# **Criterion C: Development**

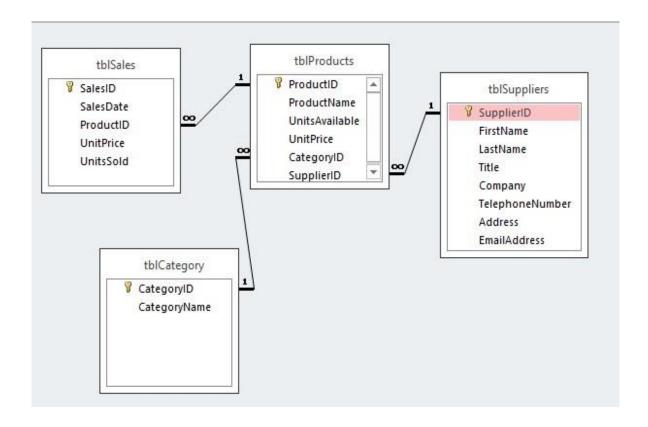
# Techniques used to create the database

- 1. Database structure- Explanation, 4 related tables.
- 2. Queries , forms, macros and reports that were created
- 3. Visual Basic Component for the transaction.

#### **Database Structure**

The relational database created consists of 4 tables linked up as shown below. This structure was chosen so that when Nora inputs data into the database, she will not experience redundancies or inaccuracies, seeing as in a flat file database, redundancies would occur very often.

Table	Primary Key Field	Components of a record
Category	CategoryID	Various categories of the products
Products	ProductID	Product Details
Sales	SalesID	Input from a sale made in a day
Suppliers	SupplierID	Suppliers and their details



The CATEGORY table was incorporated to eliminate having to repeatedly type the Category Name into the Products table.

The SALES table is a transaction table that records the data from the sales made in the history of the tuckshop.

The PRODUCTS table is the table that records the data from all the products, both new and old, in the tuckshop. It is necessary because it is the table that relates the rest of the tables.

The SUPPLIERS table was included to eliminate the repetition of data that would occur if each product included all the supplier data.

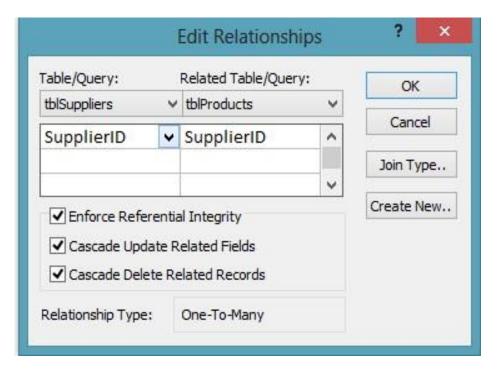
The primary key fields uniquely identify each record in a table, and are also used in the linkages of the tables. These linkages create field in the related tables and act as secondary key fields in the tables that they are linked to.

#### How errors were reduced.

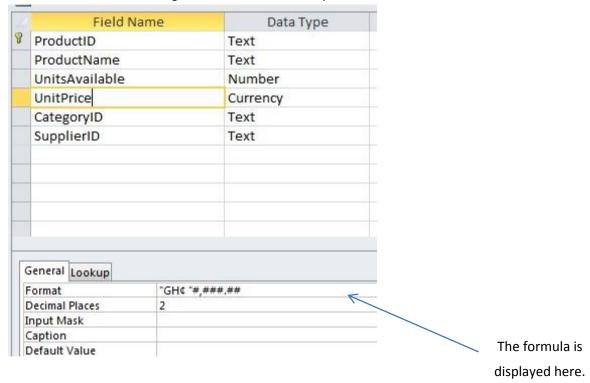
- 1. The appropriate data types were selected, so that errors would be reduced. For example in the FirstName field in SUPPLIERS, the data types selected was text.
- 2. Automatic entering of default values was employed. For example, the SalesDate in SALES has the formula Now(), which automatically inputs todays date from the computer's time.
- 3. Lookup lists were employed to ensure that only a restricted set of data could be inputted into the field, to reduce errors.
- 4. The field sizes of the fields were set according to what the field contained.

