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FIGURE AW-2-1

CONTACT Data

CustomerID	Date	Туре	Remarks	
1	7/7/2014	Phone	General interest in a Gaea.	
1	7/7/2014	Email	Sent general information.	
1	7/12/2014	Phone	Set up an appointment.	
1	7/14/2014	Meeting	Bought a HiStandard.	
3	7/19/2014	Phone	Interested in a SUHi, set up an appointment.	
1	7/21/2014	Email	Sent a standard follow-up message.	
4	7/27/2014	Phone	Interested in a HiStandard, set up an appointment.	
3	7/27/2014	Meeting	Bought a SUHi.	
4	8/2/2014	Meeting	Talked up to a HiLuxury. Customer bought one.	
3	8/3/2014	Email	Sent a standard follow-up message.	
4	8/10/2014	Email	Sent a standard follow-up message.	
5	8/15/2014	Phone	General interest in a Gaea.	

We will continue to use the WMCRM database we created in Chapter 1's section of "The Access Workbench." At this point, you have created and populated (which means you have inserted the data into) the CONTACT table. Figure AW-2-1 shows the contacts that have been made with each customer. Note that there is no customer with CustomerID 2—this is because we deleted and reentered the data for Jessica Christman.

Possible Modification Problems in the WMCRM Database

We know from the topics covered in this chapter that we really need a separate table to store the CONTACT data, but in order to illustrate the modification problems discussed in Chapter 1 let us combine it into one table with the data already in CUSTOMER. This table is available in the file WMCRM-Combined-Data.accdb, which is available at the Web site for this book (www.pearsonhighered.com/kroenke). We will use this database to see modification problems in non-normalized tables and then build the correctly normalized tables in the actual WMCRM database.

We will need to start Microsoft Access 2013, open the WMCRM-Combined-Data. accdb file, and take a look at the WMCRM-Combined-Data database.

Opening an Existing Microsoft Access Database

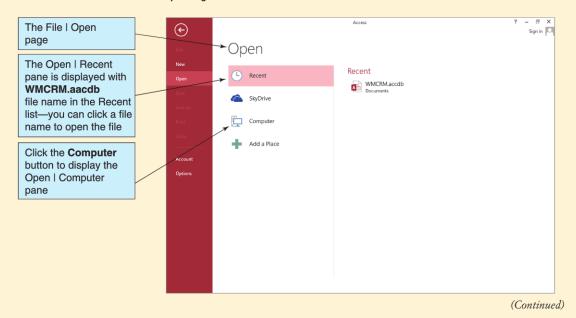
- Select the Microsoft Access 2013 icon on the Start screen, or click the Microsoft Access 2013 button on the Taskbar if you pinned it there. The Microsoft Access 2013 splash screen window appears, as shown in Figure AW-2-2.
 - NOTE: The menu command or icon location used to start Microsoft Access 2013 may vary, depending on the operating system and how Microsoft Office is installed on the computer you are using.
- 2. Click the **Open Other Files** button on the Microsoft Access 2013 splash screen to open the File | Open page, as shown in Figure AW-2-3.
- 3. Click the Computer button to open the Open | Computer pane, as shown in Figure AW-2-4.
- 4. Click the Browse button to open the Open dialog box, as shown in Figure AW-2-5.

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FIGURE AW-2-3

The Microsoft Access 2013 File | Open Page



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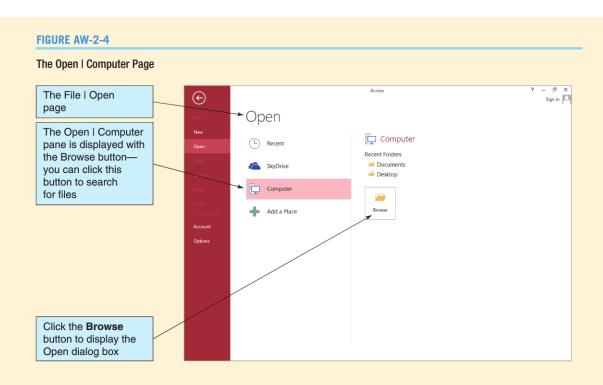
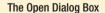


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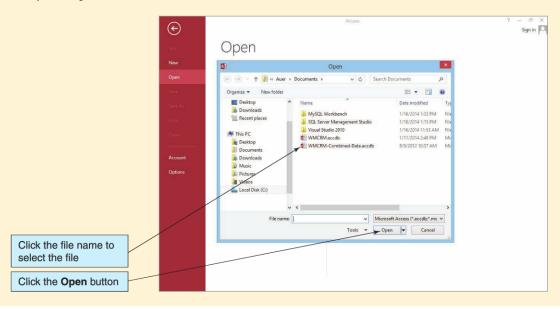
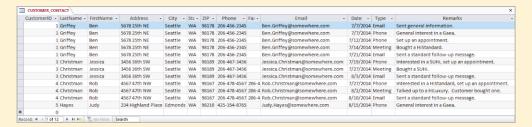


