

Access 2003 Northwind Database Case Study – Part 3 Creating Browser Components

Part 3 of this article looks at how you can start building Web Forms and Web Reports for displaying in a browser interface. The methods used here are only the very simplest, and a good book should be used when getting started in this new area of design work.

We also offer a service for converting your existing Queries into Web Queries, which can then be used with your new Web Forms and Web Reports.

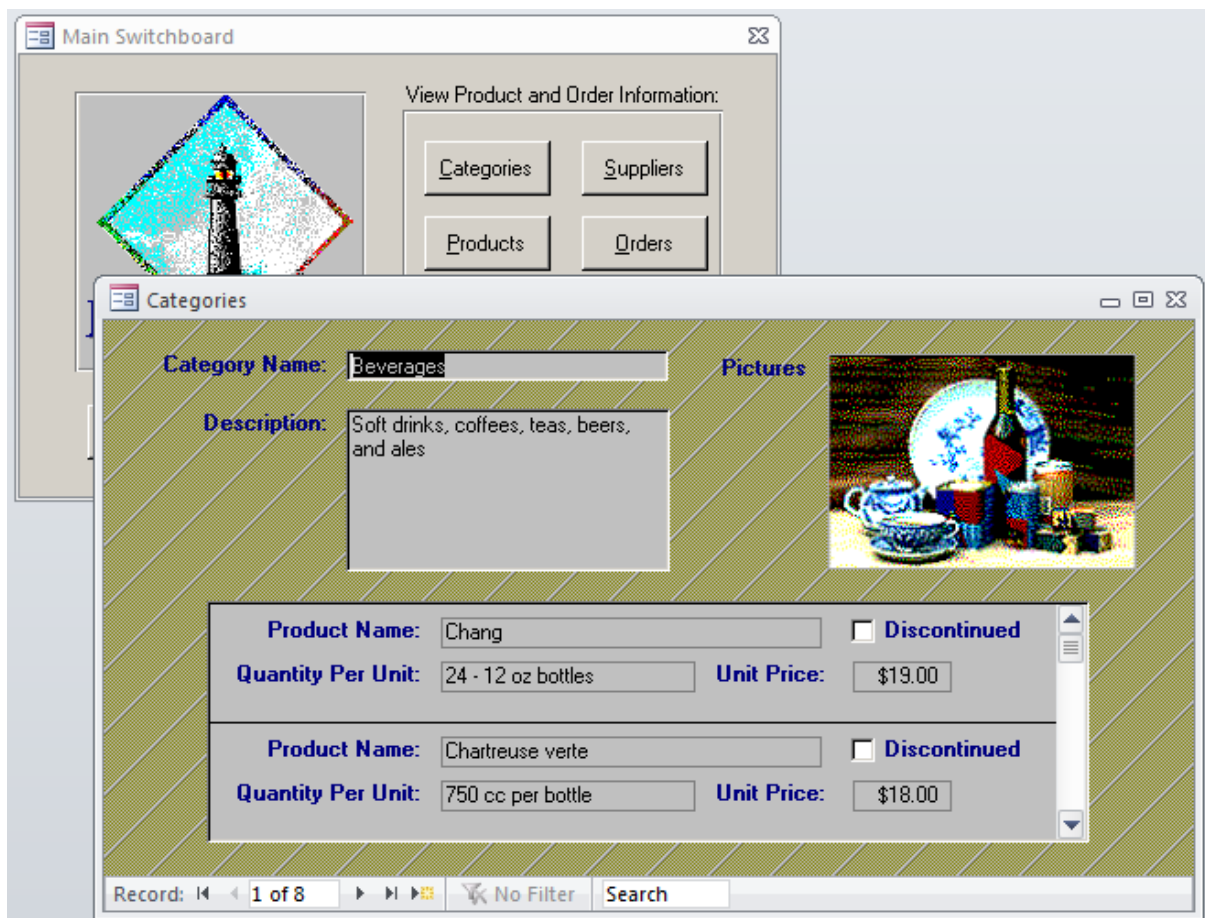
Files required

The file Northwind2003_PreWeb.accdb is the original Access database.

The file Northwind2003_Web.accdb is the version of Northwind after we have converted it to be web legal, and you can publish this to your own server.

Application Navigation

Many Access applications like Northwind use a popup style approach to Navigating the application, whilst we can have popup forms, the overall Navigation form for a web application is laid out more like a standard browser window. Show below is the Northwind Client navigation menu.



You will also find it helpful when working on web layouts to change the Access Options – Current Database (in Backstage) to Tabbed Documents.

Document Window Options

- Overlapping Windows
- Tabbed Documents
- Display Document Tabs

A very simple example of a Navigation Form is shown below.



Northwind Traders

Categories Suppliers

Categories

Category ID	1	
Category Name	Beverages	
Description	Soft drinks, coffees, teas, beers, and ales	