Field Nar	ne	Data Type		
SupplierID		Text		
FirstName		Text		
LastName		Text		
Title		Text		
Company		Text		
TelephoneNumbe	r	Text		
Address		Text		
EmailAddress		Text		
			Field Deep	
			Field Prop	
General Lookup				
Field Size	6	K		
Format	-			
Input Mask				
Caption				
Default Value				
Validation Rule				
Validation Text				
Required	Yes			
Allow Zero Length	No			
Indexed	No			This shows the
Unicode Compression	Yes			field size reduced
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5. Referential integrity was ensured in the relationships, to make sure that the altering of a record in one table was reflected in the related table. Also, the cascading delete and update field options were selected in order to make sure that if a field was updated or deleted, the change would be reflected in the related fields. An example of such is illustrated in the screenshot below.



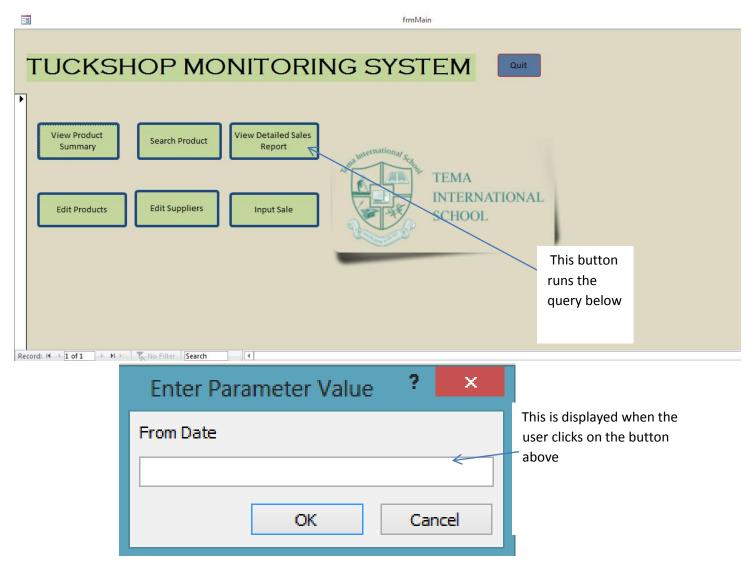
6. In order for the currency in the database to remain in Ghana Cedis, which is the currency used in Ghana, the following formula had to be incorporated.



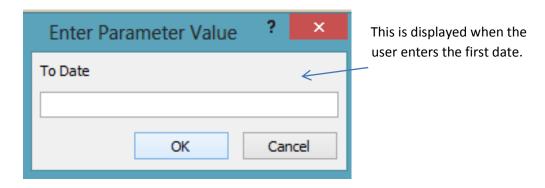
7. Embedded macros were used throughout the database.

#### A. Creation of the product sales form.

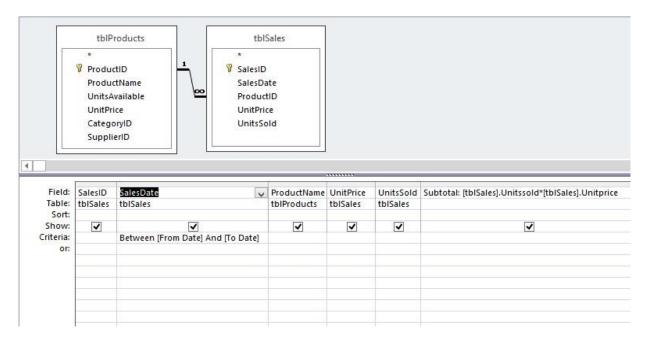
1. Select Query showing the Information on the Detailed Sales of the tuckshop



The user, in this case Miss Kepomey, enters the first date for the period whose sales she wants to view.



Miss Kepomey enters the last date for the period whose sales she wants to view.