FIGURE AW-2-6

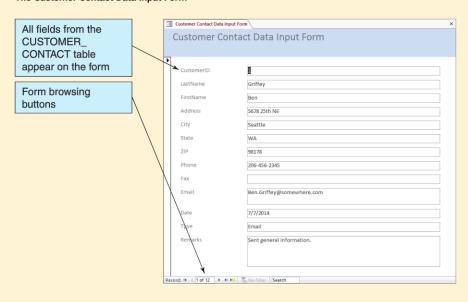
The CUSTOMER_CONTACT Table



- 5. Browse to the WMCRM-Combined-Data.accdb file, click the file name to highlight it, and then click the **Open** button.
- 6. The **Security Warning** bar appears with the database. Click the Security Warning bar's **Enable Content** button to select this option.
- 7. In the Navigation Pane, double-click the CUSTOMER_CONTACT table object to open it.
- 8. Click the Shutter Bar Open/Close button to minimize the Navigation Pane.
- 9. The CUSTOMER_CONTACT table appears in Datasheet view, as shown in Figure AW-2-6. Note that there is one line for each contact, which has resulted in the duplication of basic customer data. For example, there are five sets of basic data for Ben Griffey.
- 10. Close the CUSTOMER_CONTACT table by clicking the document window's **Close** button.
- 11. Click the **Shutter Bar Open/Close** button to expand the Navigation Pane.
- 12. In the Navigation Pane, double-click the Customer Contact Data Input Form object to open it. The Customer Contact Data Input Form appears, as shown in Figure AW-2-7. Note that the form displays all the data for one record in the CUSTOMER_CONTACT table.

FIGURE AW-2-7

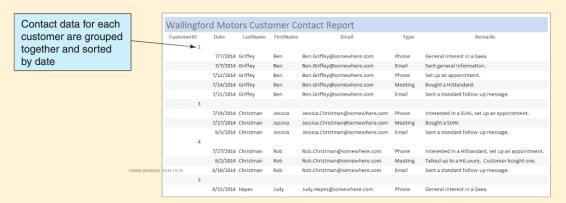
The Customer Contact Data Input Form



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FIGURE AW-2-8

The Wallingford Motors Customer Contact Report

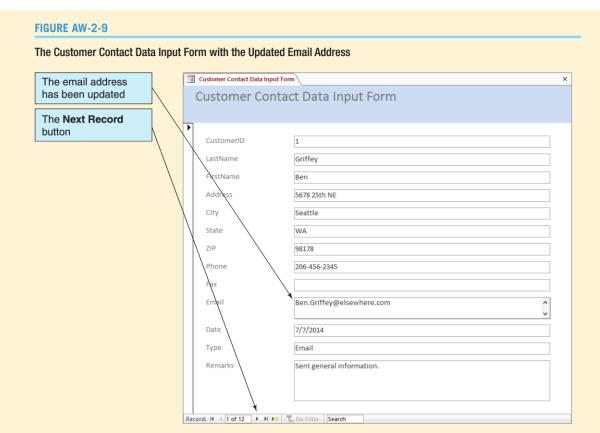


- 13. Close the Customer Contact Data Input Form by clicking the document window's **Close** button
- In the Navigation Pane, double-click the Wallingford Motors Customer Contact Report to open it.
- 15. Click the **Shutter Bar Open/Close** button to minimize the Navigation Pane.
- 16. The Wallingford Motors Customer Contact Report appears, as shown in Figure AW-2-8. Note that the form displays the data for all contacts in the CUSTOMER_CONTACT table, sorted by CustomerNumber and Date. For example, all the contact data for Ben Griffey (who has a CustomerID of 1) is grouped at the beginning of the report.
- 17. Close the Wallingford Motors Customer Contact Report by clicking the document window's **Close** button.
- 18. Click the Shutter Bar Open/Close button to expand the Navigation Pane.

Now, assume that Ben Griffey has changed his email address from Ben .Griffey@somewhere.com to Ben.Griffey@elsewhere.com. In a well-formed relation, we would have to make this change only once, but a quick examination of Figures AW-2-6 through AW-2-8 shows that Ben Griffey's email address appears in multiple records. We therefore have to change it in every record to avoid update problems. Unfortunately, it is easy to miss one or more records, especially in large tables.

