

Clear an Access combo box for entering the next record

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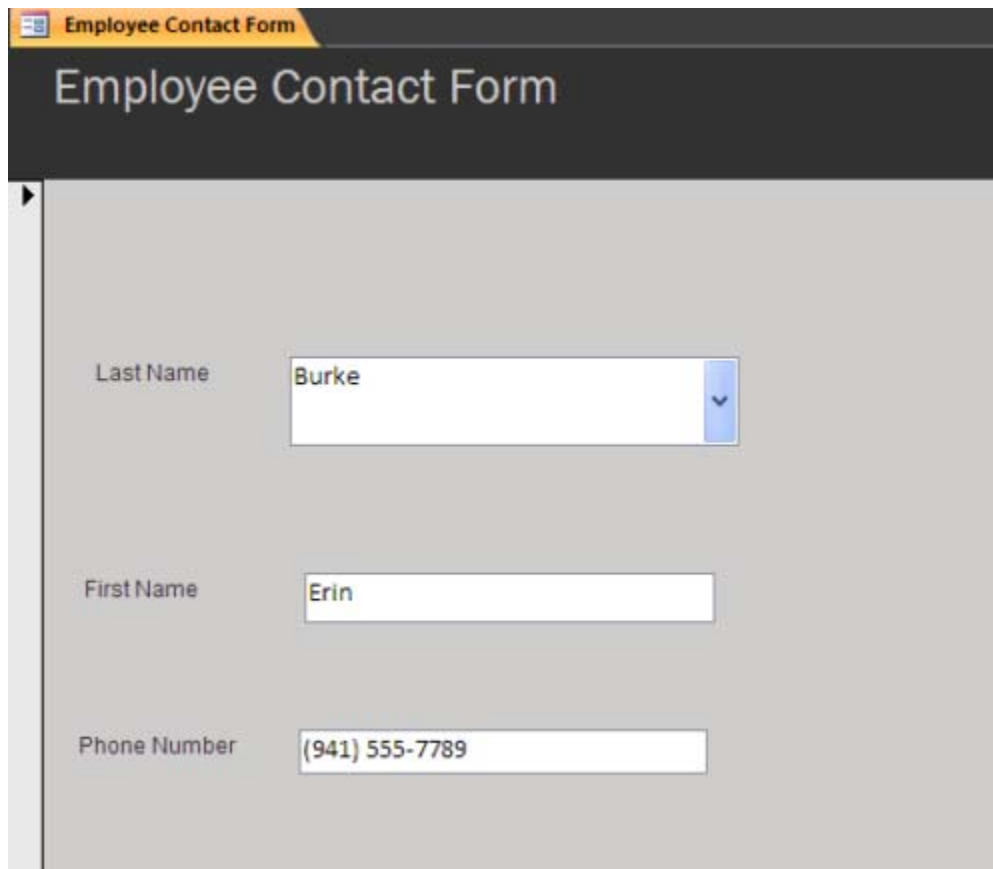
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You can have Access clear the selection from a combo box in a data entry form so that the user starts fresh with each new record. See how to make this user-friendly tweak.

You've created a data entry form that uses a combo box, as shown in **Figure A**. However, when the user clicks the next record button, the previous record's combo box selection is still visible.

Figure A



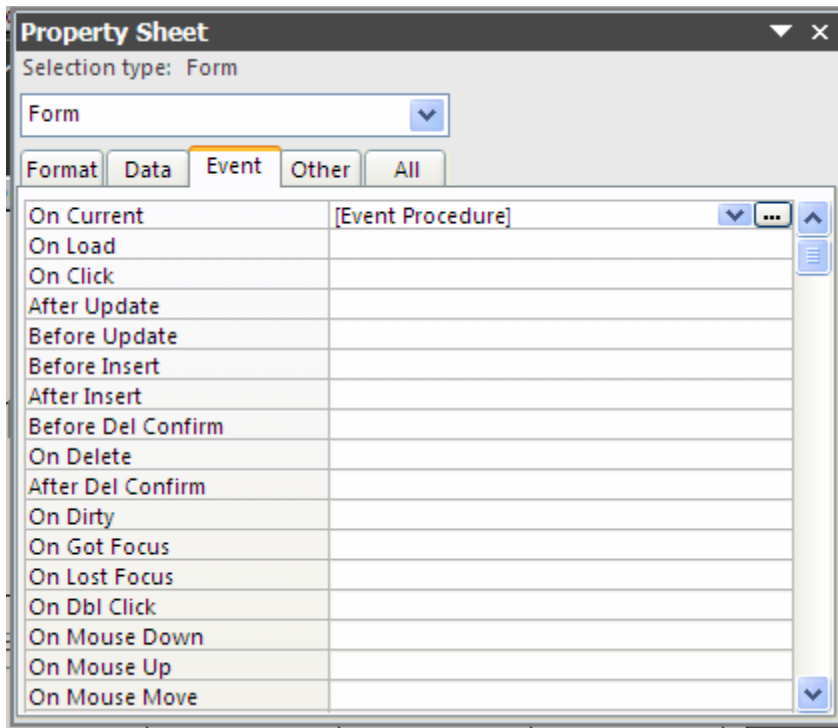
To clear the entry for entering the next record, follow these steps:

- Open the form in Design view.

- Click the Form properties button at the top left of the form.

- In the Event tab, click the On Current property box and select Event Procedure (**Figure B**).

Figure B



Click the Build button.

Enter the following code at the prompt:

```
Private Sub Form_Current()
On Error Go to ErrorHandler
Me![cbname of box]= Null
ErrorHandlerExit
Exit Sub
ErrorHandler:
MsgBox "Error No: " & Err.Number & ": Description: " & Err.Description
Resume ErrorHandlerExit
End Sub
```

Press [Alt]+Q

Now when the user moves to the next record, the previous selection will not appear.

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