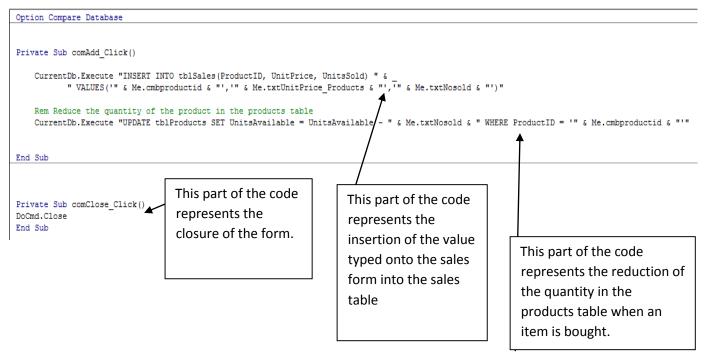
The query shows the background behind the report.



This shows the embedded macro behind the generating of the report.

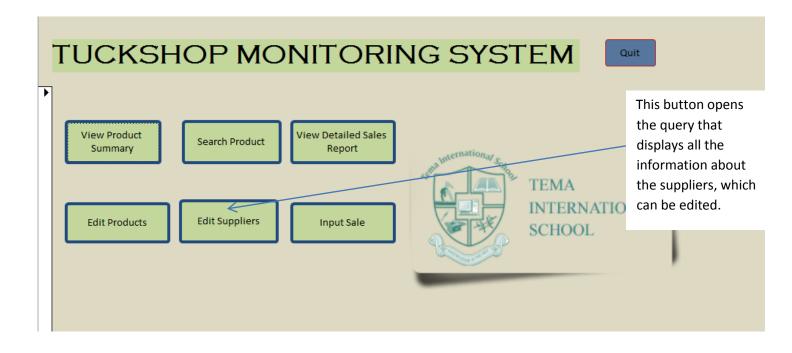


This is the sales form used to enter data on sales into the database. The various functions are performed using the buttons on the form. The NEW button is used to input a new record. The ADD button is used to add the record. The DELETE button is used to delete a record. The BACK button is used to close the form. The BACK and NEXT buttons at the bottom of the form are used to navigate through the records. The VIEW PRODUCTS button is used to verify if the ProductID corresponds to the product in question. Below is the visual basic for applications coding for the buttons.

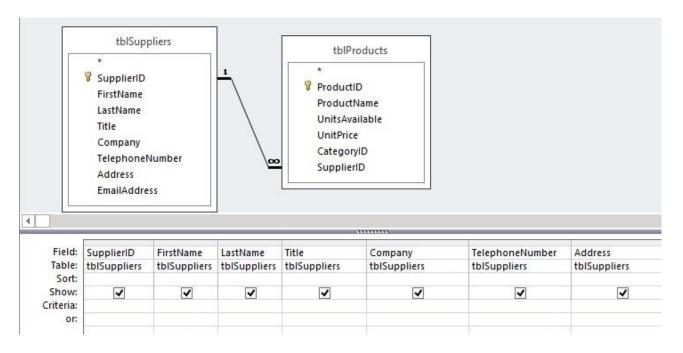


In order to be sure that the IDs of the products are correct, Miss Kepomey clicks the view products button, which gives her access to the products summary report, which gives her the information she needs.

### **B.** Creation of Suppliers form



The select query below displays the information about the suppliers for Miss Kepomey when she clicks the button.



Below is the embedded macro behind the "Edit Suppliers" button that opens the suppliers form.

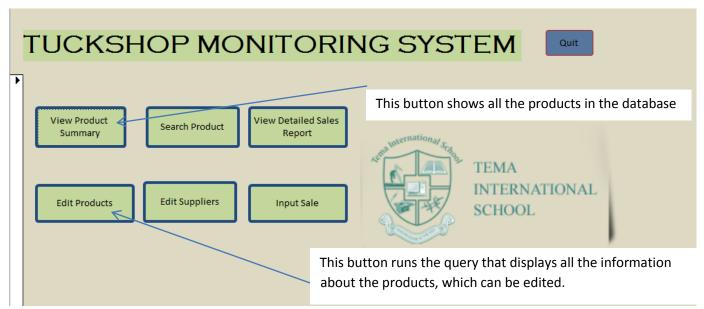


The suppliers form below is used to enter data on suppliers into the database.



The various functions are performed using the buttons on the form. The NEW button is used to input a new record. The SAVE button is used to add the record. The DELETE button is used to delete a record. The BACK button is used to close the form. The FIRST, LAST, BACK and NEXT buttons are used to navigate through the records. The buttons all have embedded macros.