Updating Ben Griffey's Email Address

- In the Navigation Pane, double-click the Customer Contact Data Input Form object to open it. Because Ben Griffey is the customer in the first record, his data is already in the form.
- 2. Edit the Email address to read Ben. Griffey@elsewhere.com, as shown in Figure AW-2-9.
- Click the Next Record button to move to the next record in the table. Again, the record shows Ben Griffey's data, so again edit the Email address to read Ben. Griffey@elsewhere.com.
- Click the Next Record button to move to the next record in the table. For the third time, the record shows Ben Griffey's data, so again edit the Email address to read Ben. Griffey@elsewhere.com.
- Click the Next Record button to move to the next record in the table. For the fourth time, the record shows Ben Griffey's data, so again edit the Email address to read Ben. Griffey@elsewhere.com.



- 6. Click the Next Record button to move to the next record in the table. Finally, another customer's data (the data for Jessica Christman's contact on 7/19/2014) appears in the form, so we assume that we have made all the necessary updates to the database records.
- 7. Close the Customer Contact Data Input form by clicking the document window's **Close** button.
- 8. In the Navigation Pane, double-click the report Wallingford Motors Customer Contact Report to open it.
- 9. Click the **Shutter Bar Open/Close** button to minimize the Navigation Pane.
- 10. The Wallingford Motors Customer Contact Report now looks as shown in Figure AW-2-10. Note that the email addresses shown for Ben Griffey are inconsistent—we missed one record when we updated the table, and now we have inconsistent data. A modification error—in this case an update error—has occurred.
- 11. Close the Wallingford Motors Customer Contact Report by clicking the document window's Close button.
- 12. Click the Shutter Bar Open/Close button to expand the Navigation Pane.

This simple example shows how easily modification problems can occur in tables that are not normalized. With a set of well-formed, normalized tables, this problem would not have occurred.

Closing the WMCRM-Combined-Data Database

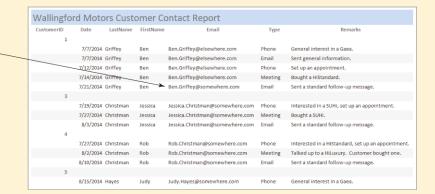
1. Click the **Close** button to close the database and exit Microsoft Access.

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FIGURE AW-2-10

The Updated Wallingford Motors Customer Contact Report

A modification problem has occurred. Not all records were updated with the new email address, and the database records are now inconsistent



Working with Multiple Tables

The table structure for the CUSTOMER_CONTACT table in the WMCRM-Combined-Data database is:

CUSTOMER_CONTACT (<u>CustomerID</u>, LastName, FirstName, Address, City, State, ZIP, Phone, Fax, Email, <u>Date</u>, <u>Type</u>, <u>Remarks</u>)

Applying the normalization process discussed in this chapter, we will have the following set of tables:

CUSTOMER (<u>CustomerID</u>, LastName, FirstName, Address, City, State, ZIP, Phone, Fax, Email)

CONTACT (ContactID, CustomerID, ContactDate, ContactType, Remarks)

with the referential integrity constraint:

CustomerID in CONTACT must exist in CustomerID in CUSTOMER

Note that we have modified a couple of column names in the CONTACT table—we are using ContactDate instead of Date and ContactType instead of Type. We will discuss the reason for this later in this section. Our task now is to build and populate the CONTACT table and then to establish the relationship and referential integrity constraint between the two tables

First, we need to create and populate (insert data into) the CONTACT table, which will contain the columns and column characteristics shown in the table in Figure AW-2-11. The CustomerID column appears again in CONTACT, this time designated as a

⁶Although we are using it for simplicity in this example, a column such as Remarks (also often called Comments or Notes) can cause problems in a database. For a complete discussion, see David M. Kroenke and David J. Auer, *Database Processing: Fundamentals, Design, and Implementation*, 13th edition (Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2014).

FIGURE AW-2-11

Database Column Characteristics for the CONTACT Table

Column Name	Туре	Key	Required	Remarks
ContactID	AutoNumber	Primary Key	Yes	Surrogate Key
CustomerlD	Number	Foreign Key	Yes	Long Integer
ContactDate	Date/Time	No	Yes	Short Date
ContactType	Text (10)	No	Yes	Allowed values are Phone, Fax, Email, and Meeting
Remarks	Memo	No	No	

foreign key. As discussed in this chapter, the term *foreign key* designates this column as the link to the CUSTOMER table. The value in the CustomerID column of CONTACT tells which customer was contacted. All we have to do is look up the value of CustomerID in the CUSTOMER table.

Note that when we build the CONTACT table there is no "foreign key" setting. We will set up the database relationship between CUSTOMER and CONTACT after we have finished building the CONTACT table.

Note the following:

- Some new data types are being used: Number, Date/Time, and Memo.
- CustomerID must be set as a Number data type and specifically as a Long Integer data type to match the data type Microsoft Access creates for the AutoNumber data type in the CUSTOMER table.
- The Type column has only four allowed values: Phone, Fax, Email, and Meeting. For now, we can simply input only these data values. You will learn how to enforce the data restriction for this column in Chapter 3.

