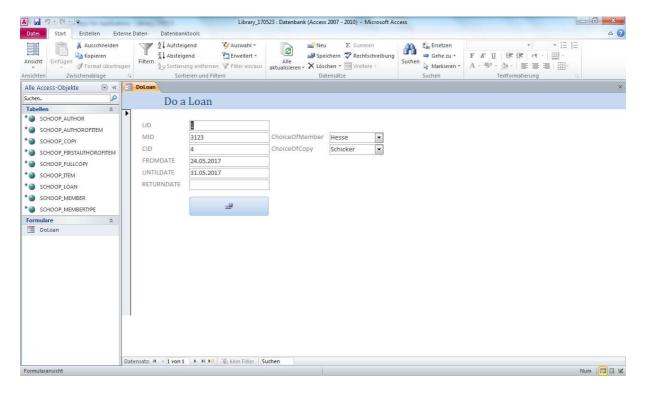
maxdur = DLookup("MAXDURATIONONLOAN", "SCHOOP_MEMBERTYPE", "NAME="" & mymtype & """)

UNTILDATE = FROMDATE + maxdur

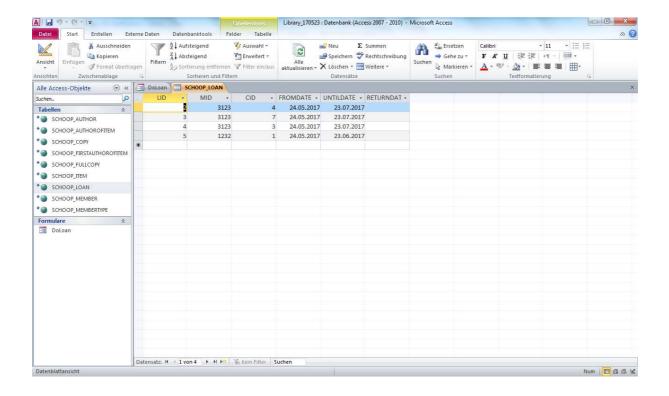
DoCmd.RunCommand acCmdSaveRecord

End Sub
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Now the click on the button generates a unique LID, sets the FROMDATE to today, calculates the UNTILDATE based an the default value and stores the record.



You can check in the data view that the data has been stored.



The data is stored in the IBM DB2 database. Therefore, you can access it also with other tools (e.g. Toad).

