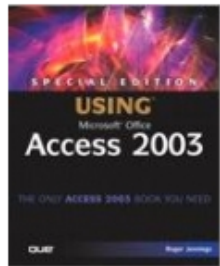


## Microsoft Access Lens by Roger Jennings

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This lens is devoted to Microsoft Access, versions 2000 through 2003, and covers Access 12 and related Office 12 servers (beta versions) with content that isn't subject to the current Office 12 NDA. (Ed Bitt, a well-known computer journalist and book author, has [questioned](#) [Microsoft](#) [regarding](#) [the](#) [NDA](#) for Office 12 beta 1. Apparently Superbeta for Windows! [Dad Thomas](#) isn't subject to the NDA.)

Much of the original content of this lens will be the result of updating my Special Edition Living Microsoft Office Access 2003 book to whatever Microsoft names Access 12. The new book will be the 11th member of QLE's Special Edition Living Microsoft Access series.

The lens also includes entries from Microsoft's "[A Discussion of What's New in Access 12](#)" blog that give folks who aren't on the technical beta a chance to preview new Access 12 features.

### Links to Office 12 News and Reviews

#### Inside Office 12, Part 1

Paul Thurrott's detailed analysis of Office 12 beta 1's new UI. Apparently Paul isn't subject to the NDA that covers technical beta bits.

#### Office 12 Beta 1 Screenshot Gallery: Access 12

Windows Superbeta's collection of screen captures from Access 12, beta 1.

#### Office 12 Beta Brings UI Changes

eWEEK's David Courney says, "The Beta 1 versions of Microsoft Word and Outlook are decent enough, but the real Office 12 story will lie on the server side."

#### Face-to-Face with Office 12's Look and Feel

eWEEK's David Courney takes a first look at the beta 1 version of Office 12 and concludes: "Microsoft looks to be breaking new ground with Office 12's interface. Some things look very good, such as the fresh features in PowerPoint and Access, while others may need to go back to the drawing board... but isn't that the idea of a beta test version anyway?"

#### My Author "Blog" on Amazon Connect

The link displays the last 10 posts for all books to my Amazon Connect author "blog". For the reason that there are quotes around blog, see "[A First Look at Amazon Connect Author Blogs](#)".

### Access 2003 Articles from the OakLeaf Blog and Elsewhere

#### Google Base and Bulk Uploads with Microsoft Access

Using Access 2003 to generate tab-separated-value (TSV) text files that are compatible with the current TSV format for bulk-uploading items of the Products standard item type to Google Base (Beta).

#### OpenOffice 2.0 Base Matches Microsoft Access? Surely You Jest.

A brief comparison of the capabilities of Access 2003 and the OpenOffice 2.0 Base (database) application using its native HSQLDB open-source database.

#### Problems Uploading a Google Base Custom Item Type from a TSV File

Trials and tribulations creating a working tab-separated-values (TSV) file from an Access database of industrial taxonomies (WACS, SIC, and UIC-SDC). Most of the problems result from idiosyncrasies of the Google Base beta version.

#### Ray Ozzie's Internet Service Disruption Memo and Microsoft Access

An analysis of Ray Ozzie's references to Microsoft Access in his famous "Internet Service Disruption" memo about Software as a Service (SaaS) distributed to all Microsoft employees.

#### CIPS Access Development Interview

This is a rather long interview by Stephen Szanki of the Canadian Information Processing Society conducted after my Special Edition Living Microsoft Office Access 2003 was published. The book was the 10th edition in the series.

#### Access Heroes: My Access Journey

This is an article I wrote for the Office/Access marketing team in 2002 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Microsoft Access.

### Microsoft's A Discussion of What's New in Access 12 Blog

Updated

Erik Ruckler is the Group Program Manager for Microsoft Access and uses this blog to share details about the upcoming version of Access, which Microsoft currently refers to as "Access 12".

[Access's Commitment to Developers](#)

[Better Navigation in Less Space](#)

[Access Demos from the PDC](#)

[Overview of Access 12](#)

[Security followup](#)

[Sorry for the slow response...](#)

[Access 12 Security Model](#)

[Access 12's new data engine](#)

[Access12 blog, now with anonymous comments...](#)

[Introducing Access 12](#)

### Microsoft's What's New in Excel 12 Blog

Updated

Access often uses Excel to present and analyze data, especially by populating Excel PivotTables and PivotCharts. So here's the current contents of the Microsoft Excel 12 blog. Most posts are by David Gainer, who was an Access program manager for many years and headed the "Access Insiders" program.

[A pause in the proceedings](#)

[Pivot Tables grand finale: Tricks with the Values field](#)

[PivotTables 12: Filtering OLAP data, and some ?persistence? improvements](#)

[PivotTables 11: Key Performance Indicators, Actions, and Named Sets](#)

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[Quick detour #3: Updates we have made to XLLs](#)

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The last three of 10 previous editions of Special Edition Using Microsoft [Office] Access



### Special Edition Using Microsoft Office Access 2003

by Roger Jennings  
Publication Date: 09/15/2003  
Amazon Price: \$29.51 (as of 01/05/2006)



### Special Edition Using Microsoft Access 2002

by Roger Jennings  
Publication Date: 05/21/2001  
Amazon Price: \$29.99 (as of 01/05/2006)



### Special Edition Using Microsoft Access 2000

by Roger Jennings  
Publication Date: 04/09/1999  
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