Creating the CONTACT Table

- 1. Open Microsoft Access 2013.
- In the Recent list of database files, click WMCRM.accdb. The database file opens in Microsoft Access.
- 3. Click the Create command tab.
- 4. Click the **Table Design** button.
- 5. The Table1 tabbed document window is displayed in Design view. Note that along with the Table1 window a contextual tab named Table Tools is displayed and that this tab adds a new command tab and ribbon, named Design, to the set of command tabs displayed.
- 6. Using the steps we followed to create the CUSTOMER table in Chapter 1's section of "The Access Workbench," begin to create the CONTACT table. The following steps detail only new information that you need to know to complete the CONTACT table.
 - NOTE: When creating the CONTACT table, be sure to enter appropriate comments in the Description column.
- 7. When creating the CustomerID column, set the data type to **Number**. Note that the default Field Size setting for Number is Long Integer, so no change is necessary. Be sure to set the Required property to **Yes**.
- 8. After creating the ContactID column, set it as the primary key of the table.

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FIGURE AW-2-12 The Reserved Word Warning The column name EXTERNAL DATA DATABASE TOOLS FILE HOME Date is a reserved = Insert Row word—do not use Modify Lookups reserved words as column names All Access Objects Ⅲ cu ₩ WN 100 Click the Cancel button and revise the column name

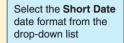
- 9. When creating the ContactDate column, start by using the column name *Date*. As soon as you enter the column name and try to move to the Data Type column, Microsoft Access displays a dialog box, warning you that Date is a reserved word, as shown in Figure AW-2-12. Click the **Cancel** button, and change the column name to **ContactDate**.
 - NOTE: Normally, you should avoid reserved words such as Date and Time. Generally, column names such as ContactDate are preferred, both to avoid reserved words and to clarify exactly which date you are referring to, and that is why we changed the column names in the CONTACT table.
- 10. When creating the ContactDate column, set the data type to Date/Time and set the format to Short Date, as shown in Figure AW-2-13. Be sure to set the Required property to Yes.
- To name and save the CONTACT table, click the Save button in the Quick Access Toolbar.
- 12. Type the table name CONTACT into the Save As dialog box text box, and then click the OK button. The table is named and saved, and it now appears with the table name CONTACT.
- 13. To close the CONTACT table, click the Close button in the upper-right corner of the tabbed document window. The CONTACT table now appears as a table object in the Navigation Pane.

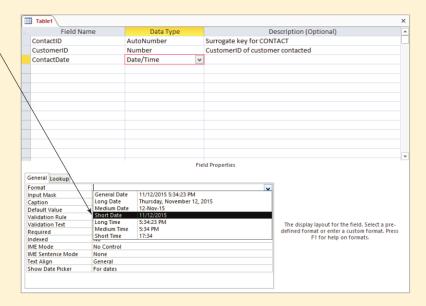
Creating Relationships Between Tables

In Microsoft Access, you build relationships between tables by using the **Relationships** window, which you access by using the **Database Tools | Relationships** command. After a relationship is created in the Relationships window, referential integrity constraints are set in the **Edit Relationships dialog box** within that window by using the **Enforce Referential Integrity check box**.

FIGURE AW-2-13

Setting the Date Format





Creating the Relationship Between the CUSTOMER and CONTACT Tables

- 1. Click the Database Tools command tab to display the Database Tools command groups, as shown in Figure AW-2-14.
- 2. Click the Relationships button in the Show/Hide group. As shown in Figure AW-2-15, the Relationships tabbed document window appears, together with the Show Table dialog box. Note that along with the Relationships window, a contextual tab named Relationship Tools is displayed and that this tab adds a new command tab named Design to the set of command tabs displayed.
- 3. In the Show Table dialog box, the CONTACT table is already selected. Click the Add button to add CONTACT to the Relationships window.
- 4. In the Show Table dialog box, click the CUSTOMER table to select it. Click the Add button to add CUSTOMER to the Relationships window.
- 5. In the Show Table dialog box, click the **Close** button to close the dialog box.
- 6. Rearrange and resize the table objects in the Relationships window using standard Windows drag-and-drop techniques. Rearrange the CUSTOMER and CONTACT table objects until they appear as shown in Figure AW-2-16. Now we are ready to create the relationship be-
 - **NOTE:** A formal description of how to create a relationship between two tables is "In the Relationships window, drag a primary key column and drop it on top of the corresponding foreign key column." It is easier to understand this after you have actually done it.
- 7. Click and hold the column name CustomerID in the CUSTOMER table and then drag it over the column name CustomerID in the CONTACT table. Release the mouse button, and the Edit Relationships dialog box appears, as shown in Figure AW-2-17.
 - NOTE: In CUSTOMER, CustomerID is the primary key, and in CONTACT, CustomerID is the foreign key.