# C. Creation of product list



For the product list, the report below is generated.

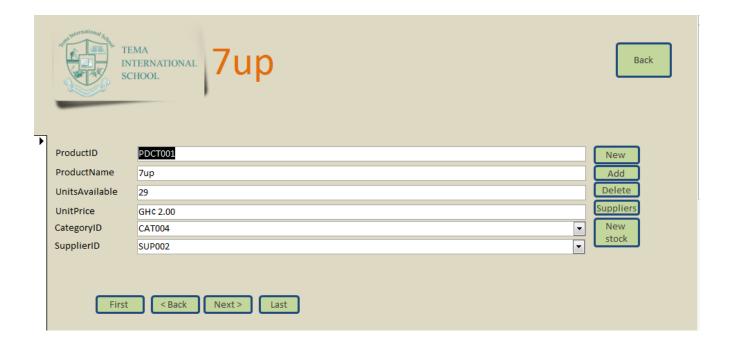
This button goes back to the previous menu

Products Summary			Back
ProductName	ProductID	Unit Price	UnitsAvailable
7up	PDCT001	GH¢ 2.00	29
ABRO Professional Apresto Spray Starch	PDCT002	GH¢ 5.00	3
Always Cool Mint Flavour Candy	PDCT003	GH¢.10	40
Always Ultra Sanitary Pad	PDCT004	GH¢ 2.00	5
Axe Dark Temptation Deodorant	PDCT005	GH¢ 7.00	3
Belaqua Water	PDCT006	GH¢ 1.00	24
Bounty Bar	PDCT007	GH¢ 2.50	47
Brownie Cookies	PDCT008	GH¢ 6.00	9
Camel Powerful Antiseptic (medium)	PDCT009	GH¢ 3.00	2
Caprisun Super V Apple	PDCT010	GH¢ 2.00	12
Caprisun Super V Berry	PDCT011	GH¢ 2.00	14
Caprisun Super V Fruit Punch	PDCT012	GH¢ 2.00	27
Ceres Apple	PDCT013	GH¢ 5.50	4
Ceres Cranberry and Kiwi	PDCT014	GH¢ 5.50	5
Ceres Guava	PDCT015	GH¢ 5.50	6

This shot below shows the embedded macro behind the "view product summary button".



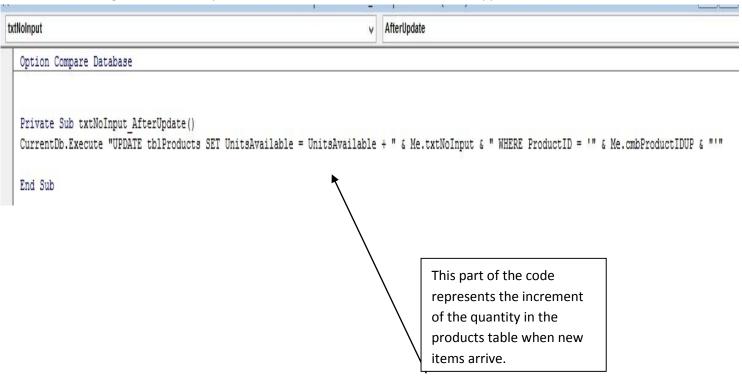
#### D. Creation of Product edit form



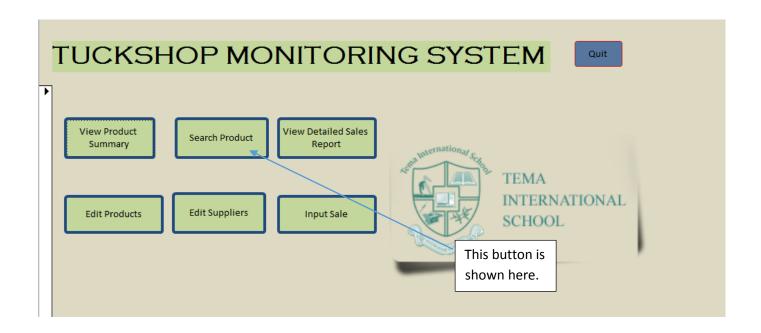
This is the product form used to enter data on products into the database. The various functions are performed using the buttons on the form. The buttons all have embedded macros. The NEW button is used to input a new record in the products table. The SAVE button is used to save the changes to a record or add a new record. The DELETE button is used to delete a record. The BACK button is used to close the form and go back to the previous menu. The FIRST, LAST, BACK and NEXT buttons are used to navigate through the records. The SUPPLIERS button is used to view the suppliers. The NEW STOCK button is used to input new arrived stock into the products table. This button opens a form that inputs the changes in the products table. Below is the form:



