
Subject: Re: sql and idl

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You seem to be talking about apples and oranges. Access is a database product and IDL is a data analysis product. Probably the easiest thing to do is port the project to another database, not IDL. I'd recommend MySQL -- stable, fast, free.

<http://dev.mysql.com/tech-resources/articles/migrating-from-microsoft.html>

-Mike

russ wrote:

> Hi

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> I have acquired an MS-Access database program from someone else which i
> need to modify/use. It has quite big files, does a few tens of sql
> queries and outputs some results. The problems are, it often crashes,
> works differently on different machines, is split up into n
> subprograms because of filesize and memory limitations and is overall
> a bit of a mess.

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> I was hoping to somehow rewrite in IDL. This should make it stable,
> easier to debug, on Unix etc. Afterall, it is just manipulation of
> matrices.

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> Does anyone have any pointers or has tried this sort of thing before.
> I have been using idl for a few years and have opened an access
> database for the first time on monday. It seems to be a microsoft
> nightmare.

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> Thanks

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> Russ
