

# Designer™ for Microsoft® Access™

## Create Databases - without an IT Degree

Microsoft Access is used by millions of businesses worldwide. The widespread appeal is attributable to three key factors:

- 1) Microsoft Access lets you design a database application that helps you manage information relevant to your specific business and industry needs.
- 2) Creating applications in Microsoft Access costs a fraction of what it would take to create the same application in Java, C++, or other languages.
- 3) Frankly, it's fun! Where else do you get to put your own touches on a user interface and show the results of your work in only a few hours?

Microsoft Access' tools for rapid form and report creation can turn nearly any novice office worker into an application designer in a few short hours. The common area where Access users find significant challenge is in the design of their database tables. Creating a properly structured database requires a solid understanding of the basic principles of relational database design, concepts that are generally foreign to even tech-savvy individuals.

Designer for Microsoft Access helps you to create a correctly structured and normalized Access database in a very short timeframe...allowing you to get on with the more important (and fun) work of creating your forms and reports. With the help of Designer, you answer a set of plain-language questions to indicate what you need to track with your database, how different types of information relate to each other, and how you want to see the fields in your database presented. All without having to understand things like primary and foreign key relationships, many-to-many and one-to-many joins, input masks, data types, etc. You tell Designer what you need to manage in your database, and Designer takes care of the rest.

Designer also includes many "template" database designs that you can use to jump start your work. You select one of the many templates (for example, a Customer Management database), then add things that are unique to your own business or needs.

## About OpenGate Software

OpenGate Software offers world-class business applications and tools for Microsoft Access databases. Our experience ranges from creating mission critical public safety applications for 9-1-1 data processing, to popular Microsoft Access tools used by 1,000's of organizations worldwide. We build solutions easy enough for the average user to understand, and powerful enough to save experienced developers hours of custom work.

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## The Benefits

- Create complex databases without taking the time to become an expert in relational database design
- Ensure your database is properly structured and normalized to minimize data duplication and errors
- Reduce the time to maintain and troubleshoot your Access databases

## What's Included

- Wizard-like questionnaire to create your database tables and forms
- Multiple design "templates" that can help accelerate your design project
- Creates many-to-one and many-to-many table joins
- Automatically creates lookup tables and forms
- Allows users to select from a list of available formats/input masks
- Support for required fields and unique constraints
- Automatically creates attractive data entry forms with dynamic subforms

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