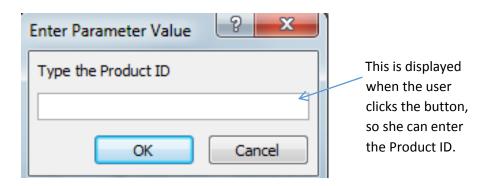
Once the data has been inputted, the user presses ENTER, and then the change is made. The BACK button goes back to the previous menu. Below is the visual basic for applications code.



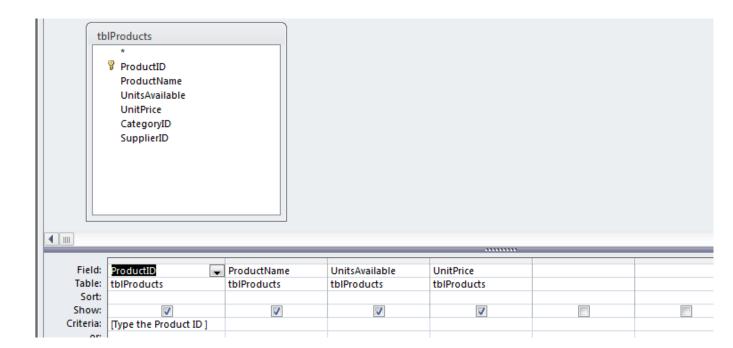
To search for a product, Nora simply clicks on the Search Product Button.



This is displayed when the she clicks on the button.



Below is the query that is run when she clicks on the button.



The query opens the form below.



## E. User friendly Interface: Main Menu

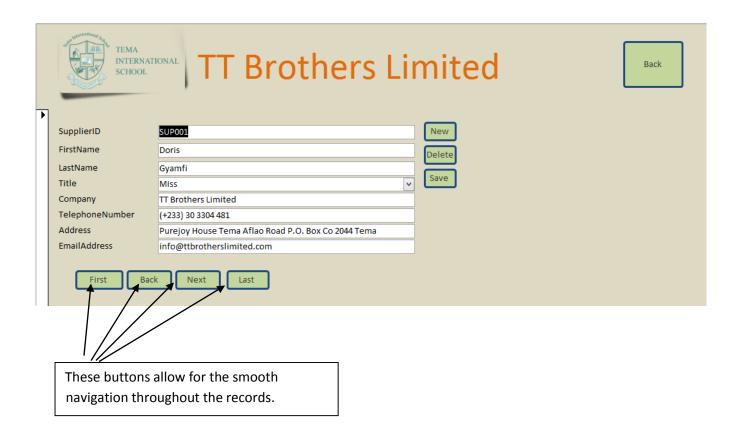
The menu was designed to make the experience easier, in order to make the usage of the database more convenient for Miss Kepomey. The buttons allow for the smooth flow of events as Miss Kepomey navigates through the system.

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7up	PDCT001	GH¢ 2.00	29	Also,
ABRO Professional Apresto Spray Starch	PDCT002	GH¢ 5.00	3	navigation
Always Cool Mint Flavour Candy	PDCT003	GH¢.10	40	button such as this one
Always Ultra Sanitary Pad	PDCT004	GH¢ 2.00	5	allow sooth
Axe Dark Temptation Deodorant	PDCT005	GH¢ 7.00	3	flow from or
Belaqua Water	PDCT006	GH¢ 1.00	24	other.
Bounty Bar	PDCT007	GH¢ 2.50	47	
Brownie Cookies	PDCT008	GH¢ 6.00	9	
Camel Powerful Antiseptic (medium)	PDCT009	GH¢ 3.00	2	
Caprisun Super V Apple	PDCT010	GH¢ 2.00	12	
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